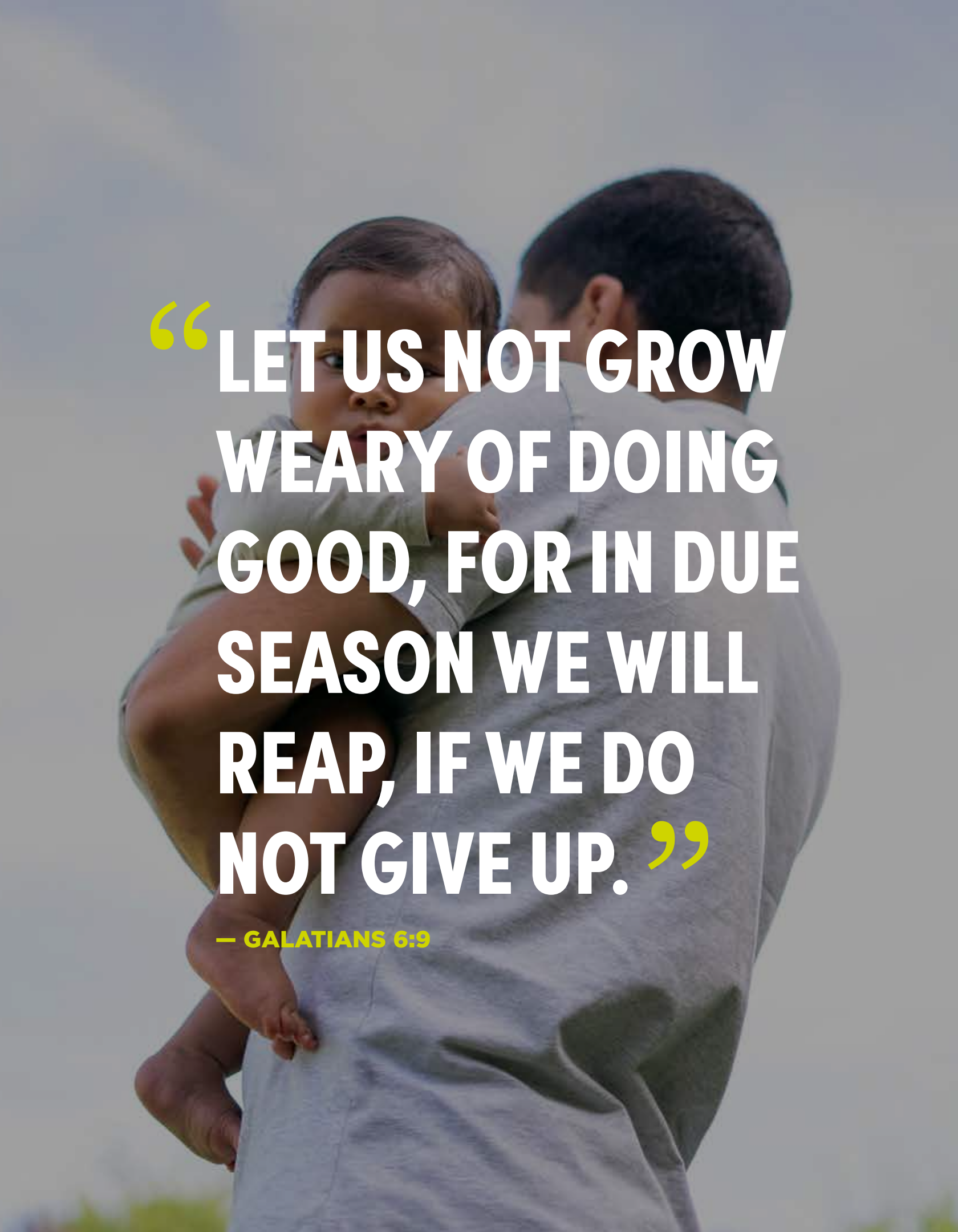




# 2025 IMPACT REPORT



PALMER HOME  
FOR CHILDREN

A photograph of a man with dark skin and short dark hair, seen from the back, carrying a young child on his back. The child is looking over their shoulder towards the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus outdoor scene with a pale sky. Overlaid on the image is a large, bold, white quote with yellow quotation marks at the beginning and end.

**“LET US NOT GROW  
WEARY OF DOING  
GOOD, FOR IN DUE  
SEASON WE WILL  
REAP, IF WE DO  
NOT GIVE UP.”**

**— GALATIANS 6:9**

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

## 130 YEARS.

That number is so large it is hard to fathom, and yet it's so close to our hearts.

Palmer Home has always been about people—about children, their families, caregivers, and the community that surrounds them.

As we mark 130 years of this mission, we celebrate the many lives changed and futures reimagined, all because someone chose to help. Again and again, we've seen that

**TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS THROUGH HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.**

It's not programs or resources alone that create change. It's the steady presence of a houseparent, a mentor, a caregiver who listens, or a teacher who refuses to give up. And it's you, the donor, who makes this possible.

From time to time, I hear someone say: "My grandfather grew up at Palmer Home...", "My aunt was cared for here...", "My brother and I grew up at Palmer Home..." Those stories stay with us. They remind us that our impact goes beyond the children we serve. It stretches outward, reaching families, communities, and future generations.

Our legacy, now 130 years old, extends all the way back to 1895. Blessed and protected by God, our mission continues today through the lives you help shape, and you will see that reflected in the stories here. I hope they remind you, as they remind me, that what we do today makes a difference tomorrow.

Thank you for being part of this mission.



**DRAKE BASSETT**  
PRESIDENT & CEO



# CARE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

For 130 years, Palmer Home for Children has provided safety, guidance, and love to children when they've needed it most. Over time, that care has shaped thousands of lives, and those lives continue to shape the world around us. Palmer Home alumni carry forward the lessons they learned here: faith that sustains them, gratitude that grounds them, and the courage to serve others.

Their stories remind us that Palmer Home's impact extends far beyond our campus. It lives on through generations who build families, strengthen communities, and offer hope to others in need.

## HEAR FROM ONE OF OUR ALUMNI

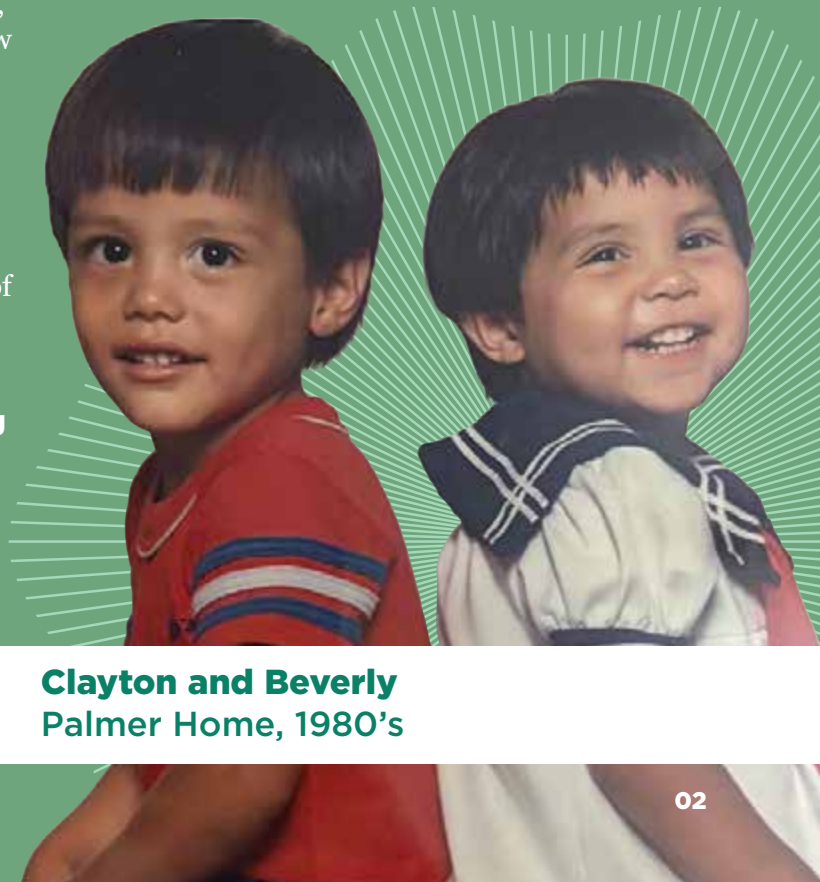
"From my earliest memories, Palmer Home was far more than a shelter; it was the foundation of our childhood. My brother Clayton was about two and a half years old, and I was around eighteen months when we arrived.

**Palmer Home gave us more than we could have imagined—a sense of belonging, stability, and faith.** We grew up surrounded by a large extended family of other children whose parents were also struggling. We ate meals together, went to church, attended Vacation Bible School, and spent our days outdoors, at summer camps, and playing sports. We grew up brave and responsible comeback kids who gave back to our community and other charities.

The values I learned at Palmer Home—gratitude, faith, and perseverance—have guided our entire lives. I know that Clayton and I, like many of our Palmer Home brothers and sisters, could have grown up in foster care, been separated from one another and from family, and not been given the opportunity to thrive. Instead, Palmer Home gave us the gift of a Christian home, loving houseparents, stability, education, hope, and prayer. It provided a place to heal from the scars of trauma and to grow into successful, independent adults, spouses, and parents.

**Thank you, Palmer Home for Children, for being everything we didn't know we needed during our childhood."**

**BEVERLY DULANEY MOOREHEAD**  
PALMER HOME ALUMNI



**Clayton and Beverly**  
Palmer Home, 1980's



# WHY WE EXIST— AND KEEP SHOWING UP

## **MORE THAN 343,000 CHILDREN ARE IN FOSTER CARE IN THE U.S.<sup>1</sup>**

In Mississippi, that number is around 4,000.<sup>2</sup> Many children experience repeated placements and long waits for stability.

*Our Campus Care program provides a stable home for children during seasons of uncertainty. Whether a child is on the path to reunification or foster care, we surround them with trusted adults and a safe environment where healing and growth can happen.*

## **OVER 23,000 YOUTH AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE EACH YEAR WITHOUT PERMANENT FAMILIES.<sup>3</sup>**

Youth who age out face substantially higher risks of homelessness, incarceration, and poverty.

*Our Transition Program partners with young adults as they grow into independence - emotionally, spiritually, and socially. Not all 18-year-olds are equipped to take on full adult responsibilities. So, we remain close and continue coaching life skills towards sustainable independence.*

## **EACH YEAR, ABOUT 2,000 INFANTS ARE BORN TO INCARCERATED WOMEN.<sup>4</sup>**

Within 24 hours of birth, many of these women must place their child with relatives or in the foster care system.

*Our Family Care Program connects caregiver families with both mother and child, preserving connection, promoting stability, and offering a new path forward.*

## **ADOPTIONS FROM FOSTER CARE HAVE DROPPED 24% SINCE 2019.<sup>5</sup>**

*In a system where too many children are left waiting, we remain a place of safety and continuity, helping each child move toward a safe and permanent home.*

At Palmer Home, we believe every child deserves to feel safe, loved, and supported—for as long as it takes. Whether we're walking with a child for a season or for years, our commitment is the same: meet their needs, build trust, and offer hope that lasts.

<sup>1</sup> The Administration for Children and Families

<sup>2</sup> Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services

<sup>3</sup> National Foster Youth Institute

<sup>4</sup> MacArthur Justice Center

<sup>5</sup> National Council for Adoption

# THE YEAR IN METRICS: WHAT CARE LOOKS LIKE IN NUMBERS

Real change happens when people come together with compassion and purpose. Behind every number you see here is a brave child working hard, a mother choosing hope, or a caregiver showing up with love and consistency. And all the while, mentors, teachers, volunteers, and donors are supporting them and helping make that progress possible.

**289**  
**TOTAL  
CHILDREN  
SERVED**

**2** YOUNG ADULTS IN THE MILITARY

**53** FAMILY CARE MOMS SERVED

**4** PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

**753** THERAPY HOURS

**7** BABIES BORN WITH INCARCERATED MOTHERS

**16** HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

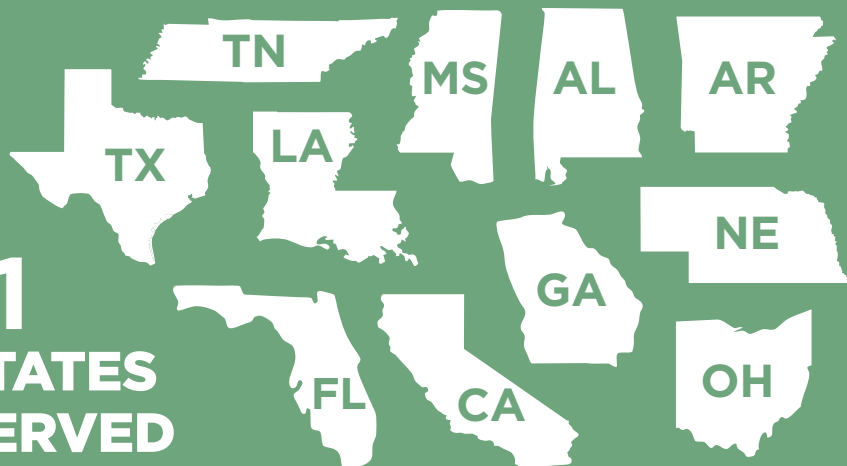
**5** COLLEGE STUDENTS

**4** FOSTER FAMILIES & MENTORS

**226** TUTORING HOURS



**11  
STATES  
SERVED**



# 130 YEARS OF HOPE IN ACTION

1939  
1945

WORLD  
WAR II

1914  
1918

WORLD  
WAR I

THE GREAT  
DEPRESSION

1929  
1939

1895

PALMER HOME  
ESTABLISHED

1866

POST CIVIL  
WAR ERA



## PALMER HOME'S STORY STRETCHES ACROSS 130 YEARS OF AMERICAN LIFE.

We began in the late 19th century, when William States Jacobs called upon his church to form a refuge for children with nowhere else to go. Through pandemics, economic upheavals, and social change, our mission weathered each season by adapting—adding cottages, shifting campuses, and building new ways to support education and daily life. Generations of staff, supporters, and friends shaped that evolution. Our scope has widened, but our mission remains the same. From year 1 to year 130, we show up for children.



**PALMER HOME CELEBRATES  
130TH ANNIVERSARY**

**2025**

**ORPHANAGE TRANSITIONED  
TO COTTAGE-STYLE HOUSING**

**1950**

**2022**

**PALMER HOME BUILDS  
DR. HUGH FRANCIS JR.  
WELLNESS CENTER**

**PALMER HOME BROADENS CARE:  
FOSTER CARE, FAMILY CARE,  
& TRANSITIONAL CARE**

**2019**

**1990**

**PALMER HOME ESTABLISHES  
HERNANDO CAMPUS**



**KAKI  
CREWS**

"It was over 55 years ago that we first connected with Palmer Home through our church, helping take the children to camp. One summer, a boy who was the same age as my daughter Kate, stayed with us and we fell in love with him.

Over time, my kids grew up and became involved with Palmer Home, and now their children are involved too.

**PALMER HOME HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BLESSING TO OUR FAMILY.**

We've always known that the children at Palmer Home were learning about God's love, and it's been a real joy to see them grow. Palmer Home has impacted our entire family."

# CAMPUS CARE: ACADEMIC SUPPORT THAT CHANGES OUTCOMES

At Palmer Home, children receive personalized academic support, emotional care, and opportunities to thrive academically and socially. Whether they attend Palmer School or a school system in the community, we show up for them—in the classroom, at parent-teacher nights, and throughout the school system—as advocates for their success.

## HELPING STUDENTS CATCH UP AND MOVE FORWARD

Many children arrive at Palmer Home having missed years of consistent education. Some can't read or write their names.

One eight-year-old child came to Palmer Home unable to read, write, or do basic math.

**Through our small class sizes and personalized instruction, that student caught up and discovered a gift for math. Today, he is thriving at grade level and eager to keep learning.**

His story is an example of what's possible when children receive the care and tools they need to grow and learn. Our holistic model of learning helps students recover lost academic ground and successfully transition to traditional school environments.



Learn more about Palmer Home  
Campus Care by visiting  
[palmerhome.org/campus-care](https://palmerhome.org/campus-care).



Learn more about Whole Child Initiative by visiting [wholechildinitiative.org](https://wholechildinitiative.org).

# EQUIPPING STUDENTS THROUGH WHOLE CHILD INITIATIVE

Many children arrive on campus behind in school, often because of disruptions outside of their control. That’s why Palmer Home uses **Whole Child Initiative** as the foundation for care.

It’s a trauma-informed framework designed to meet each child’s needs across five areas of development: emotional, physical, social, academic, and spiritual. This approach allows us to address the root causes of challenges like academic delays. It changes the question from, “**How can we get this child to perform?**” to “**What support does this child need to grow?**”

## ACADEMIC GROWTH WITH PERSONAL SUPPORT

Whole Child Initiative guides staff and caregivers to consider daily routines, sleep quality, relational safety, and even spiritual formation. A child struggling to concentrate may not need harder coursework. They may need consistency, encouragement, and time to rebuild trust in the learning process.

Palmer Home staff uses Whole Child Initiative to create individualized academic plans. Instead of a one-size-fits-all curriculum, each student receives targeted support. Progress isn’t just measured by test scores. It’s seen in increased confidence and engagement.

# LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: FIELD EXPERIENCES

Healing and growth often extend beyond academics. **Field experiences are an opportunity for children at Palmer Home to practice social skills, reinforce classroom learning, and have fun.**

Our students have explored places that many had never experienced before.



They visited the **Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery in Enid**, where they learned about Mississippi's aquatic resources and discovered the joy of fishing.



Kids traveled to Idaho for the **On River Time** trip, where days on the water and time with mentors offered a chance to reflect, recharge, and grow.



At **Miss Hippie Eats in Hernando**, they measured ingredients to bake chocolate chip cookies—an exercise in math that ended with one child asking to take their cookies back to the cottage, so they could share what they made with everybody.

Children have also attended the Memphis Ballet's *The Nutcracker* at The Orpheum, Theater Memphis' *A Christmas Carol*, and toured the Walls Fire Station to see firsthand how firefighters and EMTs serve others.

**Each experience is designed to support our children's development**, as well as expose them to new possibilities for their future when it comes to careers, post-secondary academics, and healthy recreational activities.





## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MENTOR?

- Must be at least 25 years old and a resident of their state for at least 12 months.
- Provides encouragement, practical support, and healthy modeling through consistent interactions and shared experiences.

To begin the mentorship application process, visit [palmerhome.org/mentor-application](https://palmerhome.org/mentor-application).

# FOSTER CARE: MENTORSHIP THAT CHANGES THE TRAJECTORY

Mentorship provides a chance for children at Palmer Home to build trust with adults who offer emotional support, guidance, and a steady presence in their lives.

**Palmer Home mentors can be individuals or families who partner with the full-time caregivers to support children facing challenges like family instability or trauma.** The relationship typically begins with short-term visits to get to know the child.

Over time, some mentors may choose to become licensed foster families if they're well-matched and the child's needs make it appropriate. Others remain trusted mentors, offering consistency and care in a child's life without becoming foster parents.

## FROM WEEKEND VISITS TO FAMILY: TRANSITIONING FROM MENTOR TO FOSTER CAREGIVER

Maya's journey with Palmer Home is one example of how mentorship can grow into something even more life-changing. She began spending weekends with a mentor family, gradually building trust and a sense of belonging. Lately, that family chose to foster her, offering the stability and everyday care she needed. While their time together in this new chapter is still new, the early signs are encouraging, showing how consistent support and the right opportunity can open the door to new possibilities for a child's future.



# PROVIDING SAFETY AND STABILITY THROUGH FOSTER CARE

Palmer Home's foster care program places children in carefully matched families where they can experience dependable relationships and steady routines. These placements are built through extensive planning and consistent support for the child and the foster family.

**Our program is rooted in the belief that every child is created with purpose and value.** We connect children to families who reflect that truth through consistent care.

Foster parents are trained and supported to be able to meet practical needs, but more importantly, the emotional and spiritual needs that help children feel safe and seen.

## HOW THE PALMER HOME FOSTER CARE PROGRAM WORKS

Families start by completing the SAFE (Structured Analysis Family Evaluation) Home Study, a nationally recognized assessment tool. The assessment includes interviews, background checks, and a comprehensive review of the potential home environment to ensure every placement meets safety and readiness standards. Once approved, many families begin as mentors and then transition to full-time foster parents.

Foster families partner with our case managers to not only meet the child's educational and developmental needs but also monitor their progress and emotional well-being. **Ongoing training and check-ins provide families with support throughout the process.**

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER CARE FAMILY?

Palmer Home is actively recruiting families in Mississippi and Tennessee.

To learn more or begin the foster home application process, visit [palmerhome.org/foster-care](https://palmerhome.org/foster-care).



To learn more about how we can work together, email [development@palmerhome.org](mailto:development@palmerhome.org).

# STRENGTHENING CHILDREN THROUGH CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

Palmer Home was born out of the church's heart for mission—and that legacy continues today. When congregations pray, serve, and share, children experience steady care and a circle of belonging. Church partners help nurture kids on campus, support teens in transitional care, encourage foster and mentor families, and surround caregivers with practical love. Together, we turn compassion into consistent presence.

## YOUR CHURCH CAN PARTNER WITH PALMER HOME

Some churches host interest meetings or training sessions for potential foster families. Others build support teams around active foster homes to provide meals, childcare, or encouragement. Many choose to sponsor events or collect offering donations. Consistent prayer for the children and the families supporting them is also important.

**“PALMER HOME EXISTS BECAUSE OF THE CHURCH.  
EVERY PRAYER, ACT OF SERVICE, AND GIFT OF LOVE  
FROM CONGREGATIONS MAKES THIS MISSION POSSIBLE.”**

**WHIT LEWIS**

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS



# TRANSITIONAL CARE: GUIDING YOUNG ADULTS TO INDEPENDENCE

Palmer Home's Transitional Care program supports young people 18–24 years old who are transitioning from campus or foster care to independent living.

## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS: PROVIDING TOOLS FOR THE TRANSITION

*Palmer Home offers support in these areas:*

- Housing support and help with educational or job-related costs
- Training in household management and time prioritization
- Case managers and mentors help navigate career decisions and personal challenges

## WHY TRANSITIONAL CARE IS IMPORTANT

Young people who are aging out of foster care are at an increased risk of facing challenges such as homelessness, unemployment, and emotional distress. Our program offers structure and resources to help reduce those risks.

## WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE TRANSITION

You can help young adults take their next steps with confidence. Financial gifts strengthen the support they receive as they pursue independence through housing, education, and career opportunities. Volunteers can share practical skills by leading workshops on budgeting, job prep, or meal planning. Local employers can open doors by offering internships, job shadowing, or work opportunities.



To learn more about the program, visit  
[palmerhome.org/transitional-care](https://palmerhome.org/transitional-care).



# PREPARED FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

## HAYDEN

When Hayden came to Palmer Home as a teenager, life had already asked a lot of him. He was used to carrying more than his share of responsibility and had learned to get by with limited support. He also faced hearing difficulties that made it hard to hear the people around him. Palmer Home offered stability, care, and access to the medical support he needed to better manage his hearing.

He found a place with us where he could finally slow down, feel safe, and focus on his own future.

With love and structure, Hayden began to grow into confidence. He graduated high school, explored new interests, and set new goals that once felt out of reach, including a career that would let him give back to others. Through it all, the consistency of Palmer Home helped him build stronger relationships and see what stability could really look like.

**“I’VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT MYSELF  
HERE. PALMER HOME HAS HELPED ME  
SEE WHAT I’M CAPABLE OF AND WHAT  
KIND OF FUTURE I WANT.”**

Now a young adult, Hayden has become someone others can rely on. He helps where it’s needed, brings calm to his surroundings, and takes pride in creating a sense of home wherever he is.

For Hayden, independence doesn’t mean going it alone. It means carrying forward the lessons, relationships, and belief in himself that will always connect him to Palmer Home.

# FAMILY CARE: RESTORING FAMILIES THROUGH COMPASSION

Palmer Home's Family Care program offers a structured, faith-led alternative for infants born to mothers facing incarceration or enrolled in residential recovery programs.

The program has been operating in Nashville since 2007. **Palmer Home connects each child with a certified volunteer caregiver who provides care while keeping the parent-child relationship intact through regular visits, photos, and open communication.**

Unlike state custody arrangements, these placements are voluntary. The mother retains custody and agrees to partner with us to maintain a connection with her child while completing her sentence or treatment.

**Many placements originate through word of mouth among incarcerated or recovering mothers who've seen the impact firsthand and choose to request support.**

The program also supports mothers through parenting classes, counseling, spiritual care, and community referrals. Over time, it has expanded to partner with recovery programs, drug courts, and transitional programs across Middle Tennessee.

## WHY FAMILY CARE WORKS

- Reduces trauma for children by avoiding state custody
- Helps mothers stay emotionally connected during treatment or incarceration
- Encourages long-term family stability and spiritual restoration

Whether you choose to become a partner family, donate, or invite Palmer Home to speak at your church, you can play a role in supporting this unique model of care.



To learn more or take the first steps, visit [palmerhome.org/family-care](https://palmerhome.org/family-care).



# HELPING A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER REUNITE

## JOEL, TRACY, AND ROBYN'S STORY

While Robyn was serving time in prison, she discovered she was expecting her daughter, Aalayah. Robyn faced a difficult choice: Who would care for her baby while she worked toward a second chance?

Through Palmer Home's Family Care program in Nashville, Robyn was introduced to Joel and Tracy, a volunteer family who had prepared for years to serve mothers and children in vulnerable situations.

**"THIS PROGRAM IS THE GOSPEL IN ACTION," JOEL SAID. "NOT JUST CARING FOR THE BABY, BUT FOR THE MOM AS WELL."**

## A PERFECTLY TIMED MATCH

In August 2021, just five days before Aalayah's birth, Robyn was matched with Joel and Tracy who became Aalayah's caregivers while Robyn remained connected through visits, photos, and eventually weekend stays through a prison visitation program.

**"THEY MADE ME FEEL LIKE I HAD SOMEBODY THERE," ROBYN SAID. "THE SUPPORT OPENED DOORS I NEVER THOUGHT WOULD OPEN."**

## THE ROAD TO REUNIFICATION

That support continued after Robyn's release in 2022. Joel and Tracy made sure Aalayah spent consistent time with her mother, meeting regularly as Robyn was rebuilding her life. In February 2025, Robyn and Aalayah moved in with Joel and Tracy when challenges with work and childcare became difficult for Robyn on her own.

**Living with Joel and Tracy has given Robyn space to grow into motherhood with confidence.** She remembers early on being nervous about routines like bedtime. With Tracy's encouragement, "You're her mom. You can sing her anything," Robyn has stepped fully into her role. She has continued to make progress toward independence, while Aalayah is surrounded by love from her mother and the caregivers who stood by them.

You can play a role in stories like Robyn's. Become a partner family, support our Nashville program through giving, or invite us to speak at your church.

Learn more at [palmerhome.org/family-care](https://palmerhome.org/family-care) or call 1-855-672-5637.



## WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR A COMMUNITY THAT SHOWS UP.

Thanks to this year's Discovery Camp guests and businesses who came together to inspire and invest in Palmer Home's children!

- Barnhart Crain & Rigging
- Base Camp Coding
- Buon Cibo Restaurant
- Cindy Tidwell
- City of Hernando Mayor Chip Johnson
- David Nugent, former NFL player
- Desoto County Sheriff Department
- Desoto Family Dental
- FedEx
- First Commercial Bank
- Fresh Garden Market & Smokehouse
- Front Porch Culinary
- Hatchie Tree Service: David Bryan
- Hernando Fire Department
- Hernando Methodist Church
- Horn Lake Fire Department

**"PALMER HOME'S DISCOVERY CAMP HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BUILD LEADERSHIP, CURIOSITY, AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS. THE CAMP EXPERIENCE BUILDS CONFIDENCE AND OPENS PATHWAYS TO COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION—A TRUE GAME CHANGER FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FUTURES."**

**ANDRE CRAFTFORD, ED.D.**  
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING

# DISCOVERY CAMP: PREPARING KIDS FOR WHAT'S NEXT

We believe every child deserves the tools and confidence to imagine a full future. Discovery Camp is a weeklong college and career readiness program designed to help our youth do just that.

Each summer, middle and high school students spend four days immersed in practical, hands-on experiences that expose them to career paths, life skills, and personal development tools they've likely never encountered before. The week is intentionally designed to be informative and fun.

## WHAT THE WEEK LOOKS LIKE

**Team Building and Life Skills:** From escape rooms and ropes courses to practical classes like how to clean and maintain a home, the week kicks off with activities that build trust, accountability, and independence.

**Business and Industry Field Trips:** Students visit local businesses such as car dealerships, credit unions, or culinary schools, where they see real jobs in action and meet professionals across multiple industries.

**Career and College Fair:** Students choose their fields of interest and rotate through small group sessions with professionals like architects, barbers, police officers, social workers, and chefs. These sessions help students understand career paths and improve their interpersonal communication. Colleges also visit campus to share information about admissions and programs.

**Vision Planning and Celebration:** The week ends with presentations, vision boards, and guest speakers who share stories of perseverance and purpose. Our guests have included entrepreneurs, law enforcement leaders, and former foster youth who now lead in their fields.

# WHY DISCOVERY CAMP MATTERS

Many of the children at Palmer Home have never visited a college campus, spoken to a professional in a field they admire, or even considered life beyond age 18. Discovery Camp bridges that gap with exposure, encouragement, and practical next steps.

Students leave the week inspired, more self-aware, and with a stronger sense of direction. Some even begin preparing for ACTs or exploring trade schools for the first time.



- IMC Logistics
- Jimmy Gray Chevrolet
- Longview Point Church
- Loretta McNary, TV Personality
- Michael Hatcher & Associates
- MS Secretary of State Michael Watson
- Mueller Industries
- No Ordinary Liz: Liz Sutherland
- Northwest Mississippi Community College
- Nurse Ruth Ashcraft
- Orion Federal Credit Union
- Phillip Ashley Chocolates
- Principle Toyota
- Re/MAX: Clint Bolton
- Scotty's Smokehouse
- Sheriff Thomas Tuggle
- Simmons Bank
- Susan Stout
- TailorBuilt: Joel House
- Teen Pact Leadership Schools
- University of Memphis Kemmons Wilson Culinary Institute
- US Army
- Walls Fire Department
- Watts Studio: Jeff Flea-Watts & Natasha Watts
- Wildflower Salon

**DISCOVERY CAMP IS  
WHERE POTENTIAL  
STARTS TO TAKE  
SHAPE.**



# EVENTS THAT MOVE OUR MISSION FORWARD

Because of you, every ticket purchased, every table hosted, and every bid placed contributes to lasting impact. Across six events, your generosity totaled more than \$1.24 million—momentum that ensures children and families continue to thrive through the love and support of Palmer Home.

## TOTAL RAISED ACROSS ALL EVENTS: \$1,242,566



### RADIOTHON

Listeners across the region tuned in, called in, and gave generously, turning broadcast moments into support that lasts all year.

**RAISED: \$333,000**



### SHOTGUNS & SUNFLOWERS

An evening of community and generosity, with Memphis supporters rallying to strengthen care for children and families.

**RAISED: \$278,000**



### TAILGATE FOR PALMER — UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Game-day spirit met purpose as Ole Miss friends gathered to celebrate and give toward safe and steady support.

**RAISED: \$195,000**



## WHAT YOUR EVENT SUPPORT FUELS:

safe places to live • supported caregivers • transitional care and mentoring • academic help, counseling, and the things kids need every day



## SHOOT FOR HOPE

A day in the field turned into tangible help for children and caregivers.

**RAISED: \$67,000**



## MUDBUG BASH

Good food, good company, great impact. A beloved Hernando, MS tradition that keeps funding daily care.

**RAISED: \$145,000**



## TAILGATE FOR PALMER — MISSISSIPPI STATE

Bulldog country showed up big—bringing energy and essential resources for the mission.

**RAISED: \$77,000**



# THE YEAR THROUGH OUR EYES

This year, we watched courage, kindness, and community show up in a hundred small moments. From classrooms and celebrations to game days and holiday halls, our team saw children grow, and community members rally around them.

Here are a few snapshots that reminded us why this work matters.



New backpacks, fresh notebooks, and big smiles at the Back-to-School Bash. Kids chose their own supplies and stepped into the year with confidence and excitement!



Some of our kids painted one-of-a-kind cowbells for the MSU Tailgate for Palmer. Sweet creations that rang with a purpose.



In December, volunteers helped prepare gifts in the Wellness Center gym, giving us and the kids the best Christmas memories!



We're so grateful to the Alpha Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, who delivered a carload of diapers to give our little ones care and comfort!



We celebrated academic perseverance and progress at our awards banquet at the end of the school year. We honored students' hard work, including our Presidential Award recipient!

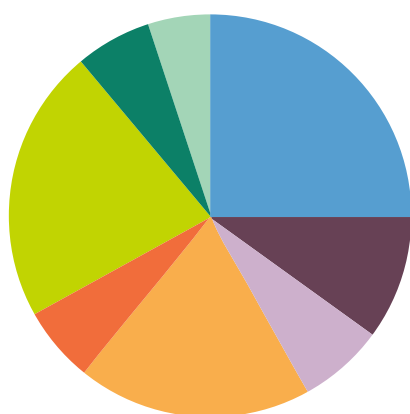
**"GOD PLACED THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN MY LIFE AT THE RIGHT TIME. THIS AWARD IS PROOF THAT HIS PLAN IS ALWAYS BIGGER THAN MINE."**

**LILI**  
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECIPIENT

# THE GENEROSITY THAT MAKES IT ALL POSSIBLE

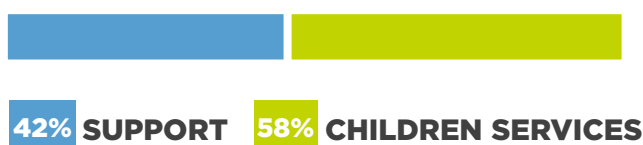
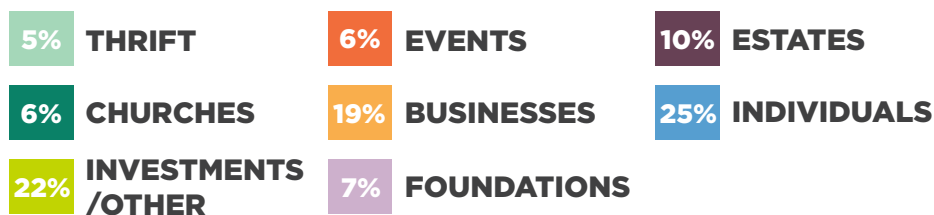
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Through the generosity of supporters, Palmer Home continues to grow in impact, working so that no child's story ends in hardship.



## CONTRIBUTIONS & INVESTMENTS

The single largest source of support comes from individual donors, representing 25% of total contributions.



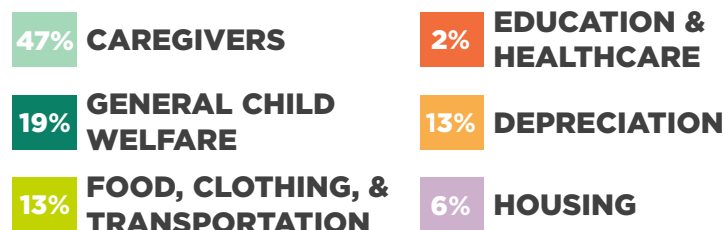
## EXPENSES

Most of every dollar goes directly to children's services, keeping children and families at the center of all we do.



## CARE PROGRAM EXPENSES

From safe homes, family support, and guidance into sustainable independence, every program helps children find safety, love, and stability.



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# HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Palmer Home's mission to serve children depends on the generosity and heart of people like you. Here are some meaningful ways to get involved:

## BECOME A MENTOR

Offer consistency, encouragement, and a glimpse into healthy family life for a child on their healing journey.

## FOSTER A CHILD

Provide a safe, stable home with Palmer Home's guidance and support. Your care helps children feel seen, valued, and loved.

## GIVE FINANCIALLY

For 130 years, Palmer Home has remained independently funded thanks to the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations, civic groups, and churches.



## SCAN TO DONATE!

Your help is their hope.

## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

Not everyone can foster or mentor, but everyone can do something. Volunteers share skills from music and art to health and wellness—making an immeasurable impact.

**Ruth**, a nurse, has led health and wellness classes for house parents.



"I enjoy interacting with the House Parents. They truly want to do their best. I've taught classes on different health topics, and it's been a positive experience for all of us. I'd encourage others to find ways to support and appreciate the House Parents."

- **RUTH ASHCRAFT MUNDAY**

**Theo**, a member of Hernando Methodist Church, volunteers in music at Palmer School.



"I look forward to my time with the kids because it's rewarding to share the gift of music. I know each child will one day share what God has done in their life, and I'm helping them prepare to share God through their own musical gifts."

- **THEO REIDE**

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