

# Re-cycling Smiles!



What does it take to put a smile on a child's face? Knowing there are caring people who want them to feel special during the Christmas holiday. What does it take to put a smile on a grown-up's face? Seeing a child's eyes light up and a smile spreading across their face when they open a gift they never expected to receive.

For the 8th consecutive year the Badlands Saints and other motor cycle clubs from southeast New Mexico gathered at New Mexico Christian Children's Home where they succeeded in putting smiles on all the

children's faces. The excitement and joy in the eyes of the children brought similar excitement and joy to the givers as well as a few heartfelt tears from leather-clad men with names like "Viking", "Menace", "Tiny" and "Professor."



This year the motorcycle groups joined forces with 94.9 FM The Country Giant out of Roswell, NM to make Christmas very special for all the children. The radio station did fundraisers in Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad and Hobbs for stocking stuffers for the children. In the process, they raised over \$1,100 and then the members of the motorcycle clubs joined to give an additional \$1,150 and 43 bicycles on top of the individual presents they gave to all the children.



We at NMCCH know how special it is when communities gather their forces for good, when we see people and businesses reaching out to children to touch their lives in a big way. Folks like the members of Badland Saints and other motorcycle clubs of southeast New Mexico and the community-minded Country Giant radio station reveal the best of who we are as a society. God bless them all and God bless all who help to make Christmas for our children at NMCCH a blessed occasion!



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Providing children with quality residential, adoptive, and single-parent homes

## A BIG THANK YOU!



Ada smiles for the camera with her Cannon sponsor.



Bryson, is overjoyed with his present!



December opens the doll, her Cannon sponsor bought for her.

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## Answers to Prayer!

Thanks to you, our Champion Donors, our children experienced a great Holiday Season! A record number of gifts were donor directed straight to our kids in **Residential Homes!** 100% of every donation that is directed to our children meets its intended person and purpose. Hundreds of thank you notes have been written! We teach gratitude! And we recognize you as the Lord's blessing!

You, our Champion Donors are the shareholders and investors. We dedicate ourselves to good stewardship so that your investment draws interest! We are a donor directed Home! Our programs receive no government funds. No federal or state dollars encumber or restrict us.

Last week, we opened two more **Single Parent Homes**, a duplex in **Hope Haven**, enrolling new families as soon as completed. Three more duplexes will be completed in the next two months. These homes for children become reality because of you, our donors. You help the fatherless! You're near the heart of God! James 1:27.

**A Mother's Choice**, our **Adoptive Homes** for children continues to be the favorite ministry for some donor directed gifts! "Putting families together in homes scattered across the country is the greatest thing we do at **NMCCH!**" they say. They understand that we help more children and families than meets the eye, more than those making their homes on our campus. And they understand that God cares for and hears the child in the womb!

We hire no marketing companies to do our fundraising or publish our newsletter. Our administrative costs are minimal! You, our Champion Donors respond generously so that our mission is accomplished! How does it feel to know that **you are God's answer to a child's prayer!**



Once again, Residential Homes Alumni, **Larry Marquez** brings a generous contribution to give back to the Home where he grew up! Larry, a successful businessman and owner of ProCrete Construction, represents an individual, alumni and corporate donor.

We are so proud of you Larry! Your gift, and those of all our Champion Donors, means a lot!



Bryson, the Reindeer, is full of cheer and excitement as he opens his gift.



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## Happy Thanks-for-Giving Holidays!

Open House was a wonderful occasion with a two day crowd of 450. Our champion children performed their annual Holiday Season Musical, "Bounce Through Your Battles!" They do just that! And they make us all proud! A bountiful Thanksgiving, reminded us that we can't help but count our blessings!

Now, we joyfully anticipate our children, many who will for the first time experience an abundant Christmas! Thank you, Champion Donors!

As our thriving ministry experiences the growing pains of taking care of more kids than ever, we know that you, God's people will respond. You always have!

Our generous churches and individuals have taken care of needy boys and girls since 1954. You've championed the cause for children!

You've been a father to the fatherless, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, healed the sick, and preached the gospel! Jesus said, "Whatever you did for the least... you did for me!"

Every newsletter we publish is about you!

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

## OPEN HOUSE 2016



A two-day crowd of 450 people filled our gymnasium.



Dumas First St Church of Christ receives gift of appreciation for 30 years of support.



Our children performed "Bounce through your battles!"



Even the sparrow knows He holds tomorrow.



Philip, Jeremy, Romeo, Residential Homes, immediately following the Rams NM State Championship Victory! Jeremy awaits more honors after being named the NM Defensive Player of the Year in 2015.



Britnie, Single Parent Homes, is baptized by Bill Marshall. As soon as she came up she looked straight at her son and said "you're next!"

After a courageous battle with cancer, Jordan Deane passed from this life into eternity on December 16, 2016. He was a resident at New Mexico Christian Children's Home for four years. Jordan was baptized into Jesus Christ on August 1, 2010 at Southside Church of Christ. In 2014 Jordan was voted the "Outstanding Boy at NMCCH".

Jordan was a Leadership Training for Christ gold medalist, involved in chorus, Bible bowl, and drama. Jordan was an "A honor-roll student", and out of five siblings he was the first to graduate from high school and receive his diploma. He earned a college scholarship from NMCCH, and until he was overcome by illness, was attending ENMU, studying journalism.

Even when facing death he cared about his siblings, encouraging them to continue with life and not to get down. His long-time House Parents, George and Mary Pavalok, expressed about Jordan, "He was an awesome kid, with a smile on his face; a joy to have in the cottage". We will all miss Jordan, and we know that he loved the Lord, so we look forward to seeing him again



# CHRISTIAN CHAMPION HILIGHT!

## TEARS OF JOY!



When was the last time you did something new?

Did you get that uncertain feeling?

You can be ready and still, really scared.

12 year old Joyce had this experience this summer through Shooting Stars 4-H. She worked hard all summer, morning and evening, anticipating what it would be like to finally be in the show arena. She feed watered, walked and bathed her goat. She gave up other activities to have this chance.

Joyce walks her goat into the show arena while keeping her eye on the Judge. This is her first year to be a part of the

### Shooting Stars 4-H Club



She sets her goat up so that the Judge can look it over. Her heart's beating in her chest. She has no idea what is about to happen.

Then after what seemed the longest wait of her life, the Judge turns and points at her the #1 sign. She turns to look at her House Mom in the stands. Did I just win?

You can see the look on her face –

### Pure Joy!



After leaving the arena she is overcome with "Tears of Joyce".

She just experienced her chance to be a **CHAMPION!**

