

# BCH HARVEST

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DR Foster Homes

# BCH NEWSLETTER

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## *Grace's Home Update* **MOVE-IN DAY FOR GRACE'S HOME**

Even though August is their rainy season, the weather and water did not stop Grace, Kim, and the children from moving into their new home!

Move-in day was an adventure. Moving more than 20 children and their belongings required a lot of help and muscle. You can see in the pictures some of their challenging journey through rained out streets and up their nearly impassible driveway.



For the Grace family, their new home is much more than a larger space. There is much adversity going on around them: war, difficult weather, and uncertainty. Their new home brings hope to the children of Grace's Home. The fresh paint, ample living area, spaces to call their own, and a yard to run and play in are good for their health and







mindset. This new beginning is possible because of the continual contributions from our friends. Thank you!

Please pray for Grace, Kim, and the children as the excitement and hope in their new house is sometimes shadowed by Kim's health concerns, war, and uncertainty around them.

You can help us prepare for flu season. Every child in our five Myanmar homes needs flu shots to protect them during this dangerous season. We purchase the immunizations in bulk, lowering the price to just \$20 per child and caregiver. Please help by returning the enclosed card or by scanning this code.



Bringing children hope comes in many forms. Sometimes it can be through tangible items such as food, clothing, and schoolbooks. Sometimes it is a safe, secure home setting. As Christians, we have the duty of not only showing the love of God to children, but also encouraging others to do the same. BCH CARES is a trauma training program available to churches, foster parents, schools, healthcare workers, and others who want to learn more about helping children who have had traumatic experiences.



"I'm excited for our new training to launch in January," said Chrislin Knight, BCH Training and Outreach Coordinator. Chrislin joined BCH in the summer of 2023 with a background in psychology and teaching. She sees

this as an opportunity to use both these skills to serve God by training others. Chrislin said, "Our new program has been written in-house from a Christian perspective. There are so many examples of trauma in the Bible. BCH Cares approaches trauma training by employing the words of our Creator and Healer."

Trauma-Informed Care training will focus on causes of trauma, effects of trauma on child development, symptoms of trauma, responses that are supportive, and recommendations to avoid burnout in caregivers.



"When we were creating the training, it was important to ensure the training did not limit us to just exploring trauma and its effect on the brain, body, and overall wellbeing. BCH's Cares Trauma Training goes beyond just

comprehension of trauma; we connect biblical application with an understanding of trauma. Attendees will develop response skills to better support those impacted by trauma, become empowered through God's love for a hurting world and His promise of hope through Him, and share how to become advocates for trauma awareness. You will walk away from the training with not just an understanding on trauma, but you will also learn and explore how you can use this knowledge to better serve God's children," Faith Evers, BCH Training Coordinator.

There are several trainers preparing for this ministry. Training will be available in-person and virtually.

*Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."*

Revelation 21:5





# Homes of Compassion

## HELPING FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER IN NW INDIANA

Homes of Compassion (HoC) helps families in Northwest Indiana by providing temporary, loving care for their children within a Care Family. Our volunteer Care Families from local churches welcome children into their homes, giving parents time to resolve the challenges in their lives.

Experiencing a sudden health crisis, homelessness, deployment, and other difficulties while lacking a network of family and friends, parents can find themselves needing immediate help caring for their children. Our Care Families are our HoC heroes! Read on to learn about two families who are sharing Christ's love and helping families in their community.



As a family, Doug, Courtni, and their children enjoy being outdoors. They love to go on walks, have bonfires, ride on their tractors, and go on bike rides. Their favorite part about

serving with Homes of Compassion is their ability to make a positive impact on the children's lives.

Not in Northwest Indiana? Your financial contribution will help us with transportation costs and will purchase diapers, clothing, and supplies that are often last-minute needs of the families we are serving.



Kirby and Ellen love being outside with their children, traveling to visit family, and spending a lot of time together. When asked why they became a Care Family, they said, "We like being able to serve together as a family, and support moms who choose life. We have been blessed, and we want to share what God's given us."

*"Show mercy and compassion  
to one another."*

Zechariah 7:9



## WILLS/ESTATES

April 1 through August 31, 2023

**Ardith A. Best Trust**

**Bible Baptist Church of West Springfield, MA**  
**Verdeen Lightly Estate | Norma and Bruce Taylor Living Trust**  
**Gaye Walts Estate | Robert Kallbreier Estate**

## HONOR LIST

April 1 through August 31, 2023

**All Mothers**  
Ron Balluch

**Children's Day in Mexico**  
Dennis Brnjic

**Denny Cocanougher**  
Richard & Sarah Cooper

**John Elven's Mom in DR**  
Wilma Sullivan

**Grandchildren**  
Bruce & Carolyn Garrison

**Great-Grandchildren**  
Bruce & Carolyn Garrison

**Lois Heyboer**  
Miss MaryLou Heyboer

**Jeni & Mary (Zambia Grannies)**  
Mrs. Juanita Lewis

**Jesus**  
Rick & Patti Delon

**Kay Johnson**  
Drs. Kjell & Valerie Johnson

**Mothers Caring for BCH Children**  
Mrs. Lillian Holthof

**Mothers of your grandchildren**  
Ken & Barb Debelak

**My Family (Jack, Gail, Kip & wife,  
Jack Cameron, Melissa, Ron, Tyler,  
Faith, Linnox, & Ronan)**  
Mrs. Wanda Goldsberry

**Judith Turner**  
Tom Beers

**Grace, Hau, Kim and  
Melody in Myanmar**  
Diane Schwartz

## MEMORIAL LIST

April 1 through August 31, 2023

**Odessa Addleman, Mother-in-law**  
Mr. Don Redd

**Sue Carole Addleman-Redd**  
Mr. Don Redd

**Suzanne Ball**  
Thelma Sibley

**Betty Barber**  
Miss Ann Barber

**Dorsie Betner**  
Mrs. Mary Rooks

**Robert Birkey**  
John & Deborah Birkey

**David A. Brooks**  
Peter & Kathy Bardolph  
Dede Johnson

**Lorraine Brooks**  
Mrs. Jean Fisher

**Helen Brown**  
Roy & Sharon Brown

**Melinda Carr**  
Margaret Nimon

**Carolyn Sue Chester**  
Roger & Linda Chester

**Ned Day**  
James & Lois Ann Day

**Esther Dively**  
George & Terri Lynn

**Bessie Durham**  
Wanda Durham

**John Durhan**  
Wanda Durham

**Martha Enoksen**  
Allen & Linda Wozniak

**William "Bill" Erickson**  
Cynthia Derks  
Robert & Phyllis Erickson

**Donna Forrest**  
Sylvia Scholz

**Gary Hanson**  
Sherrie Anspach  
Lee & Karyn Eck  
Maranatha Baptist Church  
Marie Moore

**Gramma Lila**  
Julia Houser

**Linda Heard**  
Bill Heard

**Janis Hoffman**  
Mr. Kenneth Kaufman

**Hester Knight**  
Roy & Sharon Brown

## MEMORIAL LIST CONT.

**Justin Koch**  
Don & Sue Denny

**Cheryl Lauria**  
Robert & Sandra Nickora

**Sylvia Loftis**  
Craig & Amber Gillenwater  
June Hand  
Vic and Evelyn Kessinger  
Dawn Loftis  
Marilyn Rosenbaum

**Loved Ones**  
James & Judy Carmichael

**Chester Lutes**  
Wanda Durham

**Nondis Lutes**  
Wanda Durham

**Bill Martin**  
Robert & Sandra Nickora

**Betty McDaniel**  
Larry & Donna Bayless

**Lola McLain**  
Wanda Durham

**Wade McLain**  
Wanda Durham

**Virginia Mitchell**  
Barbara Engle

**Rev. Morris**  
Richard & Rachel Presser

**Ted Munday**  
Diane Schwartz

**Jerry Murphy**  
Harriette Murphy  
Vicky Ward

**My Mom**  
Network for Good

**My Mother**  
Robert & Gayle Carleton

**My Mother**  
Gary, Connie, & Phil Shellhammer

**Phillip Nusbaum**  
Linda Nusbaum

**Our Children, Shawn & Angela**  
Conan & Carolyn Brown

**Our Mothers**  
Richard & Cris Throne

**Our Mothers, Georgia & Mary**  
Conan and Carolyn Brown

**Our Sweet Mother, Laura**  
Ed & Donna Ivanyo

**Edith Pfaffe**  
Amy Smith

**John C. Pike**  
Beverly Pike

**Norm Polaskey**  
Margaret Nimon

**Michael Posey**  
Marilyn Delleney

**Joy Rawlings**  
Nancy Rawlings

**Dana Renee Record**  
David & Barbara Record

**Jean Redd (Mother)**  
Don Redd

**Omar Rooks, Jr.**  
Mary Rooks

**Elva Rumler**  
Mrs. John Stufflebeam

**Lela Ruthaford**  
James & Lois Ann Day

**Michael J. Salamone**  
Thelma Sibley

**Myra Schafer**  
John & Rhonda Ellenberger

**Willodene Schrock**  
Byron & Vickie Brant

**Betty Scott**  
Richard & Rachel Presser

**Stephen C. Severance**  
Mr. & Mrs. David Frankenberg  
Placerita Baptist Church

**Noel Shier**  
Edward & Jan Shier

**Nancy Sibley**  
Thelma Sibley

**Darlene Smoldt**  
Smoldt Family Trust

**Martha Snider**  
James & Lois Day

**Son, Harold**  
Joan McMullen

**Theresa E. Starr**  
Kathy Myers

**Joy Tanis**  
Margaret Nimon

**Catherine Mae Taylor**  
Ann Kramp

**Hazel Trobley**  
Thelma Sibley

**John Trout**  
Kevin & Jean Trout

**Audrey Vance**  
Daniel Vance

**Frank Villano**  
Diane Schwartz

**Vera Weeks**  
John & Rhonda Ellenberger

**Scott Weyandt**  
Margaret Rose Seymour

**Ellen Whittaker**  
Allen & Jeanette Whittaker

**Dotty Winkelman**  
Margaret Nimon

**Dr. Stewart Wu**  
Wangling & Charlene Yu

**Donald Zelhart**  
Margaret Zelhart

# Vacation Bible School

## SWEET DREAMS KICK-OFF

We kicked off this year's VBS season with a simple but big goal – to provide all the necessities and comforts needed to help our children have a great night's sleep. Throughout this summer, members of the BCH team have had the opportunity to attend many VBS opening and closing ceremonies. Creating a connection to children in need was view-altering for many VBS attendees. As we shared about the lives of the children we care for, the VBS children were connected to them by learning that children across the world have many similarities to them but are living in difficult circumstances.

We showed the VBS groups that little ones like them like to sleep with their blankie and stuffed animal and ask for one more drink at bedtime. We showed them that children across the globe may not like homework but enjoy playing with their friends at recess! Their eyes always widened when they learned that children in Zambia need



Mattresses, blankets, pillows and more arrive for our children in GEM, Myanmar. For many of the new children, this will be their first bed in a long time.

flashlights to use the latrine out back! We are in awe over the many reports of children giving their spending money to help children have Sweet Dreams! Thank you to the VBS children and their parents!

Sincerely,

*Linda Brooks*

Linda Brooks, President



The children in the GEM home are overjoyed about their new bedtime supplies.

Our children are looking forward to a great school year. You can help provide for the extra expenses of returning to school.

