

A partial record of the passage of time at ...

Nazareth

CHILDREN'S HOME

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ANOTHER GREAT Fun Fest



This year's "Car Winner", Mr. H.T. Kimball of Salisbury, NC.

Each year on the second Saturday in June, Nazareth Children's Home opens up its campus to the entire community for a day of fun and fellowship. There's great music, great food, an enormous car show, arts and crafts for shopping, and lots to do for children of all



Bullet Bob Reed and Smith Stokes at our Car Show

Hendrick Motorsports always attends Fun Fest. Thanks for the Show Car Mr. H!



Children always gravitate toward the ice cream booth

"Legends of the Beach" performing on stage



ages. As always, we end each day with a drawing, making several lucky winners very happy. This year's winners were H.T. Kimball of Salisbury, winning a new Honda Civic (Donated by Mrs. Hendrick), Robby Shelton of Reidsville,

Happy for Hot Dogs



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From the Desk of the President

As I reflect over the past three years, it is certain a lot has occurred as we reaffirmed our commitment to the values that guide everything we do at Nazareth Children's Home. The dedicated efforts of our Board of Trustees, our staff and our donors all enable Nazareth to provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment for children.

Amidst the throes of the economic crisis, Nazareth Children's Home remains steadfast in its' desire and capability to provide quality care to children and families in need.

Nazareth Children's Home is one of the oldest children and family service organizations in the state. But even with its age and size, it is flexible and responsive to the changing environment in which we work. The past few years have been challenging for human service agencies. We are meeting regulatory requirements such as HIPAA, state and federal standards as we face increasing cost. All the while, the state and counties are focused on reducing spending for the services we provide. We are successfully navigating these obstacles without losing sight of why we are here: to do the best we can for our children and families.

As we chart the direction of where we are going, it is important to look where we have been. From our humble origins, serving seven orphaned children in 1906, we have grown to serving over one hundred children daily. With that milestone before us, the Board and staff has re-examined our organizations mission and value statements to be sure they are reflective of our vision and how best to provide our services and conduct our business in the future. In all areas, from organizational competency to program services and advocacy, Nazareth Children's Home will strive to become more effective and efficient.

Now for over a century, Nazareth has improved the lives of children and their families. We have been an innovator of services and an advocate for compassion and change. With the support from our board, donors, and the communities we serve, our staff will continue to make a difference in the lives of societies most troubled and troubling children and their families.

Most Sincerely,

Vernon L. Walters, Jr.
President/CEO



Vernon Walters



ANOTHER GREAT "FUN FEST" (continued from page 1)



The Classic Car Show was a BIG hit!



Kids helping kids...it's a beautiful thing.



Happy Volunteers Selling Raffle Tickets

winning the new Television, Justin Labonte of Trinity, winning and donating back the new PlayStation3, Jeff Wherry of Salisbury, winning the handmade quilt (Made/Donated by ladies of Pilgrim Reformed Church Lexington), and Wayne Safrit of Concord, who won and donated back the \$250.00 gift card to Nazareth's Outlet Store. The Board of Trustees, Staff and Children at Nazareth would like to thank all of the many volunteers who make this event such a success each year. We would also like to thank the vendors who work so hard each year, only to generously give the fruits of their labor back to Nazareth as a donation. This is very special in deed. This year's event raised a total of \$72,000, with \$58,000 in raffle tickets. Thank you for supporting our mission!



Brian Bracey of "One Reason" brought his children and family all the way from Florida to share his ministry of music with us.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Congratulations to Jessica, Danielle and Larry on your High School Graduation, Class of 2009!

The Board and Staff are extremely proud of you and all of your accomplishments.



Congratulations to staff member Ronnie Glover for obtaining his Masters of Social Work from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Way to go Ronnie!



TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY AT NAZARETH



Each August our staff and children invite all of the educators at our three local schools to come and visit, eat and fellowship with us before the new year begins. It's just a small way for us to say thank you for all of their hard work.

JACK COOKE HONORED



Nazareth Staff present Mr. Cooke with a new Computer

Long-time Outlet Store Volunteer/Friend/Donor, Jack Cooke



Thanks to Hendrick Motorsports Employees for the truckload delivery of goodies for our children.



Local Foundations Purchase Vans for Nazareth

Anyone who has a portfolio of any size, large or small, knows that last year was devastating. For Charitable Foundations, it was no different. Despite a dreadful market Charitable Foundations continued to show their generous support for our mission here at Nazareth this year by funding the purchase of three vans for the transportation of our children. The **Alcoa Foundation** donated to purchase a gently used 12 passenger van for our On Campus School. The **Margaret C. Woodson Foundation** donated for a

second 12 passenger van that will be used all over campus and as a secondary van for our growing On Campus School. The **Blanche & Julian Robertson Family Foundation** donated for the purchase of a brand new Honda Odyssey for our Ketner Women's cottage. We are grateful to you for your support, in good times and bad. Thank you for providing us the tools we need to make a difference in the lives of our children.



Provided by the Alcoa Foundation



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A HUGE THANK YOU TO...

- The Blanche & Hubert Ritchie Foundation for their very generous \$4,600 gift, representing \$100 per child for back to school clothing. The Ritchie Foundation generously makes gifts to each child twice yearly for Christmas and Back to School. Thank you so much!
- Klaussner Furniture Industries for the truck load of new furniture for our Outlet Store in Salisbury.
- Swing Transport for all of the free pick-up/deliveries of our new furniture.
- The D'Antonio family in New York, for all of the clothing donations throughout the year.
- Food Lion Charitable Foundation, for their very generous \$5,000 gift to offset our dietary budget.
- Hitachi Metals for their generous \$2,000 gift for Back to School needs.
- Christiana Lutheran Church, for painting Ketner Men's cottage, and the donation of \$1,000 for Prom expenses, and for the beautiful dresses for our girls.
- Gwen and crew at Motor Racing Outreach, for always thinking of us and doing for us!
- Hendrick Motorsports Employees for continuing to honor Poppa Joe, John, Jennifer, Kimberly, and Ricky, through all you do for us.
- J.B. Davis and Derick Close, for donating your companies' products and resources to our Home in good times and in bad.
- St. Matthews Church of Maiden, St. Stephens Lutheran, Bethel of Bear Creek, Hebron UCC Women, Beck's Reformed Women, Corinth UCC of Hickory, and First UCC of Salisbury for spending time with our children on campus, for helping them with arts and crafts, for donating school supplies and book bags, and for your financial support as well.
- Beck's Reformed Youth Groups, for coming to us and sharing His word, and for welcoming us into your family for food, fellowship and fun.
- Shiloh Reformed of Faith for continuing to have your Nazareth day each summer. For the worship, food, softball and fellowship.
- Elizabeth Sturgeon for all of the great school supplies.
- Rowan County Home Schoolers brought cookies, brownies, drinks and lots of fun activities. Residents had their faces painted; nails painted, played bingo, basketball and had relay races.



Mr. Ort from Concord is our resident woodworker, donating toys and many other functional items for our younger children in Foster Care and for the nursery at Nazareth Community Church. Each item is made by hand and is an original work of art that our children will enjoy for many years to come.



NAZARETH COMMUNITY CHURCH "STAY AT HOME" MISSION EVENT



Acts 1:8

This summer, Nazareth Community Church volunteers and youth spent four days on our campus working extremely hard. There were construction crews, landscaping crews, painting crews, roofing crews, and the list goes on and on. Each morning the work would begin



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Twin Bed Comforters



and in the evenings the kids would shower at the East Rowan YMCA, eat supper, attend worship, and sleep in the classrooms of the church, only to wake up and do it all again. It was an absolutely incredible four days which not only improved our campus, but brought us all closer to one another, and to our Savior. You are a part of our family!

NAZARETH ATTENDS CONCERTS THANKS TO "HERE THE MUSIC LIVE"

Hear the Music live was created to reach out to pre-teens and teens in foster homes and orphanages to give them the opportunity to attend a concert in their local area that they may otherwise never have the opportunity to see.

The Board, Staff and Children at Nazareth would like to thank Mr. Nornhold and Mrs. Stein for giving so many of our children the opportunity of a lifetime. Thanks to this great organization, 15 of our children attended a Jonas Brother's concert, 14 attended a Taylor Swift concert, and 20 attended a Mitchell Musso concert. In November, our children will be going to see Miley Cyrus in concert. How could this get any cooler? Easy, not only did our children see the shows, but they also got to meet the artists in person! Thank you so...so much!



Mrs. Stein delivering concert tickets to Hedrick Cottage.



WHAT DID YOU ASK FOR ON YOUR 10th BIRTHDAY?

I'll never forget mine, or all of the wonderful presents I received. I remember getting a Carolina Blue wooden baseball bat, with TarHeels written down the barrel. I remember my new BMX bike, my new glove, a basketball, and my first real shotgun. Man, the more I think about it, the worse I feel. I sure was spoiled.



Brynlee, her Mom and little sister

Twenty-five years later, things haven't changed much, unless they've gotten worse. My wife and I try not to spoil our children too much, but it sure is easy to do.

I received a phone call this summer that really touched me, and all of our staff for that matter. It was the mother of a 9 year old little girl named Brynlee, who was about to turn 10, and she had some questions for me. Brynlee had decided on her own, that she didn't need anything for her birthday this year, because she had all she really needed. So, she asked all of her friends and family members to bring a gift to her party for the children at Nazareth. Keep in mind, this is a young child we're talking about and she's putting the needs of others before herself, on her birthday. Wow!

After her party, Brynlee, her Mom and her little sister loaded up their van and made the trip from Charlotte to Nazareth. They brought enough gifts for all of our girls in Leonard & Benge Cottages. She had tons of Bath & Body Works gifts, \$25.00 gift cards for the girls and lots of clothing.

Brynlee, we thank you for your gifts, but most of all, for teaching us something very important.



The girls unloading Brynlee's goodies.



ELKS LODGE DAY AT THE LAKE



Each summer our children are invited by the local Salisbury Elks lodge to enjoy a fun day on High Rock Lake. It was a great day and the children enjoyed fishing, arts and crafts, boat rides, and a wonderful meal.



NAZARETH RESIDENT SERVES AS SENATE PAGE

Well done Connie!



In Gratitude

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