



A HAVEN TO HEAVEN

North Alabama Christian Children's Home

From Here to Heaven



North Alabama
Christian Children's Home

"Daily Instruction in Christian Living."

Serving vulnerable children and families across North Alabama through residential care, foster support, and Christian compassion since 1973.

LICENSED BY
State of Alabama

CAPACITY
Up to 22 Children

SERVING SINCE
May 1973

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Florence, Alabama | www.nacch.com

Changing Lives for Eternity

About Our Home

Daily instruction in Christian Living



North Alabama Christian Children's Home (NACCH) is a 501(c)(3) Group Residential Home licensed by the state of Alabama to provide 24/7 care for up to 22 children.

Since opening our doors in May 1973, more than 600 children have called our 10-acre campus in Florence, Alabama home. We seek to provide a safe haven for children ages 6-17 who have experienced abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Founded to reflect the love of Christ, NACCH focuses on stability, spiritual formation, education, life skills, and independence.



OUR MISSION

"Taking a Biblical world view, we make it our aim to demonstrate Christ-like lives as we teach and prepare our children the skills necessary for a happy, successful future."

Who We Serve

We serve children and youth who have experienced neglect, abuse, abandonment, or serious family disruption and need a stable, nurturing home. Boys and girls are referred by state agencies, courts, churches, and family members who desire a Christ-centered environment for healing and growth.

Our ministry focuses on young people who benefit from consistent routines, caring adults, and a supportive church community. Each child receives individualized attention and support tailored to their unique needs.

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

— James 1:27 (ESV)



Our H.A.V.E.N. Model

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Our H.A.V.E.N. model guides everything we do — providing a holistic framework for nurturing children in body, mind, and spirit.

H HOME

"This is Their Home"

At NACCH, every child deserves a place to belong. Our 10-acre campus in Florence, Alabama is not an institution — it is a home. Children live with dedicated house parents who provide stability, love, and structure. Since 1973, more than 600 children have found safety and belonging.

- Loving house parents in a family-style setting
- 24/7 care on a safe, nurturing campus
- A stable environment for children ages 6-17
- Over 50 years of faithful service to children in need



"God sets the lonely in families." — Psalm 68:6

A ADVANCEMENT

"Maturing into God's Plan for Them"

Advancement means walking alongside each child as they grow into the person God designed them to be. We nurture spiritual growth through daily devotions, Bible study, and active involvement in local Churches of Christ.

- Daily devotional life and Bible study
- Active church attendance and involvement
- Character development and accountability



"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord." — Jeremiah 29:11

V VALUED

"They are God's Creation"

Every child is made in the image of God. Many arrive from situations of abuse, abandonment, and neglect. At NACCH, we are intentional about restoring their sense of worth.

- Restoring dignity and self-worth
- Individual attention and personal care
- Affirmation rooted in God's love
- A community that says: "You belong here"



"So God created mankind in His own image." — Genesis 1:27

E

EDUCATED

"Properly Balanced, Holistic"

Education goes far beyond the classroom. We are committed to a holistic approach that nurtures the whole child — mind, body, and spirit.

- Academic support and individualized tutoring
- Life skills training (Dad 101 program)
- Social and emotional development
- Career readiness and vocational exploration



"Train up a child in the way he should go." — Proverbs 22:6

N

NEEDS

"Heart · Soul · Mind · Strength"

The children in our care have real, tangible needs. We invite churches, families, and individuals to join us in meeting those needs.

- Heart: Emotional healing and counseling
- Soul: Spiritual growth and discipleship
- Mind: Academic excellence and life skills
- Strength: Physical health, safety, and stability



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind." — Matthew 22:37

THE H.A.V.E.N. PROMISE

Every child who enters NACCH encounters a home where they are safe, loved, allowed to advance in their walk with God, shown they are valued, provided with a holistic education, and given specialized attention to all their needs.



Our Program

Family-style residential care with spiritual focus



Family-Style Residential Care

Our primary program is a family-style residential ministry where children live in 3 separate homes on campus. Christian house parents provide daily supervision, discipleship, and the consistent presence of caring adults who model Christian character and healthy family life.

Our residential program emphasizes:

- Spiritual formation through daily devotions, Bible study, and church involvement
- Academic support with tutoring, homework help, and educational advocacy
- Life-skills training including budgeting, cooking, laundry, and time management
- Counseling and therapeutic support as needed
- Recreational activities that build character, teamwork, and healthy relationships

Our Spiritual Focus

1

Christian Service

Opportunities to experience the joy of giving to a greater cause, developing a grateful servant heart.

2

Christian Fellowship

Shared experiences — in the home, on campus, church services, youth events, and at school.

3

Christian Knowledge

Providing a foundation of faith using high-quality study platforms from the Church of Christ Brotherhood.

DIRECTOR'S VISION: THE TRINITY PLAN

- **Short-Term: (Campus Plan)** C.A.R.E. Initiative, Learning Center, Life Skills (Dad 101), Garden and Animals Program
- **Mid-Term: (Director's Plan)** Direct Placement Plan, Christian Education and Service, Family Support
- **Long-Term: (Board's Plan)** Age-Out Support, Independent Living Space, Career Development

Our Campus

10 acres of safety, growth, and possibility in Florence, Alabama



Kent Home

Circa 1980 | Major renovations were completed on this home in 2020 and it now meets capacity standards to house 6 children and is handicap accessible.



Coker Home

Circa 2013 | This home is a state-of-the-art energy-efficient home that houses up to 8 children.



Coats Home

Circa 2016 | This home is a state-of-the-art energy-efficient home that houses up to 8 children.



Caver Educational Center

Individual and group tutoring
Meeting and educational center.



Buffler Admin Building

Administrative offices
Counseling and Meeting Center



Hatton Play Area

Built with love by members of the Hatton Church of Christ.



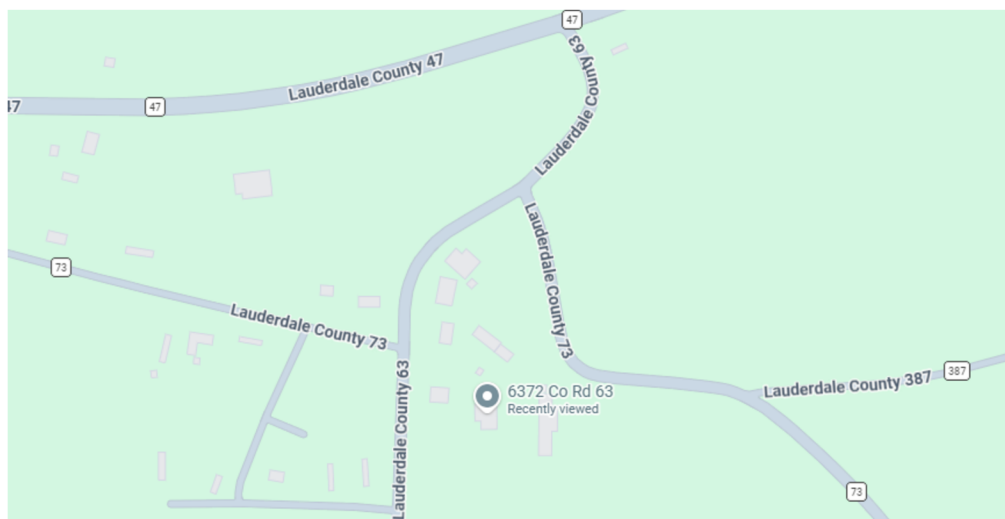
McGee School

Circa 1940 | Currently used for storage | Original campus building



Cochran/Williams Family Center

A new multi-functional building for children's recreation and events. Your generous support made this possible! Finished June 2026.



Our History

More Than 50 Years of Christ-Centered Care for Children



January 29, 1970

Brethren from local Churches of Christ met at Mars Hill Bible School to discuss the need and possibility of a children's home in north Alabama. A promissory note was signed, borrowing the money to purchase the old McGee school building and 3 acres of adjoining real estate.

May 1973

After extensive renovations of the McGee school building, the North Alabama Christian Children's Home began operation. Jerry Weems was the home's first Administrator, who, along with his wife, Rachel, also served as the first house parents for seven children.

Between 1986 and 2000

many changes took place on campus:

1986- Pavilion constructed

1987- House Parent's apartment added to McGee Home

1989- Kent Cottage Was Constructed

2000- Caver Cottage was moved to campus

June 2013

Construction was completed for the new Coker Home. The name of the home is dedicated to Columbus and Dot Coker. Mr. Coker was instrumental in starting the children's home.

2019

Buffler Administration Building was completed.

2020

Major renovations were completed on the Kent Home.

April 15, 1971

A general meeting was held to set in place a permanent Board of Trustees/Directors.

Spring 1994

Our name was changed to Christian Children Home to shorten the name, reflect our broadened mission, and give reference to the strategic plan of incorporating more "Homes" under the guidance and direction of the CCH Board of Directors.

April 2008

After much discussion and prayerful consideration, the Board of Directors determined that the shortened name, Christian Children Home did not provide adequate autonomy or identification for the home. Therefore, the name was changed back to North Alabama Christian Children's Home.

July 2015

Our friends at Cox Blvd. Church of Christ, along with 21 other congregations, helped us finish construction on the Robert and Eva Coats Home. This home can house up to 8 children.

2024

Construction on Multi-functional building started, and finished in June 2026. This building was named the **Cochran/Williams Family Center** in memory of G.B. Cochran and in honor of Don Williams.

Education and Life Skills

Producing better outcomes for brighter futures



Educational Programming

- School Enrollment & Advocacy
- Daily Homework Help
- Individualized Tutoring
- Educational Resources (computers, software, library)
- College & Career Prep

Life Skills Training

- Financial Literacy
- Daily Living Skills (DAD 101): Cooking, cleaning, laundry, personal hygiene
- Time Management
- Social Skills & Job Readiness
- Spiritual Formation

Lives Changed by Grace

Over the past 50 years, many children have found safety, stability, and Christian guidance at NACCH. Former residents stay in touch, expressing gratitude for the foundation they received.

Alumni Outcomes:

- Graduate from high school and pursue higher education
- Maintain active involvement in local churches
- Build healthy relationships and families
- Serve others through ministry and community engagement
- Break generational cycles of abuse, neglect, and dysfunction

A teenager arrived at NACCH after multiple school changes and family turmoil. Through consistent routines, patient house parents, strong church connections, and dedicated academic support, he began to heal. Over time, the love and structure provided by NACCH helped him discover his worth in Christ. He graduated from high school and began to understand that God had a plan and purpose for his life.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is NACCH's greatest need?** House Parents, Respite and Relief Workers, and Funding.
- **How many congregations support NACCH?** 150 congregations provide regular support.
- **Does NACCH accept private or direct placements?** Yes.
- **How much per day does it cost to run NACCH?** Around \$2,500 a day.
- **Where does NACCH get financial support?** Churches of Christ, Individuals, Corporate Support, and other Agencies.
- **How many children can live at NACCH?** Up to 22 precious souls.
- **Does NACCH allow volunteers to help?** Yes, we thrive on the goodness of volunteers.

Our Leadership

Committed Christians who view their work as ministry



Board of Directors

A volunteer Board providing governance, policy direction, and accountability

Doug Carmack

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Salem Church of Christ

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Co-Chairperson

Lexington Church of Christ

Michael Cagle

Secretary

Pleasant Valley Church of Christ

Jake Whitehead

Shiloh Church of Christ

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Woodlawn Church of Christ

David Garner

Mt. Carmel Church of Christ

Cory Becker

Atlas Church of Christ

George Achard

Florence Blvd. Church of Christ

Jordan McDaniel

Stony Point Church of Christ

NACCH strives to be a faithful steward of every gift received. The board meets regularly to review operations, assess outcomes, and ensure the Home remains true to its Christian mission and values.

Staff

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Center Hill Church of Christ

Melinda Jackson

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Eastside Church of Christ

Chris Moran

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Campus Director

Eastwood Church of Christ

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Comptroller

Salem Church of Christ



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Kirby Hines

Maintenance

Shiloh Church of Christ

Cheri Suns

Office Support Staff

Florence Blvd. Church of Christ

Bryan Miller

Case Work Supervisor

Cross Point Church of Christ

Partner With Us

Together we can provide every need for every child in our care



PRAY

- Pray regularly for the children, house parents, staff, and board members
- Pray for healing, hope, and spiritual growth
- Pray for wisdom, patience, and strength for those who serve
- Pray for open doors, new resources, and partnerships

GIVE

- Monthly Partnership: Consistent gifts for food, clothing, and resources
- One-Time Gifts: Special contributions for specific needs
- Church Offerings: Encourage your congregation to take an offering
- Legacy Giving: Include NACCH in your will or estate plans
- All gifts are tax-deductible

SERVE

- Campus work days for facility maintenance
- Tutoring and educational support
- Professional skills: legal, medical, counseling, IT, or maintenance
- Organize supply drives
- Consider Being A House Parent

Immediate Needs

- Monthly Financial Partners
- Reliable Vehicles
- Computers, Tutoring, and School Supplies
- Non-Perishable Food Items
- Paper Products (Toilet Paper, Paper Towels)
- Facility and Safety Improvements, Repairs, and Upgrades
- Committed Christian House Parent Couples
- Clothing, Shoes, and Hygiene Products

Ways You Can Help:

Pray · Visit · Support Financially · Coin-Can Collection · Food Pantry · Adopt a Home · Sponsor a Child
Send Birthday Cards · Donate a Vehicle · Include Us in Your Will · Volunteer Your Talents · Attend our Fundraisers

Become a Respite or Relief Worker

NACCH walks alongside Christian respite and relief families who open their homes to children in need. We offer training, encouragement, and practical support to these selfless families.



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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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Request a speaker | Join our mailing list | Discuss planned giving | Schedule a campus visit

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"Together, we can change lives for eternity."

