

Christian Champions

Jordan Deane is graduating from Portales High School. He came to NMCCH in 2010 along with his younger brothers. He has experience as the video broadcaster for the PHS athletic department. He has enjoyed participating in our annual Holiday Season Musical. He received work training experience through ENMU Sodexo. He has been voted the 2015 Outstanding Boy for NMCCH! Jordan plans to attend Eastern New Mexico University and will pursue a chemical engineering degree. Jordan states, "I will miss all the people at the Home. There is no place I've ever been like NMCCH that has provided comfort for my life!"



Micah Friend is an Honor Roll student graduating with a 4.0 GPA. She served as the Shooting Stars 4H Vice President and the Roosevelt County 4H Council President. She has received numerous 4H awards for leadership, citizenship and achievement. She showed the Champion OPB Pig at the Roosevelt County Fair. Micah served as a Senate Page in Santa Fe. She sang with the Highest Praise tour group. Micah is the daughter of House Parents Joe and Brenna Friend. She is pursuing a degree in Business Administration at Eastern New Mexico University. She aspires to do mission work. Micah says, "The Home has been a great place to build friendships and learn about myself. I am thankful and blessed to have lived here."

Mathew Sanchez is a Portales High School graduate. He is a B Honor Roll student. He was a member of the Ram Tennis Team. He has participated in our annual Holiday Season Musical and the Southside Church of Christ youth group. Mathew enrolled in Single Parent Homes with his mother, Lisa, in 2014. He earned scholarships to attend Eastern New Mexico University in the fall, majoring in Business. Lisa has expressed much gratitude for the help given her in raising Mathew to this graduating point in his life. We will have good memories of Mathew and Lisa in our program.



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GRADUATION – A MEASUREMENT OF SUCCESS!!



Daniel James is graduating from Portales High School. He came to NMCCH in 2005 along with his younger brother and sister. He has been a regular participant in 4H, raising show stock for the Roosevelt County Fair. He received the Outstanding 4H Career Award. He has been employed in our Summer Youth job training program and at Herbert Lumber Company. Daniel is a Leadership Training for Christ Gold Medalist. He was voted the Pillar of Respect and Best Worker at French Cottage. In 2014, Daniel was voted the Outstanding Boy for NMCCH. Daniel's big smile will be missed as he moves on to live and be employed in Amarillo. Daniel says, "What I will most miss about the Home is the 4H animals and working my jobs."

Desirae Lanette Valero is a Portales High graduate. She has made NMCCH her home since 2010. She is an A Honor Roll student. She received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. She has participated in the Shooting Stars 4H and showed the Champion Fine Wool Lamb at the Roosevelt County Fair. She received the Finewool Master and Heart of Gold Awards. She is a Leadership Training for Christ Gold Medalist. She received the Pillar of Care and Best Worker Award at Teague Cottage. Lanette's big smile and contagious laughter will be missed as she moves to attend Midland Community College. She said, "The Home teaches you to be a leader. I'm going to miss 4H and all the House Parents! Y'all are inspirations to me! I'm never going to forget this place!"



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Open Hearts! Connected Hands!

Dreaming The Impossible!

One of our Strategic Plan objectives at NMCCH states: "100% of our children who stay at the Home will graduate and be eligible for college scholarships."

For decades NMCCH has accomplished this goal! We are proud of our graduating Seniors. They have all overcome many obstacles to reach this milestone!

Each child we serve has a unique story to tell. At some point in each of their lives, graduation appeared to be an impossible dream, an unreachable star.

Our Strategic Plan states further what we believe: "Challenging expectations motivate individuals to high levels of performance."

These objectives and beliefs fit well into our mission "to transform each child we serve into a Christian champion who is a respected, responsible citizen."

As you read about our graduates, you should be proud! They are your graduates!

Thank you, Champion Donors! You have dreamed together with us, the impossible dream! You have supported these students so they could reach unreachable stars! Every single thing you do matters!

And the world will be better for this...!

Strategic Plan Objective: "Each child will exhibit a positive attitude towards work and consistently demonstrate valuable skills necessary for thriving in the modern work place!"

DESCRIPTION OF GIVING PLANS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Gift Annuity is a contract whereby transferring cash or other assets, such as securities, guaranteed payments are received for life, normally at a higher interest. The amount of each payment is determined by age or agreement when the annuity is initially funded. Married couples often choose to have two annuitants so both will enjoy payments for life.

Life Estate Contract is a contract that provides for a donor to transfer title to his home or family farm to a charity, reserving to himself the right to live in and on the property and receive all the income. At death, the home or farm becomes the property of the charitable organization.

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust is a trust created by the Tax Reform Act of 1969 and it provides for a donor to transfer property to a trustee subject to his / her right to receive a fixed percentage of the initial net fair market value of the property for as long as he / she lives. Whatever remains in the trust at death becomes the property of the beneficiary institution.

PLEASE REMEMBER NMCCH IN YOUR WILL!

SPRING FORWARD!



▲ Scott Aubuchont, Residential Homes, brings his Gatesville, TX Youth Group for Spring Break visit!



▲ Mikaela, Delvine, Aldora play twister at the Easter event at Eastern New Mexico University



▲ Zach puts a surprise together for an egg hunt!



▲ Jahkeem & Jhikia toss bean bags at the Easter Event



▲ On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! Racing to find the hidden eggs



Cannon Air Force Weapons Group spent time mentoring our youngsters



Hope Inspires!

Who doesn't love springtime? The newness of life brings excitement after the bleak winter past. Buds and blossoms fill the trees with fresh new innocence. Tiny flowers break through the ground in purples and whites announcing the arrival of a new beauty.

Springtime proclaims resurrection in graphic terms. Spring adds emphasis to Jesus' empty tomb. We see new opportunity in the risen Savior. We celebrate forgiveness, mercy and a new life. I'm glad it goes with spring. It inspires my heart!

When I look at children, I see budding possibility, the bloom of hope. They don't know what they will become in the years ahead. We don't know their full potential either, but we work to clear the rubble, cultivate the ground so the flower can reach toward heaven. People, past and present, are proof hope breathes new life into young hearts here at NMCCH.

We at NMCCH live in a garden of hope. We don't know what the flower will look like but we know there will be a season of blossoms. We see it all the time. The Home protects, nourishes, and then glories in Christ Jesus who provides the new growth. His hope inspires!

(This guest editorial is by Tom Pittman, our new Director of Public Relations. Tom was a boy in our Residential Homes back in the 1960's. After preaching for 8 years, we couldn't be prouder, couldn't have a better representative to take a leadership position in promoting our homes.)

Working is a Privilege and a Blessing!



▲ 10 year old Abraham is learning how to tag the ear of a calf. Watch out for Mr. Rick's thumb!

As the children see the new lambs and calves appear, they enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Children yearn to go work out on the farm. One day recently, I took four-year-old Zach out to "help" do some chores on the farm. Zack loved every second of the work we were doing. When time came to go home, Zach had to fight back the tears because he was having so much fun. Like Zach, many children come to see that working is not only satisfying, but often fun. They love everything from burning tumble weeds to vaccinating and branding calves. Children are always encouraged to work.

They are taught how to work safely. They are taught how to use different tools, how to work around animals, or whatever else a particular job may entail. Children are taught that working on a farm is a privilege. Most of the children understand this because they have never had the opportunity to work on a farm before. The children see first-hand that working on the farm is a true blessing.



▲ Ethan, Madea, Jesse, Trevor & Brendon reporting for duty!

When school lets out for summer many of the children will get to raise an animal of their own (or animals) for exhibiting at the fairs. The children genuinely enjoy getting to participate in this program and they learn to work hard. They practice "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" Colossians 3:23). By Rick Daniell, Farm Manager

Mark your contribution "Learning to Work" to earmark it for this program.



▲ 4 year old Zach is helping feed the lambs