

More than We Can Adopt or Imagine!

I walked outside of the courthouse adoption hearing and listened to the phone ring. "Your baby boy is ready for his mamma and daddy now. How soon can you come?"

"Really? Really! It is a four-hour drive. We are on our way!" Tears clogged her throat and emotion was heavy in her voice. The parents had been waiting for five years for this call, the call to bring a child into their home from A Mother's Choice.

That night we met with the new parents, accompanied by a parade of extremely happy grandparents and great-grandparents. We presented the baby to his new family. The home was decorated with balloon bouquets and hearts were full of prayers and thanks to the Lord.



What none of us realized is that the Lord had an additional blessing. The new mother was also pregnant at the same time! Our Lord gives amazing blessings, filling us to overflowing magnificence when we never imagined such wonder!

The parents had come so close to giving up hope that the Lord would provide any children. Now the Lord is providing "a quiver full"!



We are eagerly providing outreach to birth mothers and fathers, to adoptive mothers and fathers. Putting Families Together is what you do when you donate to AMC!

We would ask that you help us provide a blessing of "tamped down and overflowing" blessings by marking your next donation "A Mother's Choice."

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

NMCCH GRADUATES 2017

Jeremie Karngbaye

Graduated from Portales High School. After 5 years at NMCCH, He has signed an Athletic Scholarship to play Basketball at New Mexico Military Institute.



Reagen Truex

Graduated from Elida High School and received a Scholarship to attend New Mexico State University. She has lived at NMCCH for 6 years.



Samantha James Friend

Has made NMCCH her Home for 12 years. She graduates from Elida High School and was a standout 4-H Member in the livestock shows.



Christian Murvin

Graduated from Portales High School after 9 years at NMCCH. He plans to go into the U. S. Navy.

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Open Hearts! Connected Hands!

Quality First!

You, our Champion Donors will be happy to know that NMCCH is serving more children and families than ever in our 63 year history. We operate close to capacity year round with 120 beds and we are receiving an increasing number of new referrals.

Our growth is a by-product of quality services. Our mission is to transform children through quality **Residential, Adoptive and Single Parent Homes.**

Remarkable growth is seen in our **Hope Haven** development. We have taken no debt. We build only as directed and gifted by you, our Champion Donors.

33 of our Leadership Training for Christ boys and girls performed well in Bible Bowl, Drama, Art, Song Leading and Speech! Our outstanding Children's Chorus was selected to sing at the Celebration grand finale event.

As we view our graduating Seniors several notable things come to mind. One came from the east coast in New Jersey and another from the west coast in California. One came from Texas and one from just down the road in New Mexico. They come from all over the country and points in between. All have grown into responsible, respectable citizens. All were baptized into Christ.

You, our Champion Donors continue to stand behind us and we need you more than ever. You have directed us now to hire a Spiritual Life Minister, to be serious about our evangelistic mission with all who come to our Home.

Christ is our first priority.

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

House Parents Needed! Please inquire or tell your friends!

Why the Farm?

I got involved in FFA (Future Farmers of America) and 4-H when in high school. I raised and showed pigs at the fair as my FFA project. I remember how the project got my whole family involved and how we enjoyed showing at the fair. Since then, I have always had a passion for agriculture, although I do have memories of hoeing cotton when I was younger and swearing that I would never have anything to do with it when I grew up. I met my wife Lori at a 4-H meeting that we both attended. Over time, we fell in love, married and attended college together. Lori and I dreamed of having several children and being teachers. I would teach Ag and she was going to teach in elementary school.



In 1992 life happened and Lori and I experienced the birth, life, and tragic death of a daughter to a genetic skin disorder. Not only was it hard dealing with the loss of our child, but our dreams for having children and a big family were crushed as well, or at least we thought so at the time.

The Lord continued to work in our lives. Since then we have adopted three sons through the NMCCH. This is how we were originally introduced to the Home and its services. God also continued to hone us for His ministry. Since then, I have acquired Agricultural Degrees and experience teaching high school and working as a County Extension Agent. Lori has taught school and has also nurtured our children as a terrific stay at home mother.

The Farm was a huge draw in convincing me to leave my career and come work for the Home. In 2003 we started as Houseparents in Training and then served as Houseparents. I am now the Farm Manager and work with all the children enrolled in the 4-H program. I have many very close friends and coworkers that I work and share my life with. My family and I are so blessed to love, teach and work with many of the children at the Home in a field that I truly love. NMCCH's working farm, ranching operation, and solid 4-H program provide children with great opportunities. I get to hand down the knowledge and passion I have for livestock, farming, hard work, trusting in God, and other aspects of agriculture to children each day. Wow! What a blessing.

I know from experience that the farm at NMCCH is a GREAT place to raise children. If you would like to support the children's summer projects and other farming needs, your contributions are always greatly appreciated. Support this program by marking your donation "Farm Kids."

By Rick Daniell, Farm Manager



Miguel, Single Parent Homes, has a smile on his face as he leaves the commissary with a new ride. Thank you, Champion Donors for feeding, clothing and providing for more needy boys and girls than ever before!



Jeremie holds his New Mexico Military Institute t-shirt at his basketball scholarship signing.

We are proud of you Jeremie!
A Christian Champion!

The Best Part of Waking Up

You, our Champion Donors will appreciate good news for the past quarter.

Our **Residential Home** children's grade point averages improved, along with two of three other major assessments that we measure statistically and track professionally. These grades and our children's progress are independently, objectively assessed through the public school system.

We have made new efforts to improve our services to the **Single Parent Homes**, giving them access to benefits; groceries in our commissary and to shopping in our clothing room. Thank you for keeping our supplies plentiful and available. You put smiles on faces and food on the tables. We now have 24 single parent homes and Hope Haven continues to grow.

Recently, **A Mother's Choice** processed four adoptions in a day at the court house. What a great blessing permanency planning is for children! Many of you, our champion donors, believe it is nothing less than saving lives and souls, the most important work we do!

Our Assistant Farm Manager, Blair Fowler, has an incredible talent in orchestrating our children's chorus as they prepare for LTC, Leadership Training for Christ. Blair wrote a fabulous song for the theme this year, "Make Him Known!" God is so good, that when we hire help on the farm, he gives us a great choir director. As NMCCH continues to make Him known to the children and families we serve, we are forever changed and blessed by the song!

The best part of waking up... His love has filled our cup!

Elementary Gold Medal Bible Bowl team, Brock, Olivia, Isabella, Irene. Single Parent Homes



Residential Homes - Christian Champions!



It is Friday night and Jenna's turn to cook. House Father, Norris Thomas, picks a different girl every Friday to teach some of his cooking secrets.



House Mom, Melissa Cooper, smiles with Sam after his Abbit assembly. Sam also knows all of his math facts!



Eunique is showing us her medal for doing the 21 day Health Challenge.



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House Father, Norris Thomas, thought he could stay hidden in the bleachers, but Marlene and Ada were too happy to see him and posed for a picture!