Reaching Generations


Arms of Hope

Arms of Hope.org
Letter from the President and CEO

“There’s a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.” I’ve read these wise words from Ecclesiastes hundreds of times in my life, much thanks to my mother, who was also my 1st grade Sunday School teacher. I don’t think these words ever had more meaning than when I recently received the sad news that one of our single mothers had miscarried. Through tears and prayers, my mind began to swirl with what exactly it means to minister to the residents at Arms of Hope. Almost always, it’s the excitement when we witness the birth of a beautiful new baby or when a resident graduates after coming to us with little or no hope of an educational future. Other times, it’s when a counselor breaks through years of abuse and neglect, but the ultimate excitement comes when we celebrate with the angels because we are blessed to witness a new follower of Jesus. However, what I realized, after God pierced my heart, is that some of the most amazing ministry at AOH occurs during the weeping and mourning. I rejoice that this precious mother was at Arms of Hope so that her caseworker and counselor could be there with her during this tragedy. I rejoice that children, who are weeping and mourning because of abusive family relationships, school struggles and years of poverty, can now be swallowed up with unconditional love and have a fresh start. Isn’t it amazing that even (and perhaps especially) during the darkness, God’s love and light can shine right through? I’m so grateful that God uses Arms of Hope as an instrument of that light. As always, it’s my honor to present to you in this magazine the Arms of Hope Annual Report. It’s such a joy to report our numbers served, educational achievements, counseling hours, volunteers that have generously given their time and talents and to exuberantly report the addition of our new brothers and sisters in Christ. Please join me in thanking God for these wonderful blessings! On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and residents, I want to personally thank you for your prayers and financial commitment to transform the lives of those in desperate need of God’s love. Thank you for allowing us to celebrate with our precious children and single mothers in times along their journey when there is laughing and dancing, but even more so, thank you for allowing us to walk alongside them in times of weeping and mourning. It’s truly our calling to do so.

Sincerely,

Troy Robertson
President & CEO

Arms of Hope is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Christian organization that was formed by the consolidation of Medina Children’s Home (est. 1958) and Boles Children’s Home (est. 1924). In addition to Arms of Hope’s residential facilities, Family Outreach Centers in San Antonio, Dallas, Denton and Houston assist individuals and families in need throughout Texas. Arms of Hope offers residential and outreach programs for children and single-mother families who are fleeing poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect and human trafficking.
How can you help?

**General Donations** - All general donations support the programs of care provided by Arms of Hope and can be one-time gifts or can be scheduled to automatically recur monthly, quarterly or annually.

**Honors & Memorials** - Donations can be contributed as a memorial or to honor a friend or relative. The donor and the recipient or family will receive an acknowledgement.

**Gift-In-Kind Donations** - Your gifts of gently used clothing and household items are either used in our programs or sold, dependent on current needs. Proceeds from the sale of donated items help fund Arms of Hope programs. To schedule a pick-up or identify drop-off locations, please visit RecycleForChildren.org.

**Stock/Equity Gifts** - Make a gift of stocks or equities and learn how you can gain even greater tax advantages with these gifts.

**Matching Gifts** - Ask your employer to determine if matching funds are available where you work. This is a great way to make your gift go even farther with no additional personal cost.

**Planned Giving** - Discover new ways to make a gift that also takes into consideration your personal circumstances and the needs of your heirs including Wills, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts, etc. Explore the value of charitable gifts that require a little thought, but pay off in big benefits to you, your family and Arms of Hope.

**Scholarships** - Many of the children and single-mother families we care for have the desire, ability and need to further their education. You can help Arms of Hope make certain no one in Arms of Hope’s care is ever deprived of quality education by providing funding for scholarships for our residents.

**Sponsor a Child or Family in Our Care** - Whether it is Christmas gifts, a birthday surprise or simply taking care of essential needs like clothing, food, school supplies and household items, the children and families in our care benefit immensely when you show you care by financially supporting the procurement of items essential to their care. Sponsorship programs are available for all giving levels.

**Livestock Donations** - Livestock may be processed for food or converted to cash.

**Vehicle Gifts** - Donate a running vehicle that is in good condition. We can use everything from cars and minivans for the transportation of the children and families in our care to trucks and trailers for use in the maintenance and upkeep of our facilities and operations.

**Wish List** - Check out our wish list at ArmsOfHope.org for gift ideas based on our current needs including food, personal care items, household furnishings and other essential items necessary for providing for the children and families we serve.
We celebrated the grand opening of the Chenault Learning Center and LeFan Playground last summer on the Boles Campus. This beautiful facility is a state-licensed daycare that doubled the capacity of children being served by the Arms of Hope-Together Program. The program helps motivated single mothers and their children transition into successful, independent futures by providing case management, counseling, accountability, parenting skills, career training and a home in a safe and peaceful environment. These mothers are fleeing trafficking, homelessness, domestic violence, abuse or have lost support when a death, incarceration or divorce has occurred.

The Chenault Learning Center and LeFan Playground offer a safe, loving, joyful and Christian environment for children, while their mothers strive to obtain their degrees or vocational school certification. These mothers look to provide a brighter and better future for their children and their degrees and certifications are invaluable. The facility is over 6,400 square feet and contains multiple age appropriate classrooms, a reading room, computer lab, library, dining room and an arts and crafts area. The LeFan Playground has multiple elements and areas to allow our children the joy of playing outside. All inside and outside spaces were strategically planned to maximize our children’s opportunity to grow physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Arms of Hope wholeheartedly thanks the following individuals and foundations for their generous donations to build the Chenault Center: Jack and Marie Currey, Richard and Pat Lawson, Randy and Barbara Nicholson and the Ed Rachal Foundation. The LeFan Playground was graciously donated by members of the LeFan family in loving memory of C.B. and Virginia LeFan, who raised their family on the Boles Campus, while they were cooks for more than 300 orphans daily during the 1930s-1940s.
“Arms of Hope has been my home for the last seven years. I didn’t grow up in the best environment and living here has really changed my life. One way Arms of Hope has blessed me is by providing me with a counselor. My counselor is someone who I never thought I would open up to, but I have and she has given me so much advice and strength. Arms of Hope has also given me the opportunity to get a good education and I will now be attending Texas A&M Corpus Christi this fall. Finally, and most importantly, I have found Jesus Christ because of Arms of Hope. Without being able to feel the love of Jesus, I would not be where I am today. Arms of Hope has truly changed my life.” - Jessica

“I’m undecided about my immediate future, but I plan to join the Job Corps to learn a trade or study to become an electrician journeyman with a construction company. I would like to someday be a missionary. My best memories on the Boles Campus have been the relationships that I formed, which helped me learn to love myself and others. Most importantly, I have learned that I am loved by God and others.” - Scott

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Congratulations to Kamille in the College and Career Program for graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree from Schreiner University. Kamille began her journey with Arms of Hope when she was a child in the Residential Child Care Program. Kamille stated, “I owe a large part of my success to my Arms of Hope family. I am blessed to have such an incredible support system that continuously showers me with unconditional love.”

Megan graduated from high school. Megan, a mother in our Together Program, graduated from high school.
“I am ecstatic to have my Associate Degree in Applied Science in Computer Information Systems, because with it I am paving the way for my daughter and me to have a better future. I will be attending UTSA in the fall to continue working towards my bachelor’s degree in Cyber Security. I couldn’t have done it without Arms of Hope’s support. Anne Lamott once said, ‘I do not at all understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are, but does not leave us where it found us.’ The grace I have received here has allowed me to move forward from where I was found. Thank you!” - Laura

“When I first arrived at Arms of Hope, I was unsure if it was the right place for me, but it didn’t take long for me to learn that the staff really cared about me and wanted to see me succeed in life. I learned that there was so much more to life than what I had thought. I found safety and support that only a family could provide. Most importantly, I found Jesus and was baptized in 2015. Arms of Hope has been and continues to be the family I need to succeed in life.” - Sarah (Medina High School graduate currently in the College and Career Program)

“I will be attending Schreiner University while living on the Medina Campus in the College and Career Program. I plan to study either criminology or political science. In my many years at Arms of Hope-Boles Campus, all I’ve ever known is the love and support from all the staff, especially in my greatest times of need.” - RJ

“I plan on attending Oklahoma Christian University and major in social work. Then, I would like to come back to Boles Campus to be a social worker. My time at Boles meant getting over my hardest habits and hang-ups, some of which I never thought I would surpass, with such unconditional love and support.” - Dana

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Great Job, Graduates!

Elizabeth graduated from Boles High School and now attends The King’s College in New York. “I received a family at Arms of Hope who was not blood or my legal family, but who took me in and let me thrive as their own. I received a chance for success and grew physically, emotionally and mentally. I needed to grow in these areas in order to be a well-rounded individual. None of those things would have meant anything had it not been accompanied by the greatest gift of all. That gift was the relationship I began to nurture with Christ. Arms of Hope showed me that Christ was ‘the way’ and ‘the answer’ to all that I was seeking. I leave with a hope and prayer that all those who will come to Arms of Hope in the future, will continue to be as blessed as I have been.”

- Elizabeth

“I plan to enter the Medina Campus College & Career Program and I will attend Schreiner University. My time at Arms of Hope-Boles Campus has been a new start for me to do better in life, and I will always remember my time here and the love and support I received.”

- Liz

“Alyssa and her siblings have lived on the Arms of Hope-Medina Campus for four years. Alyssa has been an active member of One Act Play and she has enjoyed going to Christian summer camp and on mission trips with the Kerrville Church of Christ. Alyssa is looking forward to attending Cosmetology School.

“My sister and I came to Arms of Hope in June of 2014. When I first arrived, I didn’t know what to expect. I have had a rough past. My mom did drugs and my dad went to prison when I was five years old, so I didn’t really have a father figure until I met my house dad, Don Boyle (pictured with Jacob). Arms of Hope was here when I needed them the most. I’ve made a lot of long term friends in my stay. Arms of Hope taught me humility in leadership, self-confidence and to respect others who care for me.”

- Jacob

Educational Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2016

5 High School Graduates
11 GEDs & Educational Certificates
6 Associates Degrees
1 Bachelor Degree
639 completed college hours
Lauren resides in San Antonio with her husband Eric and their three teenage children, Jack, Kate and Andrew. She graduated from Texas A&M University in 1990, with a BS in Education and spent the next 7 years teaching in various public and private schools around Texas before staying home with the birth of their first child in 1998. Settling in as a homemaker, Lauren became involved in local organizations and charities, including serving as a board member for both Family Services Association and Respite Care of San Antonio. She has also chaired and served on numerous committees and participated in many volunteer efforts within the Alamo Heights School District, Saint Mary’s Hall School, Boy Scouts of America, and the Witte Museum. Lauren had the unique opportunity to move with Eric and the kids to London, England for an expat assignment with Valero Energy from 2012-2015, where the family was blessed with many fabulous experiences, including traveling and volunteering with various service oriented projects around the world. She enjoys entertaining family and friends, traveling and spending as much time as possible outdoors.

Dale spent 23 years at Texas Instruments, where he was responsible for the start-up and operation of manufacturing facilities in Dallas, as well as in several foreign countries. He received his BS, MS, and PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. Dale and his wife, Amy, have been married 52 years and live about 60 miles southeast of Dallas on Cedar Creek Lake. He is an elder at the Malakoff Church of Christ and they have 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren. Dale and Amy have a passion for helping single mothers and their children. They decided in 2006 to become actively involved in the Together Programs on the Medina and Boles Campuses, where they have financially supported the building of multiple new residences. As they minister to the moms and watch their progress through this program, the results are truly amazing in how their lives have been changed and transformed. Dale is excited to be able to work with and contribute to the Board of Directors of Arms of Hope and looks forward to helping expand the number of lives served on both campuses.

Beth graduated from Texas Tech School of Law, summa cum laude, in 2004. She received her BA in Political Science, magna cum laude, from Saint Cloud State University. Following graduation from law school, Beth joined Winstead P.C., where she focused on general commercial litigation and served on the firm’s Recruiting Committee. Beth’s love for recruiting at Winstead led to her joining Prescott Legal Search in 2006. She later joined the team at Newhouse + Noblin as Vice President of Business Development. Beth leads her firm’s marketing efforts. In addition, she handles searches for corporate and law firm clients and advises many corporations on hiring data and structuring their legal departments. Beth is an active member of the Houston legal and business communities and has co-chaired the Houston Young Lawyers Associate Leadership Academy. She is a member of the Women’s Energy Network and has served on the membership committee. She is married to Raymond and is blessed with two children, Lily and Graham. Beth is honored to be on a Board that has a heart for those in desperate need.
Kayla is 15 years old and has been in the Residential Child Care Program for one year. As one of five siblings, she recalls a strict upbringing with her single mother. She often disobeyed her mom’s rules and it was a struggle for them to make ends meet for anything more than the basic necessities. It was still a happy family, but all of that changed when Kayla was 11 years old. Kayla went through an abusive situation with a friend of the family, which led to the separation of her family. Kayla remembers just being angry all the time. Her anger led to defiance and defiance led to behavior issues with her mom. As things got worse and her anger grew, Kayla came to Arms of Hope-Medina Campus. During her young life, Kayla has been through more than anyone should have to endure.

Meeting her now, no one would guess that she has been through as much as she has. Sally, her case manager at Arms of Hope, describes Kayla, “She is one of the most positive, kind-hearted, loving, cheerful and smart girls you will ever meet. She has truly blessed this campus and blessed the staff and residents at Medina. She has progressed in her behavior and has been exceedingly wonderful in being a friend to others who need help as well.”

When asked about what Arms of Hope means to her, Kayla states, “Arms of Hope has completely changed my perspective on life. I was always made to believe that life is scary, but I’m finding out it’s not, especially if you approach things in a positive and open way. Everything happens for a reason. If I hadn’t been through some bad things, then I wouldn’t be where I am now. It’s all worth it in the end.”

Kayla excels in multiple sports at Medina. She was able to show a pig at the stock show for the first time. She is a great role model for those on campus and is so thankful to donors who make Arms of Hope a possibility for children like her.
“I am the youngest of three children. I was born in Puerto Rico and am a child of divorce and the product of a failed attempt to reignite my parent’s marriage. That said, I never met my biological father and the one time I spoke to him he disowned me as his child over the phone. It definitely was not the best thing to hear as a four-year-old seeking relationships.

The following years were only worse for me. From the age of four until I was ten, I experienced physical abuse, was molested by a family member and experienced sleepless nights on the streets. After a few years of traumatic living, CPS placed me into the foster care system at the age of ten. Then, I came to Arms of Hope-Boles Campus. It was not what I expected, but it certainly was where I was supposed to be.

I lived at Boles for eight years, but at the age of eleven I was faced with a choice to choose family or self. My brothers were being removed from Boles because they were high risk and I was given the option to leave with them or stay behind. I chose to stay.

Fifteen was a catalyst year for me. I met my future parents, Don and Shellee Boyle, who were my house parents at Boles. This completely changed the game of my life. I was playing defense for the majority of my life, but if I wanted to survive what they were going to bring to the table, I had to switch to offense. The only thing I didn’t count on is they were prepared to break through my non-existent defense and show me unconditional love. They introduced me to Jesus and helped me begin the change that would change a broken boy into a man of God.

This place changed my life and for that I will be eternally grateful. Arms of Hope continued to help me after I graduated from high school and they were quick to invest in my future. My case-worker from Boles and my parents, Don and Shellee, continued their support and solidified my hopes of a family. They encouraged me to seek Christ and that is what I did. Of course, that was not as easy as I hoped. After I hit rock bottom and contemplated suicide in my first year of college, God allowed me to meet my future wife. Amazingly, she wanted to be my friend, even considering the person she had heard I was. Through the friendship with my new wife, I began to see God’s love for me. Through this love, I finally saw what Don and Shellee had been trying to instill in my life - Christ loves me!

The employees of Arms of Hope wanted me to succeed and stood behind me all the way through graduating with my bachelor’s degree. In my senior year of college, I made lifelong commitments to my two best friends, Jesus and Brittany. I was baptized and then shortly after, I married the woman God had created just for me! In February of 2016, my beautiful son Isaiah was born. Currently, I am a graduate student at The King’s University where Arms of Hope has provided a scholarship for me to work towards a Master of Divinity. I am in my second year and hold a 3.44 GPA. My heart draws me to helping people who struggle with brokenness and wounds that may be hard to heal. My hope is that through my story, people will see that God really is there to help them overcome past hurts.”
"All that any pregnant woman wants is a supporting husband and stability. By the time I was 5 months pregnant with my first child, I had none of that. My child’s father left due to lack of responsibility and interest in the situation. My family was in a bind financially and could not assist much at all and I was living in an apartment that I could no longer afford. That was the beginning of my nightmare. I cried for days. I would not get out of bed and I did not eat for two weeks straight. I was so hurt, lost, angry and worst of all, I was alone. I had always been so independent before becoming pregnant. I now had no idea where to start from and I had no guidance or assistance to help with my situation.

One evening in pure depression and loss of will to live, I fell to my knees and prayed. I asked God to deliver me from the pain and show me a way out of the hole I was sinking into so quickly that wasn’t only hurting me but my unborn child. I was living in my brother’s dining room and eight months pregnant. I began to search for shelters that would assist me into becoming the mother I wanted to be: stable, secure and able to build a foundation in Christ.

I came across Arms of Hope’s Together Program and faxed in my application immediately. I remember praying to Jesus Christ, “If you need me there then that’s where I will go, if I get approved. If not, then I will stay put here in Austin.” When I came into the program I had debt, unpaid traffic tickets, no insurance, no driver’s license, no independence, no money, no resources and I was just mentally and physically beaten-up.

I have been at Arms of Hope for a year and a half and I am now working on my bachelor’s degree. I have built up my credit and paid off my debt and tickets. I now have insurance and have so much of my independence back! Abandonment, loneliness and suicidal thoughts are things of the past that I will never know or become familiar with again because I have been saved. I am a firm believer now that God works in mysterious ways and that he will deliver you through any storm if you just walk with him in faith, love and trust.

Arms of Hope was able to give me the foundation I needed to be the best mother I could possibly be to my son. We have love, shelter, counseling, support and most importantly, a faith based environment that ensures our success in God’s purpose for our lives. Everyone that meets my son tells me how great a job I have done to have such a happy little boy. I give all the credit to Jesus.”
Arms of Hope’s Family Outreach Centers continue to serve families in desperate need of physical, emotional and spiritual resources. With facilities in Houston, Dallas, Denton, and San Antonio, our Family Outreach Centers helped over 800 families in 2016, by meeting a family’s immediate physical needs and then providing counseling, extensive case management, needs assessment, family workshops and a partner church for spiritual support.

Antonio DeLaRosa is a widower who has four sons that he is raising on his own. His wife passed away in 2013, and he has had many difficult circumstances in the past three years, yet has always remained a loving and devoted father. The Dallas Family Outreach Center has helped him through the tragic loss with case management, prayer, counseling and by helping meet his family’s physical needs. Antonio has gone from being laid off at McDonalds to becoming a trainee for management with McDonalds!

Bre has been in the program for four months and because of the help from Arms of Hope, she is now a manager at PetSmart. Bre states, “My participation in Arms of Hope’s program has made me more responsible. I’m maintaining a budget and not living paycheck to paycheck. I have gained a better parenting style that is no longer chaotic. Counseling has helped me identify that I’m responsible for my own actions and outcomes. The Boundaries Life Skills Class has taught me I need better relationships moving forward. Spiritually, I feel a sense of stability and relief from anxiety. It feels good to know that there is a place where I know I’m completely accepted.”

Arms of Hope Family Outreach Centers helped hundreds of children have a Merry Christmas by providing food and presents! Krystal is a widow with six children. She lost her husband to a tragic accident a couple of years ago and she recently came to the Houston Family Outreach Center in desperate need of help. She has a disabled child, who requires her constant attention. Krystal lives on a fixed income and her son’s disability prevents her from being able to maintain steady employment. After completing her case management plan, Krystal received a variety of resources that would help her with the upkeep of her home, access to a food pantry and areas of improvement with money management. The Outreach Center helped her with vehicle repairs so that she could continue taking her son to therapy. Krystal was also seeking spiritual counseling, as she is still grieving the loss of her husband. She was connected to Impact Church and was introduced to its many ministries. She has attended Sunday services and is receiving spiritual healing and counseling through the church. She is still on a long journey of healing, but God is working in her life through Arms of Hope.
Annual Report

Organizational Goals

We’re on a “Roll” with our Goals!
Arms of Hope is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Christian organization that was formed by the consolidation of Medina Children’s Home (est. 1958) and Boles Children’s Home (est. 1924). This partnership holds over 150 years of combined experience in caring for the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of children and single-mother families. Although both organizations were originally created to serve as homes for orphans, Arms of Hope has expanded to serve the growing needs of at-risk children and families. Arms of Hope offers residential and outreach programs for children and single-mother families who are fleeing poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect and human trafficking.

Arms of Hope is blessed to have a Board of Directors with a high level of commitment to provide strong leadership and guidance for the organization. Under the direction of the board, Arms of Hope’s leadership team is in constant pursuit of improving program quality and increasing the number of children and single-mother families that we serve, who are struggling throughout the state of Texas and beyond. All employees are committed to minimizing administrative expenses and must follow a detailed and well thought out line-item budget to ensure that every donor dollar is spent wisely.

Arms of Hope’s annual budget is $8.25 million and the organization depends almost entirely on private donations from generous individuals, corporations, foundations and churches for funding these invaluable services.

MISSION STATEMENT
To transform the lives of disadvantaged children, youth and families by providing hope and support in a nurturing, Christian environment.

VISION STATEMENT
Reaching generations by helping children and families find a future with hope and promise.

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PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS

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An extremely high percentage of the residents in Arms of Hope’s programs come from Texas and 81% come from the urban areas of Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio. The children and single mother families are from all ethnic backgrounds and are welcomed with open arms into our care. Children and young adults participating in Arms of Hope’s programs range in age from birth to early twenties. The largest population of children in Arms of Hope’s care are twelve years old and younger. Less than 2% of Arms of Hope’s residents come from homes with two parents. Most placements are a result of poverty, failed adoptions, family members who can no longer take on parental responsibility, single-parent homes filled with abuse and neglect and placements by a Juvenile Probation Office. Arms of Hope helps each resident succeed by having them follow an in-depth “plan of service” that measures a variety of different areas in their life. 88% now receive better grades in school than when they first arrived in our care with an amazing 28% now on the Honor Roll. 85% of Arms of Hope’s school-aged children are now able to participate in extracurricular activities due to the support and resources provided by our programs and staff. 81% of all AOH residents either experienced positive reunification with their family or graduated from one of our programs. 99% of the single-mothers and their children who come to Arms of Hope are considered to be homeless. Arms of Hope is truly making a difference in the lives of individuals by providing programs that offer holistic transformation.
All campus residents receive professional therapy. In the 2016 Fiscal Year, 6,000 hours of professional therapy were utilized by Arms of Hope residents.
Residential Child Care Program
The Residential Child Care Program meets disadvantaged children’s physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs in a warm family-like atmosphere where house parents function as mother and father figures. Residents range in age from 5 to 18 and live in cottages with eight to ten children. Arms of Hope provides for children’s basic daily needs including shelter, food, clothing, counseling, supervision and education.

Together Program
The Together Program helps motivated single mothers and their children transition into successful, independent futures by providing counseling, accountability, parenting skills, career training and a home in a peaceful and safe environment. These mothers are fleeing homelessness, domestic violence, human trafficking, abuse or have lost sustainable support when a death, incarceration or divorce have occurred and there are no other means of provision.

College & Career Program
The College and Career Program provides assistance for Arms of Hope high school graduates with support through college, trade school or into their first job and often includes accommodations for graduates who have not yet found a place to call home.

Outreach Program
Family Outreach Centers provide physical, emotional and spiritual assistance to underprivileged children and families in their own neighborhoods, which are some of the most financially distressed urban areas in Texas including Dallas, Denton, Houston and San Antonio. Arms of Hope provides short-term immediate assistance to prevent homelessness, hunger and disconnected utilities. Invaluable long-term resources are also offered to help change a person’s future such as in-depth case management, needs assessments, counseling and family workshops. All clients receive prayer, Bible study and church referrals. For those suffering from extreme abuse, Arms of Hope residential campuses become their new home.

Arms of Hope strongly believes in evangelism and discipleship. Through spiritual opportunities including regular church services, campus devotionals and Christian camps, 25-30 residents from our Residential Child Care and Together programs become new followers of Christ each year. All residents are given daily opportunities to grow in their faith by encountering house parents, case managers and counselors that show unconditional love and respect.

Problem Areas Upon Admission to Residential Programs

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Volunteer - Arms of Hope welcomes over seventy groups per year. To bring your group to Arms of Hope, please inquire online at ArmsOfHope.org.

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Scholarships - Many of the children and single-mother families we care for have the desire, ability and need to further their education. Sometimes the only missing ingredient is the necessary resources. You can help Arms of Hope make certain no one in our care is ever deprived of quality education by providing funding for scholarships for our residents.

Sponsor a Child or Family in Our Care - Taking care of essential needs like clothing, food, school supplies and household items is essential. The children and families in our care benefit immensely when you show you care by financially supporting the procurement of items essential to them. Sponsorship programs are available for all giving levels.

Learn more about how you can help at ArmsOfHope.org

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Do You Want to Make A Difference by Volunteering?
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View a brief video about volunteer opportunities:

Organizational Goals for 2017

➢ Improve quality of programs through internal evaluation and resource allocation.

➢ Identify new private foundations for community partnerships.

➢ Start a new Family Outreach Center in an inner-city to provide services to needy children and families.

➢ Build a new residence on the Medina Campus for eight single-mother families.

➢ Build relationships with new and existing churches to facilitate growth and discipleship on both sides of the partnership.

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The annual Arms of Hope Reaching Generations Gala in San Antonio was honored to have a special conversation with avid single mother proponent, Naomi Judd. From humble beginnings as a single mother in a small Kentucky town to her meteoric rise as a country music superstar, Naomi’s incredible lifelong journey is an inspirational story of overcoming the odds. Naomi was first known to the world as half of country music’s mother/daughter duo, The Judds. This phenomenal group sold 20 million records, scored fifteen #1 hits and received over sixty industry awards. Her best seller “Naomi’s Breakthrough Guide, 20 choices to Transform Your Life” remained on The New York Times best seller list for over eight weeks. Her humanitarian efforts include multiple areas that focus on feeding the hungry and helping single mothers in abusive situations. As an organization that transforms single mother families and has an intense passion to care for those in poverty and need, the AOH Gala was the perfect venue to hear Naomi’s amazing story.

The annual Stuart and Grace Bergman Service Award that is presented to those that go above and beyond in serving the children and single-mother families at Arms of Hope was graciously presented by Fred Bergman to Bruce and Julia Barnard. The Barnards have been friends and supporters of Arms of Hope for decades and Bruce has volunteered his time as a Board member for the last seven years. They are always an encouragement to each resident that they meet.

Residents from Arms of Hope highlighted the evening with stories and testimonies of how Arms of Hope has changed their lives. Harley, an 11 year old in our Residential Child Care Program, spoke of the joy and love he received living in San Jacinto Cottage. He specifically told the audience about his love for his house parents, Benton and Sue Lacy. The Lacy’s have been house parents for seventeen years and they have ministered to hundreds of children.
“How about them Cowboys!” An amazing time was had by all at the annual Arms of Hope Reaching Generations Gala in Dallas. The legendary Emmitt Smith wowed the crowd with his humor, stories and inspirational message of making a difference in the lives of children in need.

Emmitt played 15 seasons in the NFL and during this time, amassed many records including becoming the league’s all-time leading rusher in 2002. Emmitt’s impressive resume also includes winning three Super Bowl championships and being inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was the cornerstone of the Dallas Cowboys for 13 seasons after being a 1st round pick in the NFL draft. His post-career television success includes being a football analyst and winning the third season of ABC’s Dancing with the Stars. Emmitt and his wife, Pat, are active in charitable outreach in both Dallas and on the national level providing unique experiences and educational opportunities to underserved youth. Emmitt was the perfect fit to the vision and ministry at Arms of Hope as he spoke highly of the residents and programs offered.

The entire crowd was blown away by the stories of transformation and hope from residents. Kawana, a sin-
gle-mother, who lives on the Medina Campus, spoke about her tough back-
ground that brought her to AOH by saying, “I was so unhappy. I would
cry out to God to help me, but at the same time I struggled and wondered if
I truly really deserved anything better.” Kawana did deserve better and God
brought her to Arms of Hope, where she and her three beautiful children are
now thriving. “Amazing things have
happened for us since we’ve been here! My spiritual walk is so much stronger.
One of my goals was to get my Texas driver’s license. For ten years, I have
tried and tried to take care of things to get my license and now with the help
of Arms of Hope, I have one! That is huge for me, I mean huge! I’m in
school pursuing my dream of being a nurse, I came here and received finan-
cial aid. My kids are content here and they understand that momma is here
to make a better life for us. For me it’s deeper than breaking generational
curses on my family. I am also meant to show that just because your begin-
ning is not flowers doesn’t mean you can’t change it. I am so humble and
grateful for everybody that I have come in contact with through this program
and I am eternally grateful to God for Arms of Hope!”
"Take me out to the Ballgame!" Celebrating America’s favorite pastime, a fun family evening was had by all at the annual Arms of Hope Reaching Generations Gala in Houston. Special guest and hometown hero, Andy Pettitte, kept the crowd entertained with wonderful stories of faith, family and baseball.

Andy pitched 18 seasons for the New York Yankees and Houston Astros. He won five World Series championships with the Yankees and was a three-time All-Star. Andy ranks as MLB’s all-time postseason wins leader with 19 and he is the only pitcher since 1930 to win 12 games in each of his first nine seasons. In 2005, Andy helped the Astros make their first trip to the World Series. Among Yankee pitchers, he ranks first in strikeouts, third in wins and is tied for first in number of games started. Andy’s number 46 was retired by the Yankees in 2015.

The audience also enjoyed the stories of healing and breakthrough from the residents at AOH. One of the resident speakers was Andrew. He began his journey at Arms of Hope in 2003, as a broken hearted 10 year-old. He told his story to the crowd stating:

"Abuse, neglect, and poverty describe most of the characteristics of my dismal childhood. On June 11, 1993, I was to be born into a drug and alcohol infested reality. At just a young age my..."
parents had split up, forcing my father to raise my brother and me. However, as an addict and alcoholic, my father routinely chose addiction over his own sons.”

Andrew graduated from the Residential Child Care Program and now is in the College and Career Program. He joyfully exclaimed, “Love, compassion, hope, forgiveness and success are the characteristics that articulate my thirteen years of living at Arms of Hope. I lived in the Residential Care Program for nine years and then transitioned into the College and Career Program. I am currently a senior at Texas A&M-Kingsville pursuing my bachelors in Natural Gas Engineering with the intentions of getting my MBA. It is because of the love and patience of Arms of Hope staff members and generous donors like you that I am in the position I am today. I have the house parents and other caring staff there to thank for helping me over the years to be the man of God that I am today. It’s not easy, but these folks do a wonderful job and are a major reason why the children and single-moms at Arms of Hope have the opportunity for a greater life.”

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Arms of Hope-Medina Campus teens joined other churches in Kerrville for their “Love this City” initiative. They helped landscape an elderly woman’s property, something she could not do on her own.

Highland Oaks Church of Christ blessed the Boles Campus residents on Senior Sunday. We are so honored to be in partnership with this loving congregation.

Arms of Hope-Boles Campus residents enjoyed the Children Museum Health Fair in Commerce.

Temple Cottage on the Medina Campus won the fall pumpkin carving contest! Residents at Arms of Hope always love this fun competition.

Our children love to participate in extra-curricular activities! We are so thankful for supporters of AOH that make this dream a reality.

Thank you to our friends from the Broadstreet Church in Mineola for making twelve new welcome baskets for single moms coming to the Boles Campus Together Program. This wonderful group has been making and donating these baskets for years.

Thank you, Tommy Query and Wilderness Expedition, for blessing 15 kids and staff on Wilderness Trek! These children came back spiritually fed and made memories to last a lifetime.

The Medina Campus had a special treat when active duty, veterans and civil service men and women visited our campus and treated our children to tasty cookie decorations.

Moms in the Boles Campus Together Program were blessed with an old fashioned tea party. What a wonderful way to show these moms how much they are loved!

Friday nights in the fall, especially Homecoming, are fun times on the Boles Campus with dinners, tailgating and football!

The entire 1st grade class of Sunnyvale Elementary collected much needed items that have been a huge blessing to our campuses. We love building great partnerships with churches, schools and organizations, as we continue to minister to children and single mothers in desperate need!
Kids on the Medina Campus had a fun time attending the Valero Texas Open!

Thank you, Kerrville Church of Christ, for once again providing a safe and fun Halloween for the children on the Medina Campus!

Thank you to our “Boles Angels” for our campus Easter Egg hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny. The residents had a wonderful time!

Thank you to our good friends at STRIKE for taking Medina Campus residents to the circus at AT&T Center.

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Thank you to the Moriah Foundation and Randy Brown for a grant to renovate the pool on the Medina Campus! Now our children on campus can experience the joy of swimming again.

Medina Campus residents learn hard work and how to raise animals through the Bandera County Stock Show.

Children at the Boles Campus Learning Center learned wonderful information about Native Americans including stories, music, cooking and teepees.

Congratulations to Libby on the Medina Campus for making All-American cheerleader at camp!

Congratulations to Sue Hatchel on the Boles Campus for celebrating 29 years of service!

Congratulations to Sarah on the Boles Campus for being invited to join the International Dean’s List.

The Dallas Family Outreach Center in partnership with Highland Oaks Church sponsored a Trunk-or-Treat for children in their neighborhood.

Our Dallas Family Outreach Center blesses the community by organizing “Book Buddies” with Thurgood Marshall Elementary School. This great program offers one-on-one tutoring with students.

Medina Campus residents served on a mission trip to those in need in McAllen, Texas.
Meanwhile, four kids were forced into an unimaginable reality of dealing with a real life tragedy no child should ever have to endure - the death of both their parents.

In 1984, the perfect childhood for the four Krampitz children came to a sudden halt when their parents were brutally murdered near their family's farm in Costa Rica. It occurred shortly before Geoffrey’s, the youngest of the four children, eighth birthday. Days after the funeral, before the children could even come to terms with the loss of their parents, an American uncle, who they barely knew, arranged for the four siblings to travel to Texas. After arriving in the United States, they lived with their uncle and aunt for one year, until it became clear to their new guardians that raising four children who were not their own was not an endeavor they were able to tackle.

There was a family meeting where the four siblings (Sonia, Clarence, Chris and Geoffrey) were given the options...
to either pursue adoption, likely causing them to be separated, or go to a group home and stay together. The choice was clear. They opted to stay together, and in 1985, they were sent to live at Medina Children’s Home, currently known as Arms of Hope - Medina Campus.

The Krampitz siblings are thankful that Medina Children’s Home was an option that allowed the four siblings to remain together. Having the support of each other and maintaining a family bond was crucial to their grieving process and dealing with such trauma. The counseling they received while at the home was also instrumental in the grieving process.

After a recent visit to Arms of Hope - Medina Campus to introduce his wife and daughter to the place where he grew up, Geoff stated, “I am delighted to learn that individual counseling has become a central focus of the services currently provided at the home. At MCH, we developed a personal relationship with God that provided hope, comfort and strength to move beyond our tragedy and build a successful life. I had a number of incredible, dedicated, nurturing house parents, for whom I am grateful.”

After leaving Medina, Geoff lived in Sealy, Texas, with his uncle for a short time and then lived with his cousin. He graduated with honors from Sealy High School and then studied biomedical engineering at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. After college, he moved to San Francisco, California where he helped start up two software companies. Geoff then went to medical school at Stanford University and remained there for his residency in general surgery. During residency, Geoff earned a PhD in stem cell biology and regenerative medicine studying cancer stem cells, tumor immune evasion, and developing novel therapeutic strategies for cancer. He will be starting a fellowship in complex surgical oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas in the fall. Geoff married the love of his life, Svetlana, and has a beautiful daughter, Sophia.

Geoff also recalls, “It would be difficult to imagine that I could have achieved as much as I have without the support I received from MCH. I am grateful for the numerous staff, volunteers, and donors that make these programs a possibility for children. Visiting and speaking to the children on the Medina Campus was a tremendously enriching experience for me and my family. I was delighted to see the work that is being done on behalf of children with stories similar to my own. I hope to visit again soon.”

Geoff Krampitz, MD, PhD speaking to AOH residents about his life experiences since growing up on the Medina Campus.

On a recent visit to Medina, Geoff showed his wife and child the cottage he grew up in.

Clarence, Sonia and Christopher together as adults.

Geoff also said, “I am incredibly proud of my sister and brothers who have been my role models. My sister Sonia earned her BA in accounting and economics from Harding University and an MBA from University of South Florida. She lives in Houston, Texas and works as a management accountant for the oil service company Schlumberger. My brother Clarence earned his BS in biomedical engineering and founded Pinellas Care Systems, a company dedicated to providing life coaching services, behavioral therapy, and home support for developmentally disabled individuals. My brother Chris earned his BS in chemical engineering from Texas A&M University and an MBA/PhD from University of Chicago. He lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and works as a principal consultant for Stratasyx Expert Services, which provides commercial and technical services for advanced manufacturing technologies.”

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Eighty-five Arms of Hope residents and staff attended Christian summer camps last summer. The campers experienced the joy of an amazing week of activities, they made new friends and they became closer to Christ. Seven of our Arms of Hope campers became new Christ followers while at camp! Thank you to all of our amazing donors who make these camps possible for our residents. Please consider continuing your camp support so Arms of Hope children will be able to go again next summer!

The Medina Campus interns served for their second year in a row! Melissa (graduate student at Abilene Christian University) and Michael (junior at Texas A&M) were amazing influences to everyone they ministered to on campus. Michael said, “It’s hard to put into words what the last two summers at Medina have meant to me. I came with the hopes of impacting kids but so much more took place. Every day I was blown away by how loving, caring and positive the staff and kids were. The generosity and kindness of everyone made me feel like a part of the Medina family. I’ll always have a place in my heart for Medina and the kids there.” Michael was blessed to baptize one of our residents at camp! Melissa proudly said, “The one word that would describe my second summer at AOH would be Growth. Growth in the relationships I started a year ago and even more growth in the lives of the kids and moms I got to walk alongside. Every person I met has a story and it was an honor to listen and be able to make an impact.”

Medina Campus Youth Interns

The Boles Campus was blessed this past summer to have two amazing summer interns! Krystin, a former resident who after being adopted and being in college a few years, found this past summer to be a perfect opportunity to return and share a little of her life experience with current residents. Krystin is currently a junior at Stephen F. Austin. Tanner started visiting the Boles Campus with Aggies For Christ a few years ago. Because of his love for our residents and passion for our ministry, he was the perfect candidate to spend the summer with our residents. It even led to an opportunity for him to baptize one of our boys! They led Bible studies and devotionals, went to camps and even traveled to Colorado with several of our residents on a wilderness trek. God continues to be faithful to our organization with amazing young male and female interns and donors who help make hiring them possible!
Arms of Hope program participants were blessed to have more than 103 groups collect gift cards and presents for Christmas 2016.
Memorials

Bays, Larry
Kim Graebner
Beard, Kristen
Don & Sue Burke
Beck, Denise
Scotty & Mary Sullivan
Becker, Beverly
Damon & Sally Ball
Bechet, Randy
Randy & Barbara Nicholson
Belknap, Jerry
Glendon & Brenda Womble
Belvin, Monty
Charles & Anna Marie Lindley
Benge, Alton
Dr. & Mrs. Donald McPherson
Benge, Buddy
Donald & Suzanne McPherson
Bentley, Tommy
Margaret Sipe
Betts, Jack
Sam & Cheryl Ellis
Bibb, Edith
Douglas Wheeler
Biering, Joyce
Louise Little
Bishop, Bill
Peggy Johnson
Bishop, Pat
Linda Harless
Bishop, Tommy
Charles & Shannon Boyer
Blackshear, Billie
Lynn & Martha Carter
John & Terri Lea Kilpatrick
Gary, Pam & Drew McKnight
Bodine, Betty
Louise Little
Bonham, LaVerne
James Burket
Bostwick, Geraldine
Jerry & Ruth Ann Jones
Harvey Lynn & Patsy Milton
Bowman, Chuck
Claude & Mary Jones
Bowman, I. J.
Lola Vollandingham
Kay White
Brewer, Barbara
Dorothy Pearce
Brewton, Odessa
Don & Sue Burke
Brooks, Carolyn
Claude & Mary Jones
Broon, Wendell
Glendon & Brenda Womble
Brown, Peggy
Tony & Kimberly Moore
Brown, Sharon
Ron & Darla Dill
Buckner, Jr., Benjamin
Tula Darlene Shahan
Budhous, Wanda
Phil & Glenda Houston
Bullard, Bonnie
Ernie & Shay Ensminger
Burke, Grady
Don & Sue Burke
Burke, John
Jodeen Aven
Don & Sue Burke
Kim Taylor
Burke, Paul
Don & Sue Burke
Burke, Samuel
Don & Sue Burke
Burkett, Barbara
Bob & Crystal Andrews
Burns, Pat
Margie Lindsey
Burns, Pat
Phil & Glenda Houston
Butler, Elda
Chester & Iva Davis
Butler, Lois
Randolph Honey
Butler, Marilyn
Bob & Crystal Andrews
Byars, April
Mark & Karen Fry
Cadieux, Chester
Randy & Barbara Nicholson
Calvin, Bill
Jan Botts
Lewis & Amanda Calvin
Marc, Yvonne & Sara Calvin
Shane Calvin
Mark & Audrey Dailey
R. L. Hoffman
Jerry Jerden
Roger & Agatha Kellett
Jim & Billie Morrow
Lesley Setliff
Skillman CoC
Solaric, Loretta
Nancy Womble
Capps, David
Glenda Capps
Chenault, Allen
James Nelson
Chestnut, Ruth
Bruce & Lavonne Chestnut
Larry Chestnut
John & Jeannine Derrough
Robert Hoffman
Arlene Schreiber
Onette Shannon
Gene & Suzanne Thompson
Chilcutt, Michael
The Red Hat Ladies
Christopher, Bob
Randy & Barbara Nicholson
Christopher, James
Randy & Barbara Nicholson
Clark, Cecil
Sherry Reed
Clarkson, Paul
Sandra Claunch
Clawson, James
Happy State Bank
Clinton, Mildred
Aaron, Sara, Tanner & Everett Clark
Jonathan & Carolyn Fultz
Cobb, Terri
Don & Sue Burke
Laura Graves
Cockrell, Freda
Sudonna Cilliers
Robert Cockrell
William Kliewer
Mark Ramey
Coe, Lynda
Claude & Charlotte
Mochlman
Combs, Glen
Margaret Sipe
Cooper, Craig
Dickie & Ann Robertson
Cooper, Johnny
Marylin Vinson
Corbin, Dolores
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Crawford, Ed
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Creel, Lydia
Karla McGowan
Crocker, Fayette
Rene’ Bailey
Crockett, Deborah
Clifton CoC
Crooch, Gerald
Jodeen Aven
Crosin, Maxine
Chuck & Mindy Nichols
Cumings-McElyea, Shirley
Randy & Barbara Nicholson
Cummins, John
Dickie & Ann Robertson
Custer, June
Keith Hall
Dal-Hodgson, Margaret
Claude & Mary Jones
Davenport, Gary
Ann Corbin
Davenport, Rodney
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Ken Maynard
Davis, Jimmie
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Davis, Jimmy
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Dennis, Bob
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Dunbar, Frances
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Ellison, Jack
Boots & Judy Harris
Elmore, Don
Ronald & Joyce Combs
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Eleanor Horstman
Fierst, Jessica
Johnny & Becke Anderson
Fleming, Kay
Jerri Carol Hudson
Ford, J. L.
Cynthia Grifith
Ford, Jean
Cynthia Grifith
Ford, Maizelle
Martha Stone
Foreman, Jimmy
Marshall & Debbie Ashby
Tom Fullerton  
(1932-2017)

Our dear friend and passionate supporter, Tom T. Fullerton of Irving passed away March 30, 2017 in Carrollton. Tom was born on July 12, 1932 in Oklahoma City and grew up there. He delivered the local newspaper on horseback and his family was active in the 12th and Drexel Church of Christ. Tom chose to attend Abilene Christian College to major in Bible. College was interrupted by the death of his father and the onset of the Korean War. Tom chose selflessness and courageously joined the Air Force and served as a radio mechanic stateside. After returning to ACC to complete his studies, he met and married the love of his life, Lucy Hamilton, who grew up at Boles Children’s Home. Tom then dedicated his life to his Christian faith, where he was a founding member and elder of Central Church of Christ in Irving, and his wonderful family: beautiful wife of 62 years, children, 10 granddaughters and 3 great grandchildren. Tom served Boles Children’s Home as a board member and was president of the Boles Alumni Association. When their children moved on to lives of their own, Tom and Lucy decided to work together in starting a new ministry in childcare. God grew this into Hamilton Academy, a school of over 100 children that provided safety and growth for 25 years. Tom always had a smile and kind word for the staff and children at Boles. He is greatly missed.
Pat Miller
(1948-2017)

Pat Miller loved her annual trip volunteering at Arms of Hope's Medina Campus. Pat and Emmett annually brought a group of college students from the Abilene Christian University Agricultural Department and Pat would outwork them all! Her miraculous recovery from a horrific bus accident in 2011, that occurred while travelling to Medina to volunteer, was an inspiration to all of the employees and residents. Pat was born on March 15th, 1948 in Akron, Ohio. She passed on March 26th, 2017 in Brownwood. She graduated high school in Fort Stockton and then attended Abilene Christian College where she achieved her Bachelor of Science in Education. ACC is also where she met her soul mate, Emmett. Pat and Emmett were married for 48 wonderful years and God blessed them with 2 children, 9 grandchildren and a great granddaughter. Pat Miller loved her annual trip volunteering from the Abilene Christian University and was truly a difference in the lives of those she ministered to.
Our sweet friend Barbara Hart Nicholson went to be with Jesus on January 23, 2017. Barbara was born in March of 1937 in Dallas and was the youngest of five beautiful children. She moved to Abilene when she was two years old and spent the rest of her life in the area. Barbara graduated from Abilene High School and then Abilene Christian College in 1959 with a degree in Business Education. At ACC, she met a wonderful man named Randy Nicholson and their marriage in 1957 began a beautiful journey led by God and forged by love. Barbara taught at Abilene Cooper for five years before giving up her career to stay at home with their daughter, Randa. Barbara was a very talented singer and painter. She sang with the ACU Alumni Chorus and her paintings were invaluable gifts for those she blessed them with. Barbara was a most willing mentor for Arms of Hope staff when an art class was started on our campuses. She loved all of the courageous men and women that served in our armed forces and was always excited to hear when a high school graduate from one of our campuses made the courageous decision to join our military. Barbara also had a passionate calling to help widows and widowers at the churches she attended. She also blessed the single mothers at Arms of Hope through her generous donations of very nice clothing. Barbara was a wonderful wife to Randy, mother to Randa, mother-in-law to Jeff and grandmother (Nana) to Braden.
Jack Payne (1928-2017)

Former Medina Children’s Home Board member and long-time supporter, Jack Payne, passed on April 4, 2017 in San Antonio. Dr. Payne was born on July 20, 1928 in Sweetwater, Tennessee. Jack joined the US Marine Corps after high school and then accepted an offer for jet pilot training in the US Air Force. His service brought him to San Antonio where he ran into his high school sweetheart, Sidney Margaret, from Tennessee and they were married in February, 1952. Jack served faithfully in the Korean War flying jets in Okinawa. After leaving the military, he attended the University of Tennessee Dental School where he and Sidney were blessed with their daughter Polly. Jack was a wonderful high school Bible teacher at MacArthur Park Church of Christ where he served as a deacon for many years. Jack served for years as a highly respected Board member at MCH. Jerry Christian, who served on the Board with Jack sincerely stated, “Jack truly did some invaluable work that blessed the home.” Jack is survived by Sidney, his daughter, two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Please consider remembering your family and friends by sending memorials or honors in their name to Arms of Hope.

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Scott, James  
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Scott, Robert  
Randy & Barbara Nicholson  
Settle, Karen  
Ken Maynard  
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Our dear friend, Billy Jack Phipps, 83 of Abilene, went to his heavenly home in 2016 after a brief illness of cancer. Jack was born on February 3, 1933 in Childress, Texas to Jack and Minnie Moran Phipps. He was raised in Childress, Texas and graduated from high school in Quail, Texas. He was called into the Army during the Korean War and served honorably from 1954-1956. Jack married Norma Jean Derrick in Gatesville, Texas in 1957. They spent nearly 60 years together raising their three daughters and serving in churches together wherever they lived. Jack retired from Texas Instruments after working there for 35 years. Not only was he a faithful employee, but he was a faithful Christian, serving as a deacon, elder and teacher both at Garland Road/Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas and at University Church of Christ in Abilene. Jack and Norma took an interest in helping the elderly, young couples and especially young children. Many years ago Jack and Norma got involved with Arms of Hope. They did what they could to provide the mothers and children with so many different needs. When they moved to Abilene, they took the lead in being in charge of the annual benefit gala. They helped many new people become involved with the works of Arms of Hope. Jack’s example of Christian charity was such an example to so many people. Arms of Hope will always remember the love the Phipps family shared with us.
Edwin Alan Sowders, 84, passed from this life in March of 2016 following a brief illness. He served as an administrator and a house parent at Boles Children’s Home from 1953-1962 and then again as Superintendent from 1970-1991. Alan is survived by his wife of 64 years, Shirley Breithaupt Sowders; his daughter, Alita Gable Carter; his daughter, Apryl Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; his grandchildren, Travis Gable, Erin Evans Helm, Jared Gable, Alan Evans; 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Arms of Hope’s San Antonio Golf Tournament was held on March 20, at the Canyon Springs Golf Club. Thank you to OMG Burgers for donating lunch and Strike for donating dinner. Thank you to our sponsor, Barnard Donegan Insurance.

Arms of Hope’s Kerrville Golf Tournament was held at the Comanche Trace Golf Club on April 3. Thank you to STRIKE for donating meals for our golfers. Thank you to our primary sponsors James Avery and Bandara Electric Company.
Arms of Hope’s Houston Golf Tournament was held at The Woodlands Country Club. A special thanks to our title sponsor Mike Calvert Toyota and to the Spirit Cookers, who prepared a wonderful lunch for everyone. Thank you also to our additional sponsors: Kay & Jerry Cox, TSA, Archway Properties, Spring Insurance, Alliance Recruiting Resources, Misty & Keith Odenweller, Corporate Medical Systems and Mike & Terri Prevost.

Arms of Hope’s Dallas Golf Tournament was held on April 24, at the Firewheel Golf Park. A big thank you to our title sponsors, Metro Mechanical, Carol & Don Crisp and Corky Hall. Thank you also to our additional sponsors: Legacy Plumbing, AmWins, Venture Mechanical, Earl Owen, M and M Manufacturing, Barbara & Bill Davis, Crown Pools, Drug Emporium, Gary Hufstedler, David Underwood and Lyn & Bob Packer and Waffle House.
An estimated 100 shooters enjoyed a beautiful morning at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio for Arms of Hope’s Sporting Clay Tournament last June. Participants aimed to help Arms of Hope “target” the destructive cycles of homelessness, abuse, neglect and human trafficking. Experts and beginners alike enjoyed a fun course with 10 different stations allowing each team a variety of shots. The day began with breakfast, a high quality silent auction, shooting on the nationally acclaimed course and then a fabulous lunch provided by our friends at STRIKE. Awards were given for top male, top female and top junior shooter. A special thank you to James Donnell for being our event sponsor. Join us on June 3rd for this year’s event.
Arms of Hope supporters enjoyed a fun morning at the American Shooting Center in Houston for our Sporting Clay Tournament last September. Shooters enjoyed a beautiful course by the water while STRIKE provided our wonderful meal. A special thanks to Molly & Curtis Bedrich and Mike Calvert for sponsoring such a great event.
**Fund-A-Need**

**Daily Needs for Arms of Hope Residents**
Includes food, clothing, shelter, school activities, loving house parents, medical/dental care and other necessities. 85 Residents per year on the Boles and Medina Campuses
$75 per day per resident, $2,000 per month, $25,000 per year

**Counseling for All Program Participants**
Christian Licensed Professional Counselors
$70 per session (reduced rate), $280 per month / $2,700 per year

**Daycare**
Arms of Hope’s Boles & Medina Campuses have 125 children in both state licensed daycares each day, which allows our single mothers to attend college or technical training. The 20 full-time staff members follow a Christian Curriculum and each child participates in devotionals. They receive meals and snacks each day.
$500,000 Per Year Total Operational Cost
Cost Per Year Per Child - $4,000
Cost Per Month Per Child - $350
Cost Per Week Per Child- $80

**Family Outreach Center**
Support a family’s physical needs in one of Arms of Hope Family Outreach Centers in Dallas, Denton, Houston or San Antonio. Needs range from rental assistance, food, utilities, school supplies, etc. - $1,500 a year / $125 a month
Counseling and Case Management - $500 per family per year

**Summer Camp**
90 Children participate in week-long, quality Christian Summer Camps each year. Activities include rock climbing, rappelling, zip-lines, Christian devotionals, etc. Arms of Hope residents attend with nine churches (300 children) from across Texas. Last year, Arms of Hope had 7 new followers of Christ! Lifelong memories, friends and connections are made for each child and camp is truly an experience of a lifetime.
Cost - $450 Per High School/Junior High
Cost- $150 Per Elementary School Child
On behalf of an Arms of Hope supporter and Reaching Generations underwriter, we have been asked to remind readers of

**The Golden Rule**

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

- Luke 6:31

Make a gift today.
Leave a legacy for tomorrow.

**Blended Giving**

Similar to finding your perfect coffee blend, there is a way to blend your personal philanthropy that is right for you.

The idea is that you make a starting gift with a current gift of cash, securities or real estate. Then you find the planned gift method, maybe a bequest, charitable trust or gift annuity, that works best for your situation.

With the planned gift, you set it up now and enjoy the benefits and security during your lifetime, and you get the satisfaction of knowing your planned gift will make a big difference by adding to the gift you already started.

Visit our website to begin learning about the many different ways you can create a custom gift. Please contact us if you have any questions.

**Getting + Giving**

When most people think about making a charitable gift, they think of giving cash. While we appreciate gifts of any kind to help support our cause, there are many ways that you can give and benefit from making a gift of other assets to us.

**RecycleForChildren.org**

A great way to recycle your usable clothes, furniture and household items to help Arms of Hope.

**ArmsofHope.org**

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