



Marshall Leads Non-commercial Christmas Celebration at Presbyterian Home—and Beyond

Looking for a place to celebrate a non-commercial Christmas? Look no further than the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega. You can join other volunteers in stringing lights and decorating trees in all the cottages—even in the offices! Become one of Santa’s elves, working in Santa’s workshop (a/k/a, the board room), filling bags with gifts for every child and youth. In the week before Christmas, help serve Christmas dinner as the entire community gathers to sing carols and listen once more to the beloved Christmas story. Know that your presence will be felt on Christmas Day as presents are opened and traditional food is served in each home and cottage.

At the helm of the Home as these festivities unfold is Doug Marshall, who wants you to know another way to participate in this joyous Christmas celebration is to make a contribution to the Home via their colorful website: <https://phfc.org/donate/>

Doug was an executive at Energen Corp for 25 years and he brought his own burst of energy to Talladega in 2017 when he became president and CEO of the Home. An official Home publication summarizes Doug’s mission:

In a state with so many homeless children who have been displaced in life, he is now dedicating his life and heart to leading the Home's efforts to helping put both homeless children and their mothers as well as young female adults on a path of hope, along with providing a residential therapeutic treatment program for teenage girls who have experienced severe trauma and/or neglect.

Doug’s impact has been felt far beyond the Home’s campus in Talladega:

Doug is expanding the Home’s impact to families in crisis through family preservation and reunification services in seven counties and directing the Home’s mission outreach of love and mentoring to children and youth in extreme poverty living in Wilcox and Marengo counties. He is responsible for developing Union Village, a permanent supportive housing community for blind, deaf, deaf/blind and multi-disabled adults in partnership with the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind with the rental income being affordable to the residents while helping offset operating costs to care for children at the Home.

Doug’s home church is First Church, Talladega. He and his wife, Christy have been married for 36 years with 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren and 4 dogs.

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