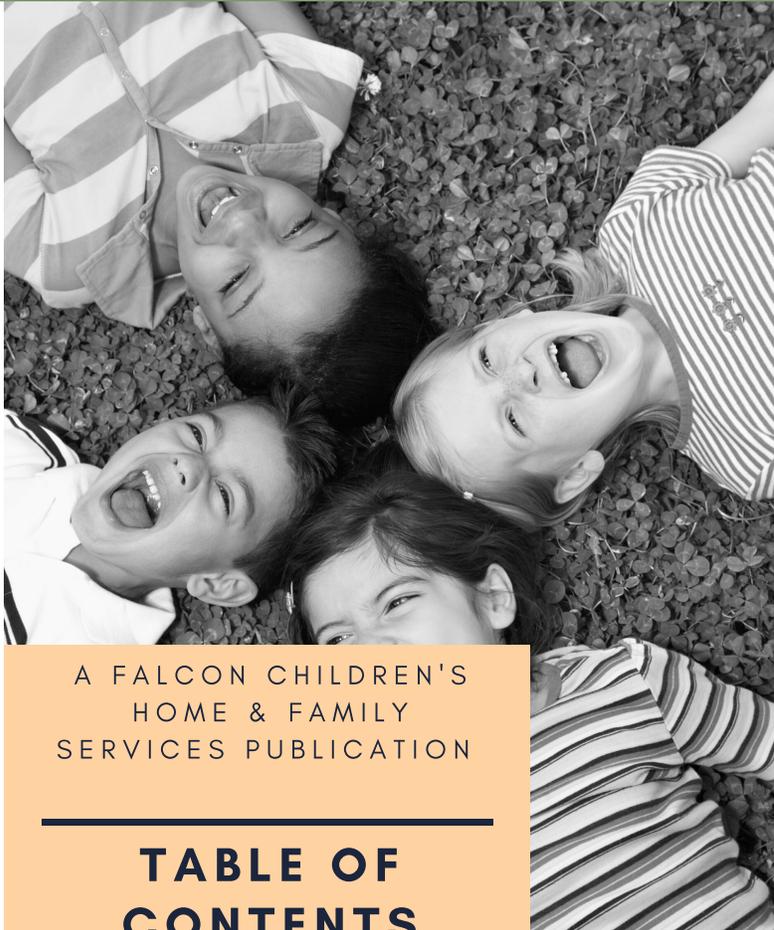




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WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW MONTH

Falcon Children's Home & Family Services began its ministry of caring for children in 1909. With the support of amazing people like you, we're serving countless children and families in the Southeastern part of the United States.

We offer a number of ever-changing programs to serve children under our care with an end goal of family reunification.

HEROES

BY JOSEPH LEGGETT

On August 25, 1952, seven-year-old Sandra Kay Queen would arrive on the campus of Falcon Children's Home for the first time along with her brother Gary Wayne. Little did she know that this would be the beginning of a long-standing relationship between herself, the Children's Home, and the village of Falcon. In fact, I would dare to say that as a seven-year-old arriving at this strange new place the last thing on her mind was anything centered on longevity. She most likely was just looking forward to returning to what she knew as home as quickly as possible. Sandra would end up residing at Falcon Children's Home for nearly six years, 2,113 days to be exact. She along with Gary and two other siblings that arrived a month later would return home to family.



Sandra "Momma" Spoon at her retirement party with FCHFS CEO Joseph Leggett and his wife Sharon Leggett



Sandra and her husband Kenny relaxing in one of her favorite places

Proverbs 22:6 states "Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it". Besides the spiritual training that Sandra received from her home and her family, there must have also been some impactful training provided at Falcon Children's Home. Because later in life at the age of forty-four Sandra Kay Spoon along with her husband Kenny would return to Falcon Children's Home to serve as house parents. She and Kenny would serve in this role for thirty-three years. Mr. Kenny passed away in February of 2021 and Mrs. Spoon would continue to serve an additional ten months until her retirement on December 31, 2021.

I believe that we have things backward here on earth many times. The people of position or titles receive all the recognition and are often regarded as present-day Heroes. While the people who are at the forefront of the battle, those who do their job because they care with very little fanfare are the true Heroes. There is no higher calling than being a surrogate parent to a hurting child in their time of need. That is what house parents do. When students arrive at Falcon Children's Home, confused, hurting, afraid and many times angry who helps them? It is the house parents; it is not the Superintendent, the CEO, or the intake worker. The houseparent stays awake with them because they cannot sleep. The house parent provides a shoulder to lean on and words of encouragement during their darkest times. Yes, the house parents in my opinion are the heroes.

Upon her well-deserved retirement, this past December Mrs. Spoon had cared for well over 400 children. I know that number to be accurate because she has written in her bible the name of every student she has ever served at Falcon. She prays over those names every day. Mrs. Spoon decided to retire right here in the small town of Falcon. If you were to visit, chances are you will get a glimpse of the Bible she prays over every day. For all those former students whose names are in her Bible, you have a true Hero interceding on your behalf. Mrs. Spoon thank you for dedicating your life to blessing others, especially the children of Falcon. Between her time as a student and an employee, Mrs. Spoon has been associated with Falcon Children's Home for nearly forty years.

by Alexandria Gaines



Keaton Kirkland dropping off donations to FCHFS

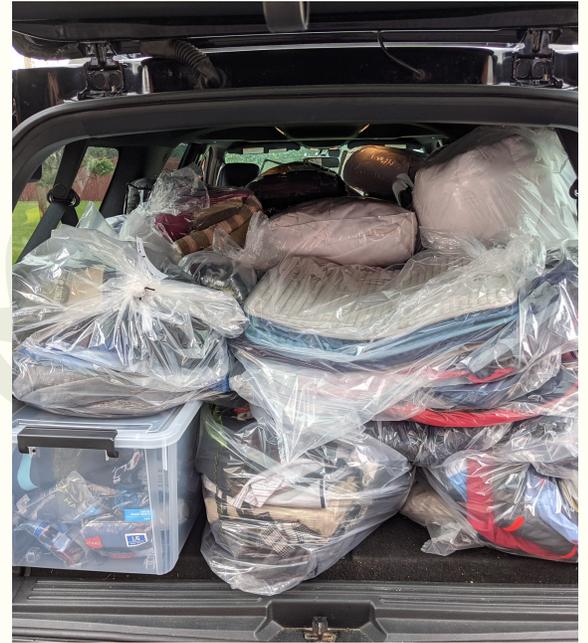
"Right away I felt like God was telling me to do something for the kids." His original idea was to collect fishing supplies for the kids to go fishing but he became aware of a bigger need, linens, and clothing.

Keaton began gathering donation bins and spreading the word to his community who answered with an overwhelming response! He packed up his car with donations and delivered them to us himself.

We are only as strong as our support system and people like Keaton and you are the reason we can do what we do! If you are interested in donating but not sure where to start, visit our website at www.falconchildrenshome.org/donate to learn more about our specific needs.

Kellam High School, located in Virginia Beach is a little over 3 and a half hours away from Falcon Children's Home and where one senior had a heart for our kids.

Keaton Kirkland visited FCHFS, where his aunt and uncle, Christy and Keith Kelly work and from that moment he knew he wanted to make a difference.



Donations collected by Keaton Kirkland from the Virginia Beach community



Shar Martinez shopping and dropping off donations.



Make Way For a Queen!

by Alexandria Gaines

Shar Martinez was crowned Mrs. Southeast Petite and is representing North Carolina in the National Petite USA pageant this year.

As Queen, one of her duties is to volunteer, serve and promote her platform; mental health awareness and volunteerism. We were blessed to receive a message that she purchased items from our current needs list and wanted to make an appointment to drop them off!

"Being at Falcon's opened my eyes and heart to so much! It's a blessing to be a part of a family, be kind and help those who may not necessarily be as blessed as you.

If you'd like to help support FCHFS or want to share a story about what FCHFS means to you, visit our website or send an email to againesefchfs.org

EVERY LIFE HAS A SOUNDTRACK

by Lori Autry

A little less than a year ago, my husband and I received the incredible invitation to lead the FCH choir. After seeking the Lord, it was confirmed again and again that this adventure was His plan to spite how inadequate I felt to serve in that capacity. This would be a return to FCH as I'd been there for about seven years for the founding of FCA as a teacher and part of that time, a house parent. When I left in 2017, part of my heart remained there.



May of last year started with us meeting new faces and quickly unearthing their many talents. It was not even 2 weeks into practice that some started bringing poetry, sketches, even songs that they had written. Our hearts were won over so quickly by these precious ones! Each one bears a story of both loss and promise. Their giftedness was only paralleled by their strength of spirit.

Our vision was to walk alongside them, love and discipline through thick and thin. My soul ached so deeply to see them discover the Father's heart for them, how He loved them, purposed, and pursued them from the very start of their existence. Many evenings after practice and Sundays after dropping them back off to their cottages, my husband and I shared on that burden. But God! As time passed, our choir kids began to hear Him and see His working on their behalf in their individual situations and in the quietness of their own souls. One by one, we are seeing their personal faiths emboldened.

From the very first Sunday of visiting churches, the Holy Spirit moved in those the children sang to and spent time with afterward. It was no different within our new choir family. Blessings of every type strengthened the faith in us all. Through Summer and Autumn, we had the privilege to visit and minister to many congregations that poured right back into our kids with encouragement, healing, and the Father's perfect love. We are so very grateful for every church family that hosted us with such kindness!

Already, there are churches confirmed for early Spring and we are all looking forward with joy to each one of them. We can't wait to meet countless new glowing faces, to hear your stories, laugh, and even cry with you as the Lord continues to do what only He can. What joy and peace we can all find in that journey!



Our Synan Choir is traveling again this Spring! We'd love to come to your church. If you are interested in inviting us please let us know by calling (910) 980-1065 or email Mrs. Lori Autry at launtry@fchfs.org

ROYAL HOME MINISTRIES



LIFE IS PRECIOUS, SO WE MARCH

by Karelys Pereira

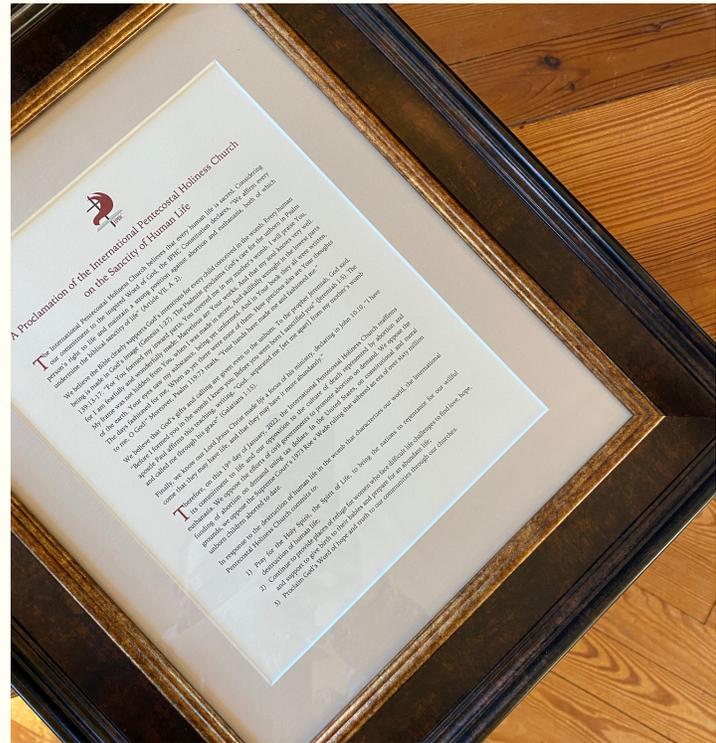
January 16th, 2022, we joined with millions around the nation as we celebrated Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states). Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protect human life at every stage. Today, the third Sunday in January is recognized as the official Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

In January, the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) continued its commitment to the sanctity of human life. Beginning with Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and culminating in participation in the National March for Life, these events underscore the IPHC's strong stand for human life, particularly the sanctity of unborn human life.

While taking part in these annual events is important, they put the spotlight on the IPHC institutions that work out the IPHC's commitment to life every day. Royal Home Ministries, celebrating its 30th year of ministry, spearheaded several events in support of March for Life.

On Wednesday, January 19, a local march began at 2 pm at Agape Pregnancy Resource Center in Fayetteville. Mission M25 led a concurrent motorcycle ride toward Falcon, NC where participants gathered at the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon, NC. As the site of the 1911 merger between the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church that created the IPHC,



The Proclamation made by the IPHC on Sanctity of Human Life



Marchers gathered at the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon.

the tabernacle occupies a significant place in the denomination's history. IPHC Presiding Bishop Doug Beacham led in a special prayer and presentation from the denomination.

On Thursday, January 20th, many of the participants reconvened 300 miles north, near Washington, D.C. at Maranatha Fellowship.



Mrs. Karelys Pereira speaking during our local March 4 Life



Students from Northwood Temple holding The Royal Home flag

Ben Spearman, the pastor of Maranatha Fellowship, hosted a special evening service at 7 pm with Bishop Doug Beacham as the guest speaker.

On Friday, January 21, marchers met at the Rotunda (1201 Washington Ave SW) before joining the national March for Life. Marchers went up Constitution Avenue to the steps of the US Supreme Court, the primary battleground for the right to life questions.

If you could not participate in either the Falcon or DC marches, you can still take action. Support Royal Home Ministries today with physical or monetary donations.

Save the Date: Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is January 15, 2023. We look forward to standing for life and pursuing efforts locally and nationally to be the voice of the unborn and defend life at every stage. Please follow our social media and websites for further details on all events as January approaches.

THE ROYAL HOME TURNS 30!

by Karelys Pereira

Can you believe that it's almost been 30 years since the birth of Royal Home Ministries? When you think about the heart of this ministry it truly mirrors God's heart for humanity. As the new year began and I was spending time in prayer, I was taken to the scriptures in Isaiah 58:6, where the Lord speaks saying: "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? THEN shall your light break forth like the dawn....." It continues on in verse 10 to say "if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, THEN shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually..."

I felt the Lord giving us renewed strength in the TRUTH that he delights in the work of this ministry. Our light shines forth as a beacon of hope in our community and areas of influence in North Carolina and beyond. The truth is that after 30 years of ministry and over 400 young women, plus their children (let's say 800 lives- conservatively), we have been consistent in this work. We have given shelter to these women that didn't have any other alternatives. We have fed, clothed, and nurtured them unconditionally.

We have poured ourselves out for them knowing that we are HIS hands and feet- knowing we are HIS vessels. 30 years of equipping young mothers to be self-sufficient, independent, educated, and strong. 30 years of breaking down generational curses and strongholds of destruction over these lives and helping them discover Hope and a New Future. 30 years of protecting innocent lives from the lies of the enemy and reminding them of the plans and purpose that God has promised for their lives.

Today, I celebrate 30 years of the vision that started with brother Marvin and Joyce Whitfield- a four-fold ministry that included a maternity home, aftercare (mothers and babies program), an adoption agency, and a pregnancy resource center.



Kayla, who was part of the Mother's and Babies program, and her son Malachi

We celebrate the union with Falcon Children's Home and Family Services in 2011 and the leadership of Mr. Joey Leggett, to bring this ministry to another level and allow us to build a beautiful Life Campus in Falcon, NC, and expand the services provided to these families.

We celebrate the unconditional support of our IPHC family from its inception and all of its ministries, with advocacy for LIFE at every stage, beginning with conception.



A member of Mission M25 at our local March 4 Life in Falcon, NC

We celebrate the work of ministries like Mission M25, who stand with us, year after year, to spread awareness and garner support across our nation.

We celebrate the communion and partnership with over 100 congregations, pastors, businesses, and individuals who generously support us financially and with commodities to meet the needs of the young women we serve.

We celebrate the work and season of each director of this ministry beginning with Mrs. Joyce Whitfield, followed by Carl Tomlinson, Michael Oliver, Jim Hight, John Wheeler, Jonathan Hill, Marysol Martinez, interim Director Donna Jackson, and this servant- Karelys Pereira.

We celebrate the wisdom and vision of our Advisory Committee whose current members are Rev. Phillip Bland (chair), Rev. Casey Strickland (Vice-Chair), Mrs. Pearlie Coleman, Mrs. Terri Prestwood, Rev. Travis Cassel, Rev. Ken White, and Pastor Tava Brice.

We celebrate the staff- Mrs. Kay Alford, Momma Bolton, Momma Spoon, Mrs. Jay, Mrs. Karen, Mrs. Kim Gaddis, Mrs. Bridget Chavis- who work with our residents each and every day to help them mature and accomplish their goals.

But most of all, we Celebrate the LIFE-GIVING, Miracle-working, merciful, and loving God from whom all blessings flow. We thank him for choosing us. We give HIM all the glory, honor, and praise for what he has done and what is yet to come. We celebrate the call and will continue to say "Here I am Lord, send me!"

I believe that the best is yet to come for this ministry and I thank you, dear reader. You have the opportunity to help propel this ministry forward and I ask you to continue to pray for Royal Home Ministries. I also challenge you to prayerfully consider supporting this ministry and allow us to rejoice in these 30 years with you. We will be hosting a 30th Anniversary Celebration this year! More information on this event will be forthcoming.



Joyce Whitfield holding one of the babies at The Royal Home



Marvin Whitfield holding one of the babies at The Royal Home



The original Royal Home in Salemburg, NC before the building of The Marvin Joyce Whitfield Life Campus located in Falcon, NC



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Interested in learning more about Royal Home Ministries? Head over to our website rh.m.life and be sure to check out our monthly blog! If you're interested in receiving these digitally, please visit our website at www.rhm.life. We would also love to share opportunities for partnership with your church or organization! Please call 910-525-5554 for invitations to services, conferences, or other community events.



Interested in joining the FCHFS Foster Care Family?

Thousands of children in North Carolina need out-of-home placement and YOU may be able to help. FCHFS is looking for families in NC, who are interested in fostering or fostering-to-adopt to provide safe and loving homes for children in care. For more information, please give us a call or send us an email.



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New Beginnings

BY TIM MOORE

Spring is a great time of the year to focus on new beginnings. As Christians, we think about the newness of life in Jesus Christ. Spring also resounds with the greatest news known to humanity with the resurrection of Jesus Christ's triumph over death. Our life in Christ makes us a new creation (2Cor 5:17) when we place our trust in Him as our Lord and Savior. Jesus has the power to make us new, to change our total direction in life when we make Him Lord of our life.

This incredible life-changing power is what we endeavor to teach our children in care at Turbeville Children's Home. Our children often come to us from broken homes or chaotic environments that sometimes leave both physical and emotional scars. It is amazing to see how God can take a broken heart and mend it, heal and restore it even in the middle of a life crisis.

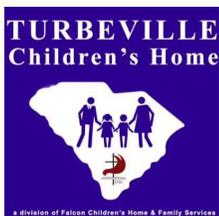
This season is especially meaningful to us here at Turbeville Children's Home as we anticipate some practical "new beginnings" on campus. God has blessed us with amazing people who have contributed to the ministry of TCH to help us update and remodel. Excitement is building as we are currently underway with some remodeling ventures in our bathrooms across campus. When we purchased the property in South Carolina back in 2015, the bathrooms had not been updated in more than 30 years.



The children now are looking forward to having updated facilities in their dorms. We have also had the opportunity to purchase some new bedroom furniture for the children that replaces some well-worn furniture that had been in place for many years.

As a ministry of Falcon Children's Home and Family Services, Turbeville Children's Home is still at the early stages of making an impact on children in need throughout the state of South Carolina. We are blessed to continue the long legacy of quality care started over 110 years ago by the Pentecostal Holiness Church. We are grateful to our contributors that help keep this ministry in South Carolina a vital aspect of caring for God's children.

Spring is here and new beginnings are all around us. Let's take time to notice our blessings and thank God for every phase of new growth!



Interested in learning more about Turbeville Children's Home or want to help support this ministry? Feel free to give us a call at (843) 650-2880 or visit our website www.turbevillechildrenshome.org

Be sure to connect with us on Facebook! 

Falcon Children's Home & Family
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Upcoming Events



Alumni Weekend

On: August 27th, 2022

For more information call (910) 980-1065

Royal Home 30th Anniversary Celebration

On: August 27th

Follow RoyalHomeMinistries on
Facebook and Instagram for updates!

Royal Home Ministers Luncheon

On: May 21st following the NC
Annual Conference

Turbeville Children's Home 2nd Annual Spring Golf Tournament

On: April 28th 2022 @ 8am

Teams and Sponsors needed! For more
information visit
turbevillechildrenshome.org or call (803)
755-0246

FCHFS Annual Charity Golf Tournament

On: Oct. 7th 2022

Teams and Sponsors needed! For more
information call (910) 987-4807



Annual Harvest Train Program

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, 2022

All is Bright Christmas Lights

December 2022



Building Hope



by **Abbie Arena**

Magnolia Hope, FCH's newest program, has been preparing to open our doors for the last several months. Our program for teenage girls who have been rescued from a life of sex trafficking is now in the final stages. We are currently waiting on our license to operate, and our doors will officially be opened!

Though waiting for this process to be complete has felt long, we have grown even more excited and eager to minister to the girls God has planned to come into our care. We have formed many crucial program partnerships in the anti-Human Trafficking community and we have been so grateful for the time to further bolster our program and serve these girls well. We have forged many partnerships with those in the community who will provide many of the services our residents will receive.

Magnolia Hope is a two-year residential program, and the girls in our care will receive trauma-informed therapies specifically tailored for their needs, group therapy, equine therapy, on-site schooling, survivor peer support, art workshops, and many spiritual enrichment opportunities.

As we anticipate the soon-coming day when our doors will officially open, we've got more exciting news! Falcon Children's home has officially secured its second house for Magnolia Hope. This means that in the next six months, we will go from being able to serve 6 girls, to serving 12. God has big plans for His daughters, and we are so honored to be a part of it and watch this program grow! God's love for these daughters has become even more clear to us in this time of waiting. He is preparing their hearts for His love, freedom, and healing, and He has been preparing ours to help lead them to Him. We are excited and ready, and we cannot express how grateful we are for everyone's support as we take on this new outreach at Falcon Children's Home.



Abbie Arena
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Want to make a difference in the life of a child? We would love for you to join our team. All full-time employees get the following benefits:

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FSA Spending Account

Vision

Dental

Short Term Disability

Long Term Disability

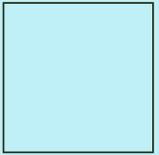
403b Retirement

\$25,000 Life Insurance

Our current openings include: Houseparents at our Falcon and Turbeville campuses and kitchen staff is needed. For more information visit

falconchildrenshome.org/careers or call (910) 980-1065

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