## **Reception Highlights Retirements**

Life-long friendships and service were celebrated at the recent retirement reception honoring, Leroy and Gaynelle Thomas and Jack and Jan Self.

Leroy and Gaynelle served in Public Relations and the Ladies Associates. Leroy also served on our Board of Directors. All together, they served NMCCH for 55 years.

Thank you Leroy and Gaynelle for improving the quality of life that the Home provides for all the employees, children and families we serve!



Long time friends, Jack Self & Leroy Thomas. retired together at their reception.



Jack served as Executive Director beginning in 1973 until 2001. Under Jack's leadership, the Home grew from 80 acres to 800 acres, from 4 residential cottages to 8, and the Home grew into a multi-service agency establishing the Adoptive and Single Parent Home Departments. Jack is largely responsible for the growth of the Home since its beginning.

**Leroy & Gaynelle Thomas** 

In 1999, Jack and Jan were married. Jan had previously served for seven years as a House Parent. She made a great partner for Jack in the Public Relations Department for the last 18 years.

Thank you Jack and Jan for your service all-together of 60 years, making a positive impact on many lives through the mission of NMCCH!

The good news is that the Self and Thomas families are not going anywhere! They will continue to serve NMCCH as long as they are able.



Jack & Jan Self, are honored by Executive Director, Rod Self.

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

## They're not just kids, they're future leaders!



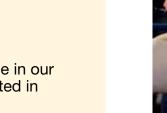




2017 Roosevelt County Fair







Our Shooting Stars 4H performed well at the Roosevelt County Fair. This season, for the first time in our history, we had four class champion pigs, including 2 breed champions. Other children participated in raising lambs, goats and rabbits. Others displayed bugs in what is called ----- entomology.

**FAIRING WELL!** 

Thirteen of our children made the auction sale. Our local agricultural community is so good to support our children. Ag folks are the salt of the earth. Thank you all!

We also thank all of our Champion Donors who support our Work To Win summer program. Our children tend, feed and clean their animals in the mornings and evenings. Several from the city have never had an experience like they have showing animals. And they never forget it!

Other children in our Summer Youth Work Program mow and help maintain the grounds. They learn to work and have fun. They develop a healthy attitude toward work and learn the concept of taking care of themselves, rather than asking for a handout.

A good number of our boys and girls are playing sports in school. Our Boys Varsity Football team is currently ranked at the top in the state of N.M. Three of our boys line up together on the defensive line. That's special to NMCCH!

Thanks to you, our Champion Donors, it is so fun to see our boys and girls become Christian Champions! Every newsletter we publish is about you!

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



Emal holds on to his rabbit.



Goat Show off to a good start.

Issac 5th place, Matthew 3rd place,

Saizhe 2nd place.

First year feeder, Issac, won with
his Black Face Lamb. He proudly



First year feeder, Issac, won with his Black Face Lamb. He proudly stands in the Winners Circle with members from the Buyers Club (Scott & Debbie Reeves, & Farm Credit).



Look at that smile! Jesse won Champion Black OPB Pig.



The Judge shakes Sam's hand after he won the Jr. Showmanship Award!



In this picture we have all 3 Homes represented.

Trevor – Adoptive Homes, Sam – Residential

Homes, Daniel – Single Parent Homes.



First year feeder, Saizhe, makes it to the Winners Circle with her Black Face Lamb. Her hard work paid off!

#### **Behind the Scenes**

We have positions open for House Parents in Training & Accounts payable. Health Insurance, Retirement & more benefits. Inquire at 575-356-5372 or online at executive.director@nmcch.org



Pinning on numbers



Quiet encouragement from



Love talk before the show

## We Aren't Afraid - We Raise Kids!

There is no greater challenge before us than our mission to transform children into Christian Champions.

We must have great provisions. And the Good Lord has provided: He sent people! He built homes! He created families!

**Serving Families Together**, our **Residential Homes** House Parent staff has a nation leading 208 years of experience in professional child care.

**Keeping Families Together**, our **Single Parent Homes** have grown through **Hope Haven** emerging as the largest bed provider in the Church of Christ nation.

**Putting Families Together**, our **Adoptive Homes** through **A Mother's Choice** continue to raise 50 children each day in permanent quality Christian homes.

Our home is debt free. But we need you to help us take care of families and children, helping them stand on their own feet.

In the middle of our growth and accomplishments, a key provision was made.

You! Our Champion Donors have spoken loud and clear that you want to make a difference in the world, leaving your blessing upon generations to come.

And you are!

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### **BENEFITS & BLESSINGS!**



George and Mary Pavalok
were recently inducted into
the NMCCH Garden of Honor.
The Pavaloks have served as
House Parents longer than
any couple in our history.
They came in 1997, along
with their two children Crista
and John, after George retired
from the United States Air

Force. Thank you George and Mary! You have blessed hundreds of children and families. The NMCCH family honors and salutes you!





Colleen & Ken Jones, of Colleyville, teamed up with their daughter & son-in-law, Holli & Kevin Saskiw, of Friscoe TX, in the 10th Annual Golf-Fore-Kids benefit at Cowboys Club in Grapevine TX. Colleen's parents, Bill and Jean Chappell named NMCCH a beneficiary of the Chappell Living Trust.

Thank you to all of our donors and golf participants!



Campus Life Minister, Jim Tharp, gives an outdoor devotional lesson to a few of our children. God has blessed us with great people to serve in mission!



Putting rabbits in their slots ready to judge



Talking to the Judge



Tyrone lost his 1st tooth while at the Fair