

Welcome to the Wild (mid)West...

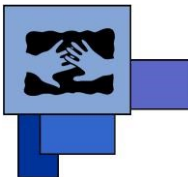
We enjoy some of the fruits of Fall with our horse therapy program. Building healthy relationships can start with a rider and a horse. We hope you are as encouraged as we are by seeing just how much joy the kids are having.



Visit our Facebook page for lots of great pictures.
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Senior Highlight!

"I plan on earning my associate's online and then becoming certified as a vet tech. After that I plan on getting my bachelor's in veterinary technology. I hope to fall in love to someone good, and start a family. I want to see what this world has to offer but remember my roots, my family and where I came from. If they're reading this, know I love you and appreciate all of you."
—Amada

"I plan on moving home with my family and getting a full-time job. In the meantime I plan to prepare myself for basic training for the United States Army. I choose this because of the love for our country and what it has come to today. I feel it is the least I can do for my country, friends, family, and myself. I want to go to college to get my bachelor's degree in Nursing to become a Labor and Delivery Nurse."
—Addie



Class of 2021
Congratulations! You Did It!



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11



Noah to Join Marines



“I have always wanted to serve, probably since I lived in Fort Myers. I really didn’t decide on the ‘Marines’ until I was 10, about a year before I came to the Children’s Home. I want to serve to make something of myself and create a generational wealth and to create values and principles I can pass on to my kids. I want my family to have a life I didn’t. But, if not for the Home I’d be in prison. so thanks to everyone who supports the Christian Children’s Home.” -Noah

We are so proud of Noah! Our service members are the bravest people out there! Continue to pray for Noah’s success and safety as he serves his country!

meet our
NEW

staff



... And the new neighbors! Brady and Taylr Hall moved in right next door before realizing their calling to our ministry. (God always has a plan!) Taylr Hall first came on board as the school administrator/teacher of New Life Academy in August, before Brady was hired as the Director of Promotions and Friendship Development. Taylr graduated from Greenville College with a B.A. in biology and psychology. During college, she interned with a crisis center in Centralia, IL. More recently, Taylr has worked with TRIO, a college preparatory program, to help high school students work towards their future goals. Brady grew up on a horse farm right outside of Robinson, he attended Lincoln Trail College, and has worked in media for the last decade. Whether it was news, publication, or radio; Brady knew that the Lord was preparing him for ministry. Brady and Taylr have served in youth and college campus ministry and now serve as evangelists! **Please pray for them!**

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We are so thankful for the help we received on our window replacement required by the State Fire Marshall. We are happy to announce, that with your permission, the excess funds raised for the Fire Suppression and Window Replacement can now be moved into the general fund. We can continue keeping our campus safe and up to date! **Praise God!**

12th Annual 5k



We were off to the races this year with our 12th Annual 5k Run/Walk! It nearly didn’t happen, but we were so blessed with the turnout of runners and sponsors. It’s so important for our kids to see what a difference it can make by being active in your community. This is a beloved tradition for both the Children’s Home and the Fall Follies here in Oblong. What started out as a wet morning ended with lots of warm laughs and over \$2,500 raised! We look forward to next year!



SO VERY THANKFUL



"I am so thankful for the people God has placed in my life. My house parents never giving up on me and for the endless hours of times they have talked with me through my best and worst times. They never gave up on me, and they never will. I have a church that treats me like family. My God is faithful and never leaves me! Protecting me from evil, even when I didn't know it!"

—Sabrina

"I am thankful for God, because I have eternal life. I am thankful for my teacher Mrs. Carr. She teaches me handwriting. I am thankful for Inspector Gadget and Spider-Man. Inspector Gadget has billions of gadgets inside of his body. Spider-Man got bit by this crazy little spider, and now he is a spider human. That makes him cool! I am also thankful for chocolate ice cream and cake and a bunch of stuff." (Duke also wanted to express that, in spite of the interview, he had "no interest in being famous.")

—Duke

"I am thankful for noodles: pasta, spaghetti and ramen, my family, because we play sports, basketball, football, badminton, volleyball, and my house parents for watching movies with me, like wild west movies!"

—Eli



We were so pleasantly surprised to hear what some of the things our kids really appreciate from their favorite foods, to their family, to the love of God. It is humbling and inspiring!

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

NOW HIRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



He/she shall be a mature Christian who is continuing to grow in his or her walk with the Lord. He/she shall have a Master's Degree in a human service field. The candidate also must have five years experience supervising staff. For more info please go to oblongchristianhome.org

Thank you so much!



In Loving Memory

In Memory
 Eloise Butler, Dan & Tammara Seger, Guy & Shirley Treadway, James & Connie Wampler, Harold & Lois Ruot, Margaret Riggs, Dianna Grant and Bill & Sharon Wheeler in memory of Peg Butler ♥ Jess Newton in memory of Jason Newton ♥ Jess Newton in memory of Roy & Pauline Hill ♥ Doris Gosnell Family in memory of Ruth Gosnell Lathrop ♥ Charles & Cheryl Milewski in memory of Harry & Betty Prather ♥ Marybeth Eibl, Lyle & Linda Bailey, Rick & Sharon Kirk, June Gross, Shirley Perisho, Ann Britton, Jeffrey Roberts, Roberta Ashley, Rick & Sharon Kirk, Rick & Cheryl Staley, Norman West and Peoples State Bank and Peoples Wealth Management Newton Branch, Kenneth Kuszpit, Central Christian Church Newton, Gary Goodwin Max & Debbie Tedford, Lonnie Ann Kesler, Eric Kesler and family, Joe & Betty Griffith, Francis Twigg, Martha Michl, Donna & Kay Young, Michael & Judy Henry, Paul & Linda Maley and Ann Mowry and Sandy Middleton in memory of Cathie Buckner ♥ Michael Robison in memory of Mike & Judy Robison and Debbie Robison ♥ Dianna Warner in memory of Dwane Warner ♥ Bryan & Tonya Headley in memory of Ray Marks ♥ Terry & Helen Ellison in memory of Lois Plebonek ♥ Gary & Linda Chapman, J & Anita Cisney, Randy Reynolds, Jim & Ginger Robins, Roger & Debbie Sholders, and Eric's Accounting Services LLC in memory of Lyle Blake ♥ Rod & Constance Reid, Faye Sheley, Justin Schneider, Susan Cooper and FCC Fairfield Charlie's Angels Sunday School Class in memory of Maxine Burkett ♥ Marjory Dart and family in memory of Ralph Dart ♥ Hutsonville High School Class of 1983 in memory of Ruth Fields ♥ Mt Zion Sunday School in memory of Ginger Hallett Kuhn and Marilyn Gabel ♥ Rod & Constance Reid, Dorothy McCulley, Kenneth & Bea Grove, Joan Sons, John & Darlene Hosselton, and Larry & Marcella Weaver in memory of Sue Grove ♥ Lois Benson, Burkhart Insurance Agency, Inc., Anita Bush, Amanda Dunlap, .B. of P.A. T. Local 1705, and Doug & Deborah Rose in memory of Connie Camden ♥ Five Points Christian Church in memory of Wilbur Hutchens ♥ Harold & Darlene Angle in memory of Donna Angle, Jerry Devonshire and Rev. Jerry Fleming ♥ Gary Goodwin in memory of John Carter ♥ Charles Moses in memory of Linda Parrott ♥ Roger & Evelyn Bare in memory of Erika Bare ♥ Ann Rudolphi In memory of Louis Volk and Melvin & Helen Rudolphi ♥ Rick & Sharon Kirk in memory of Jerry Mouser ♥ Michael Robison in memory of Opal Robison ♥ Zion UMC, Oak Ridge-Zion United Methodist Women, Steve & Valerie Neeley, Zel & Jeannie Adams, Intuitive Research and Technology Corporation, Gordon Hagewood, Bob & Sandy Bryans, Faye Shaw, John & Angie Garrett, and Nancy Holley, in memory of Patsy Andrus ♥ Michael Robison in memory of Verna Lee Emery ♥ Mt Zion Sunday School in memory of Ginger Hallett-Kuhn and Marilyn Gabel ♥ Pete & Gloria Belew in memory of Ed Mason ♥ Stephen & Wanda Jackson in memory of Phyllis Strohm ♥ Larry Gabel in memory of Marilyn Gabel ♥ Gary Goodwin, Jamie Procknow, Ocie & Diana Smith and family, Earl & Valinda Deckard and John Inboden in memory of Chet Keys ♥ Marilyn & Brian Edwards, Mark & Lisa Alan, Anita Seber, Donald & Doris Wilson, Carolyn Bradbury and Andy & Kelly Bradbury, Glenna Bennett and Jerry & Tamra Kidwell in memory of Louise Messenger Turner ♥ Raymond Clark in memory of Marion Mason ♥ Gary Goodwin in memory of Thomas Edward Yaw ♥ Michael Robison in memory of Verna Lee Emery ♥ Vanessa Pritts, Dan Shedelbower, Larry & Charlotte Sackrider, John & Jenna Standefer, Keith & Diann Bomer, Wayne & Joan Jennings, Dean & Betty Dart, LaDonna Harris, Dale & Pat Prosser, Kim McHenry, Keith & Martha Waldrop, Tony & Judy Cork, William & Jean Wilkin, Randy & Vicki Sholders, P.D. Highsmith, Thomas Snider, Charles & Charlotte Miller, Lucinda Baker, Randy & Pam Wheeler, Bob & Diane Glezen, Glenda Mann, Ocie & Diana Smith, Gary & Judy Wilson, Charlotte Tincher, Marianne Stanley, Dan & Kim Heller, Judith Britton, William & Kim Wheeler, Lois Ikemire, Paul Perkins, Marsha Kinsey, and Jan & Jana Adams in memory of Bill Roberts ♥ Nick & Sheryl Heber, Red Hill High School Class of 1977, John & Linda Sykes, Mr. & Mrs. John Davis and Tannous Family in memory of Dennis D. Jones ♥ Raymond & Tom Clark and Gary Goodwin in memory of Gary Tussey ♥ Five Points Christian Church in memory of Wilbur & Martha Hutchens ♥ Jessica Bush, Steve & Barb Dunlap, Ted Dunlap, and Elizabeth Rogers in memory of Betty Gilbert ♥ Jennifer Jones in memory of Dr. Jill Jones Gentry ♥

In Honor
 Jennifer Jones in honor of Jacqueline Smith ♥ Jennifer Jones in honor of John S. Capper IV, Attorney at Law ♥ Larry & Donna Miller in honor of Chris Martin ♥ West Union Church of Nazerene in Steve Dolson's name ♥ First Christian Church of Christopher in honor of our mothers and fathers ♥ David & Kay Lemons in honor of Rose Ellen Parrott Osborne on her birthday ♥ Sue Bumpus in honor of Cathy Daughtery on her birthday

Laboring For The Lord!

One of the ways churches and ministries can help us is through work groups! It's a great way to maintain our ever-growing campus as well as having some really fun fellowship! Recently we hosted a few groups.



Don Piha Men's Group

The Don Piha group is such a blast! Not only is their coming a tradition, but we look forward to the wisdom they give to our kids!

Work Hard! Play Harder!



Parkview Group #1

Thanks to all the volunteers at the Parkview New Lenox Group for removing several dead trees behind the Talitha Koum home, they even built a wall for the transitional living unit. (We now have another room.) The second group came back to finish the work and even helped us with our fundraisers!

So Blessed



Fun & Fellowship



Parkview Group #2



Help Make Our House A Home...

The Dyball Home, our satellite home in Fairfield, IL, currently needs House Parents. We know God has a plan, maybe you or someone you know could be part of this plan...



Great Community

Fairfield is a beautiful, welcoming city in Wayne County. Known for it's "Friendly People" and their college: Frontier Community College. They boast a great park, museums, shopping, and even a golf course!



Fulfill Your Calling!

Are you or someone you know called to serve God's Kingdom in childcare ministry? We want to help you! We are currently seeking a married couple, 25 years of age or older, who love the Lord and His children. Go to our website today at oblongchristianhome.org for more information! **Keep Praying!**

