



2017 Annual Report

From The Board:

In 2017, we found the perfect foster parents for our home, opened our doors, and began serving our community. In the six months of operations, we have served 12 different youth, including one sibling group. The length of stay has ranged from 1 day to 216 days, with the average being 72 days. For those young people housed for at least one month, the length of stay, for the six months of service in 2017, was 100 days. Four of those young ladies continue to reside in our home.

We wish to thank all of our donors and supporters. Without your efforts, our success would not be possible.

We thank you for your generosity!

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FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS:

Sweetheart Dinner:

Men in Mission, Grace Lutheran Church

Do Tell Story Festival :

Ronnie Pepper
Lina Adas
Ray Christian
Annie Demps
Tamika Smith

Fall Celebration and Halloween Party at
Southern Appalachian Brewery,
With dinner provided by Hubba Hubba Barbeque and
Music provided by Scott Kendrick

AutoBell Car Wash

DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

Lawrence and Florence Vanderberg moved to North Carolina from Michigan in 1973. They subsequently established the family foundation. For the last ten years, the foundation has supported 8 to 10 charities annually. Their surviving daughter, Joanne Shafer who serves on the administrative board, had a career in education, including work at an alternative high school. There she worked with teenagers, specifically with girls who were young mothers, teaching child development and responsible parenting. We thank her and her fellow board members for their generous and continued support of Homes For Youth.

“I ask, You to open your heart and keep these teenage girls safe by opening up homes and shelters.”

*Jasmine Paradise-Harper,
young woman once homeless*

“It’s pretty awesome to hear kids say, ‘This is the best Christmas ever!’”
Keith Lee, Foster Father

“This family really looks different, but you guys care don’t you?”
Foster Child

Foster Parent Training Classes have helped increase the number of foster families in our county substantially! Foster parents are always in need, as licensed families adopt their foster children or move to new communities. We encourage you to consider foster parenting and to support this important program.

And we wish to thank the congregations of the following churches for their efforts in supporting training for foster parents:

Trinity Presbyterian Church - 2015

Grace Lutheran Church - 2016

First Congregational Church - 2017

First United Methodist Church - 2017

First Baptist Church, East Flat Rock - 2018.