

## A SHOW WORTH SHOWING!



Holy Hands Puppet & Drama Ministries of Charleston, IL blessed our youth with a dazzling Broadway-style puppet musical! Their performances combine vibrant storytelling, music, and ministry, sharing the Gospel in an unforgettable way. Like us, they serve as a mission, performing for free-will donations. Book them today at (217) 348-5827 or [holyhandsbooking@gmail.com](mailto:holyhandsbooking@gmail.com) and bring their inspiring production to your community!



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## Summer 2025

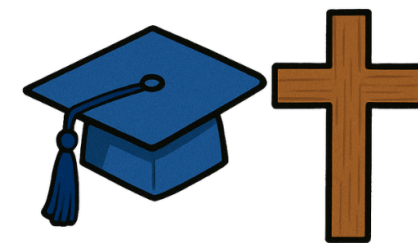


# THE BUILDER

NEWSLETTER OF THE OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME



At the start of summer, we celebrated Sahaj's graduation! We're so proud of his hard work and perseverance. This milestone marks an exciting new chapter, and we pray God's blessings over his journey ahead. Thank you for your love, support, and prayers so we could have this day!



## Oblong Children's Christian Home



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HELP to children  
HOPE to families  
HEALING through Christ.







When both our A/C and furnace went out, we worried for our kids' comfort and health. Thanks to your generous gifts and faithful prayers, they now enjoy cool summers, warm winters, and a safe, welcoming home year-round. We are truly grateful!



### Steadfast in the Current

Like rivers guided by His hand, our journey flows with purpose. Through calm waters and rapids alike, He steers our course. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." — Isaiah 43:2

## Paws & Purpose



Our youth recently volunteered at a local animal shelter, showing Christ's love through service. They cleaned, cared for, and played with the animals, brightening lives with compassion, joy, and helping hands.



After the flood, God set a rainbow in the sky as His promise never to destroy the earth by water again. Each rainbow reminds us of His faithfulness, mercy, and everlasting covenant of hope.





## Connected Futures

Steel Dynamics, a leading American steel producer and recycler known for supporting communities, generously donated the equipment that makes our Starlink internet possible. With this vital connection, our children can now fully participate in online learning, gain new skills, and prepare for brighter futures. We are truly grateful for this gift that invests in their tomorrow.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### IN MEMORY

MARCELLA BRANSON, MARTHA & RUSSELL WEBB, ANN & J.W. NOLES, CRAIG & BARBARA CHRISTENSEN, AND DEBORAH & JOHNNY NEWMAN IN MEMORY OF PETE BELEW ♥ RICK & SHARON KIRK IN MEMORY OF JIM HART ♥ LOUISE BLACK AND LYLE & LINDA BAILEY IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM MCCLEAVE ♥ MICHAEL ROBISON IN MEMORY OF DEBBIE ROBISON ♥ JOSH AND FAMILY AND JAIMIE AND FAMILY IN MEMORY OF MAMAW MILLIE STEWART ♥ CONNIE JONES IN MEMORY OF DENNIS JONES ♥ ALAN LACKEY IN MEMORY OF ATLAS & DOROTHY LACKEY ♥ LORI KEELER IN MEMORY OF LARRY & DONNA KEELER ♥ DENNIS & BRENDA TITUS, BRAD & ANGIE CAMPBELL, CHARLES & DIANE LAWRENCE, AND GARY & SUZANNE REYNOLDS IN MEMORY OF MILLIE STEWART ♥ BILL & VIVIAN HALLETT IN MEMORY OF BOB HALLETT ♥ RICK & SHARON KIRK IN MEMORY OF GARY COOPER ♥ MARLA GALLOWAY IN MEMORY OF JERRY TYE ♥ LORI KEELER IN MEMORY OF PETE BELEW ♥ BUSHTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE DUKE ♥ RICK & SHARON KIRK IN MEMORY OF MADONNA BOEHL ♥ SUZANNE INGRAM IN MEMORY OF MIKE INGRAM ♥ ROBERT & DEENA MOSBARGER IN MEMORY OF DIANA PEMBERTON ♥ CURT CARTER IN MEMORY OF FRANK & LUELLA CARTER AND LENORE SHAFFER ♥ SCOTTY & JEANNIE CHIDDIX, FAMILY OF LOYAL BLANKENBEKER, RETA WAGGONER, TODD & GAIL WEBER, PAM & CARLA MIDGETT, AND KENNETH & CAROLYN WOODWORTH IN MEMORY OF LARRY WAGGONER ♥

### IN HONOR

BIRDS FREE METHODIST CHURCH IN HONOR OF THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS OF  
OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME ♥  
STEVEN HEIDENREICH IN HONOR OF ETHAN BUCK ♥

**COSMIC 5K**  
BY OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME

SATURDAY, OCT 25<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM  
108 LEGION PARKWAY - OBLONG, IL

REGISTRATION BEGINS TODAY  
[RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/IL/OBLONG/HERORUN5KOBLONG](https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Oblong/herorun5koblong)

Join us for the 16th Annual 5K for the Kids! This year's theme is The Cosmic Run, so put on your favorite sci-fi costume and run or walk to support health and youth in need. You don't have to be a runner to make a difference, but competitive running has long been one of our favorite traditions. All proceeds help raise awareness and provide for the children we serve. Scan the QR code to sign up or visit [runsignup.com/Race/IL/Oblong/herorun5koblong](https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Oblong/herorun5koblong). Let's make this year out of this world!





# THE 4-H'S OF SUCCESS!



At the recent county fair, several of our boys advanced to the state fair, earning a few Reserve Grand Champion titles also! 4-H stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, shaping youth through knowledge, compassion, skill, and well-being, building character and lifelong success



# A LITTLE ELBOW GREASE!



Dylan recently had the chance to help his house dad, Chris Painter, work on the hood vent in The Carpenter's House. Dylan was proud of what he accomplished! At first, he was nervous about making a mistake, but Chris encouraged him by saying, "Then we will fix it." What a great reminder of God's grace, through Christ, we are given the chance to "fix" our mistakes, too. Just as Dylan learned and grew through the project, we can grow through our failures, trusting in the Lord's patient love and the second chances He so freely offers.



Each year, our youth work hard through fundraisers to make vacation possible. These trips are more than getaways, they build memories, strengthen friendships, and give our kids the joy and refreshment every heart needs.

