

## Champions for Christ! George and Mary Pavalok

George and Mary Pavalok came to NMCCH in 1997, after George retired from an honorable 20 year career in the Air Force. They are serving as House Parents in their nineteenth year, longer than any other house Parents in the history of the Home. Over their remarkable career at NMCCH, George and Mary have provided a home and direct care for 74 boys and girls. Currently, George and Mary serve in our transition cottage for older boys, preparing them for graduation and helping them plan for life after the Home. Many boys and girls became Christians in their care.



NMCCH is blessed to have dedicated child care professionals like George and Mary serving our children. The Pavaloks have been dependable teachers in our Bible Classes. They also raised their personal children to become Champions for Christ. Christa, like her parents, has been a pillar of support teaching regularly in our Bible Classes. John and his wife, Samantha, served as House Parents for a year, before he was invited by the Navy to become a pilot, where he is currently serving. When he retires from the Navy, John plans to return to serve with his wife, Samantha, as House Parents.



John, Christa, Samantha, Mary & George Mavalok

George and Mary are very much loved by our children and staff and are highly valued by our Home. George was recently honored to be chosen by our staff as House Father of the Year. He goes out of his way to serve our whole campus as a handyman working in our maintenance department. We give honor to this dedicated House Parent couple and are so thankful for their service to NMCCH! They are simply the best!

17 year old Carlos summed up the sentiments of all the boys currently in care of the Pavaloks. He stated, "George and Mary are definitely ones you can go to that you can trust. They are like second parents to me and just like family. I love having George around; someone I can depend on. I know they will be there for me when I need them."

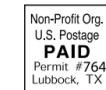
Jesus encouraged us to pray for workers to come into the harvest. Our prayers were certainly answered when the Pavaloks came to work for the Home! We are so thankful for great servants like George and Mary Pavalok who are blessings to the world and to the children and families we serve!

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## IT WAS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! THANK YOU!



Muleshoe & Lariat Church of Christ



Jeremy had an outstanding football season. 1st Team 4A Defensive Player of the Year. 1st Team All State Offensive Lineman.



Taylor St Church of Christ in Hobbs NM



Bikers Club



Sam leads a group of runners in the National Junior Olympics Run in Albuquerque's cold & rain!

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Open Hearts! Connected Hands!

## Happy New Year!

You, our Champion Donors, continue to step forward to give! Thank you so much!

Champion: It's what you do! It's who you are!

Every newsletter we publish is about you! It's about the work you do through us! It's about the quality homes you provide! It's about the life changing experiences you give to every boy and girl living at NMCCH!

You make possible our mission of transforming the lives of boys and girls into Christian Champions! You are touching many lives for good!

Transformation means; "out with the old, in with the new!" Out with the world; in with Christ! Out with the sadness into the joy of salvation! Out with the failure of the past! In with a hope-filled future!

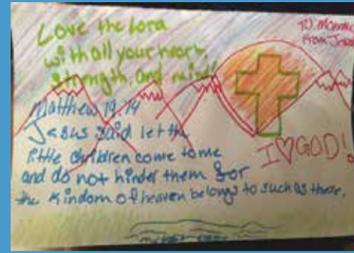
Jesus said He came to make all things new! Rev. 21:5

That's transformation!

May 2016 be your best ever!



Here is a poster created by 10 year Jenna, (Residential Homes). You can see she has some artistry talent. Always love seeing what the kids create with their imaginations.



## FOOTBALL & THE HOLIDAYS!



Jeremie #60, (a Junior) goes in for a tackle. The team went undefeated in regular season



This Christmas, we are going to "Pay it Forward". We want God's Love to flow through us in everything we do!



9th grader Moe #8, kicks the ball for extra points and field goals.



Carlos #52, (a Junior) honors our flag before



Our children performed for Rotary Club and other community guests in their Holiday Season Musical!



This Christmas season use me, Lord, to give to those in need, a helping hand and gentle words so they see You in me.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE HOME IN YOUR WILL.

## Keeping Christ in Christmas!

Thanks to you, our Champion Donors, our 70+ children are having a wonderful Christmas season with an abundance of gifts! A clear, powerful message of your love is shared and given in the name of Jesus!

What a great opportunity you give us to teach our children about God's love, the birth of our Savior and His Spirit of giving!

Jesus is the season! His children are the reason!

You, our Champion Donors, "pay it forward" into the world as you bless the lives of children! You make a remarkable difference in future generations through the changed lives of boys and girls!

The good you do means so much for so many! Our kids learn to be Champions like you! They learn to "pay it forward" at NMCCH! They learn to share! They have opportunities to give!

This season, along with our children, we all will write a record setting number of Thank You notes! We hope you get this message. We want you to know that we are grateful!

May Christ be in your Christmas more than ever before!

And may this time of giving bring your greatest joy!

## Christian Champion Hi-Lite!!!

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Opportunity opens doors for champions to walk through, or run through in the case of 8-year-old Sam. His door of opportunity led to qualifying for the **National Junior Olympics** in the 2K run during qualifications in Albuquerque, November 21st.

Success breeds success. NMCCH strives to be a place where **Christian Champions** can flourish by offering our children opportunities for success. Sam placed 11th in New Mexico and 23rd in the 4-state region. Not a bad debut for a runner. A kid just needs a chance to be a Champion!

What a joy for Sam to stand in the winner's circle and receive his medal of accomplishment. **What a joy for us all to see a Champion blooming in the Son Light!** The whole team, Sam, Alex and Elijah, prayed with their house dads before each race. The race belonged to the Lord!

Two house dads / distance running coaches, Brandon Smith and Brian Zangara, provided the expertise and training so Sam could succeed. That's the blessing of house parents who go the extra mile in their effort.



Brandon's dream was to work as a cross country coach! The Lord led him to ministry at NMCCH! At first, it appeared Brandon's dream was not to be realized. But Brandon is coaching real Champions and his dreams are coming true beyond his expectations, the way the Lord planned for his life!

These two dads are working toward establishing a running team for NMCCH, complete with uniforms and logos to advertise how children's lives can be changed when Christians serve together under Christ!



Brian's son, Alex, placed 2nd in New Mexico and 9th in the region. Elijah placed 40th as the youngest of his group, narrowly missing the national qualification. Sam and Alex will be competing December 12th in Albuquerque for the **National Junior Olympics**.

We appreciate your support for Residential Education Homes! **To God be the glory!**

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