

Our Children

ELON HOMES FOR CHILDREN

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Mecklenburg South Rotary Club Partners With Elon Homes to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Rotary



Thanks to the Mecklenburg South Rotary Club, new shrubs and flowers enhance the entrances to the Kennedy Charter Public School and the Francis and Puette residential units at Kennedy Campus. With help and guidance from Evergreen Landscaping and Maintenance Inc. and sod donated by Super Sod of Charlotte, 50 club members, students and staff planted shrubs and flowers, laid sod and sowed grass seed as part of a grounds improvement project sponsored by the club in commemoration of Rotary's centennial celebration.

The March 12 Saturday workday included a light breakfast and barbecue lunch for all the participants.

Spring will be especially beautiful this year at Kennedy Campus.

Many hands helped with the Kennedy Campus grounds improvement project.

Charlotte Civic Partners Visit, Present Check from Golf Tournament Proceeds



L to R: Art Rouse, Jerry Sennett, Paulette Petersen (holding Haley), Hale Mast (holding Dylan), Robert Alexander, Lin Breece (children in front are Bradley and Ashley). The children enjoyed having guests and the guests enjoyed the children.

For the eighth successive year, Charlotte Civic Partners, a civic/service organization, chose Kennedy Campus as a beneficiary of its annual Charity Golf Tournament. The October tournament was a grand success with 76 players, numerous sponsors and many volunteers pitching in to help raise \$5,000.

Several club members recently joined Kennedy Campus students for a delicious dinner and later presented Vice President for Programs Robert Alexander with a check from the proceeds.

Following dinner and the presentation, members toured the building with particular attention to the Raymond J. Brady classroom, sponsored by the Charlotte Civic Partners in memory of member Ray Brady who had a special relationship to the campus.

The golf tournament proceeds are designated for the Kennedy Charter Public School.

From Your President



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord.

Several senior staff members recently traveled to a childcare agency in another state.

This agency we visited had both residential living for children as well as its own elementary, middle and high schools. It is good for us to sometimes get out and visit with our peers as well as to host our peers at our agency. The children in care at this particular visit were from homes with a single parent and at a poverty level income. There was a host of similarities and some obvious differences between our two agencies. But the most significant difference was in funding for the children. Due to the remarkable planned gift left by one individual this agency can offer a full scholarship to every child in its care. With about 600 children in care and an annual cost of nearly \$37,000 per child tuition, it is readily apparent that this gift was most generous. During our visit we were fortunate to meet and visit with several alumni of the school and to hear and see first hand the flesh and blood value and incredible blessings of the donor's gift.

A gift through a will of this magnitude is rare. However, giving in this particular manner is not. Many people

name Elon Homes for Children or other childcare agencies in their will. And many, in all probability, may not have the market value of the estate mentioned above but are giving in similar proportion to the actual value of their particular estate. In addition to one's donations during a life time, a planned gift through your estate can present a nonprofit agency with an incredible strengthened ability to better serve people.

At Elon Homes we are blessed with a significant number of members in our Legacy Society. This is the formal team of donors who have placed us in their will. I wish each of you reading this letter would consider joining Jane and me and all the others of the Legacy Society in putting Elon Homes into your will. The incredible power of such a gift is without parallel. Having just spent time with a few adults who were raised at a home and school funded by a donor's will really was a humbling and exciting experience. Members of our Legacy team know that someday as they eternally rest their earthly hard work and treasure will literally sustain others with food, shelter and an education.

Blessings,

Frederick G. Grosse
President

OUR MISSION

*For the youth entrusted to its care,
Elon Homes for Children offers*

**SAFE HAVEN
LIFE SKILLS
EDUCATION**

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If you would like a copy of Elon Homes for Children's Annual Report for fiscal year October 1, 2003, to September 30, 2004, please contact Jane Grosse, VP for Institutional Advancement at 704/369-2506.

SERVICES & PROGRAMS

- ❖ Transitional Residential, Level I
- ❖ Residential Treatment, Level II & III
- ❖ Assessment & Diagnosis
- ❖ Charter Public High Schools
- ❖ Spiritual Life
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New Beginning for Four Siblings

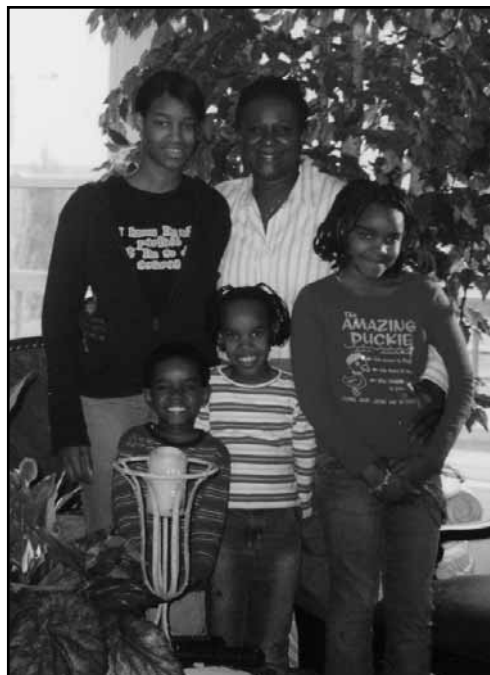
Due to abuse, neglect and inadequate care, four siblings were brought into the custody of Youth and Family Services in 2002. Originally the goal for the children was reunification with their mother and involvement with their fathers. The two fathers, however, failed to comply with the goals established in their individual case plans and parental rights were terminated. Eventually the mother relinquished her parental rights so the children could be released for adoption.

YFS then sought a permanent adoptive family that would be willing to adopt all four children. Bobby and Helen Johnson, foster parents licensed by Elon Homes for Children, embraced the children and with the help of God have given them unconditional love while providing dedication, structure, consistency and commitment.

In February of this year, social workers in the Elon Homes foster care program were elated when the adoptions of three of the children became final. Soon the fourth adoption will be finalized as well.

The children are truly blessed with a new beginning in a family offering the security and opportunity for happiness which they deserve.

Best wishes to the Johnson Family! Elon Homes is pleased to have had a part in this wonderful story.



The children with their adoptive mother Helen Johnson (Mr. Johnson was at work).

Robert Alexander Awarded Child Welfare League of American Continuing Education Scholarship



The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) grants continuing education scholarships to employees of CWLA affiliated agencies. The Freddie Mac Foundation's David S. Liederman Scholarship winners receive funds from the CWLA and their own agency to pursue bachelor's or master's degree work in a field related to social work. Upon the recommendation of Dr. Grosse, Robert Alexander, vice president of program operations, was a national recipient this year. Alexander and the other 2005 recipients were honored in March at the annual banquet in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Grosse stated, "Robert is representative of the best in child welfare in North Carolina. This funding assistance to continue his education is well deserved and his new learning will also benefit our staff and the children in our care."

Robert Alexander, VP Program Operations

Photo by Cotswold Photographers Inc.

Cathy Harris Earns LCSW



Cathy Harris, LCSW

Congratulations to Cathy Harris as she reaches a major milestone in her professional career. The North Carolina Social Work Board has licensed Harris, therapist for the Kennedy Campus level III mental health unit, as a fully qualified Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Harris began working toward her LCSW in the fall of 2002. She was required to work 3000 hours with one hour of supervision by an LCSW for every 30 hours worked.

Harris, with support from Parker Poe attorney husband Ken Harris Jr., achieved her LCSW while also raising her daughter Lily and working at the YMCA.

Elon Homes wishes Harris much success as she continues her professional career.

Memorial Gifts

January 1 - March 15, 2005

Names in bold are those being memorialized or honored. Names of contributors follow.

Walter Adams
Cynthia Brewer

Laura Gill Alcorn
Hubert S. Gill, III

Tom M. Auman
Betty Auman

Carole Barbee
Joe and Peggy Burwell

Rusty and Betty Butle
Mary Lou and Tracey Clark,
Martha Bright, Andrew Bright

Ella Carter
Martha and Jim Brewer

Iva Jake Chrismon
Mildred P. Smith for Gail P.
Smith

India Comer
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Moses Crutchfield
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Cynthia Brewer

Joe Davidson
Joe and Peggy Burwell

Lillie Everhart
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William J. Wolfe

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Esther B. Yates
Martha and Jim Brewer

Betty Neese Yow
Dorothy Ballinger

Honor Gifts

January 1 - March 15, 2005

Don and Billie Faye Bolden
David and Bea Sanford

Margaret Cravens
Dabney F. Vigor

Jennie Hunt
Central Congregational Kiselo
Club, Chelmsford, MA

Sharon Landis
Lt. Col. Hazel Phillips (Ret.)

Jonathan Moore
Damon E. Woodson

Ina Mae B. Powell
Cary D. Powell, Jr.

2004 Sunday School Teachers
Pilgrim United Church of Christ
(Cary Beck Class), Lexington, NC

John and Dolores Truitt
David and Bea Sanford

Patsy Walker
Tammy Lee



Enjoying the Great Outdoors

Dirt Divas is a mountain biking club for women of all ages and skill levels who share an enthusiasm for mountain biking. The women team up with Trips for Kids (a local chapter of a national organization with the mission to provide outdoor outings, community service and educational opportunities for at-risk kids) to take residents on bike rides on local bike trails around Mecklenburg County. The boys and girls ride on alternate months.

Dirt Divas donated six bikes to the campus in support of this healthy and wholesome activity. The campus would welcome volunteers to help with bike maintenance. More later about plans to build a bike trail on the campus.

Volunteer Enrichment Program Is Huge Success

The Elon Homes Enrichment Program gives volunteers an opportunity to develop a six to eight weeks curriculum on a topic of interest to students. Materials are provided for the weekly lesson plans. Volunteers rotate between different groups so all residents can be accommodated. Two recent programs:

Angie Young offered a program on general health issues including disease prevention, healthy dieting, the effects of drugs and alcohol, prevention of STD's. She also shared her experiences as an EMT.



Pam Franklin, licensed cosmetologist, led an 8-week course on hair care topics which covered hygiene, styling and perms. Good behavior earned lucky participants salon shampoos and hair cuts.

Programs in progress: Weight training with Paul Harwood at Superior Fitness Systems • Urban Legends/Creative Writing with Voneisa McBride • Creative Expression through poetry, song and dance with Season McLane • Movie Club featuring thought provoking films and discussion with Amber Martin. Students have requested the following: (Girls) photography, meal planning & crafts; (Boys) football, basketball, music recording & computer technology. If interested, contact Zaneta W. Summers, 704/369-2511.

Pamela Holley and Curtis White Earn Professional Certification



Pamela Holley



Curtis White

Pamela Holley and Curtis White, Snyder Campus supervisors, successfully completed the National Center for Professional Certification (NCPC) Assessor Portfolio requirements while participating in a statewide pilot project. They were under the supervision of an NCPC Internal Verifier staff member who tracked their progress as EHC supervisors and used their work samples to assist them in completing their Assessor portfolios.

With their NCPC Assessor's certification, Holley and White can better serve EHC by providing direct care staff with advanced training skills. The NCPC program assists direct care staff with achieving professional certification in the child care industry. Direct care staff who complete the NCPC program gain the title of Family and Welfare Practitioner II which increases their pride in their work and helps agencies retain staff.

Having achieved the NCPC Assessor title, Holley and White are now involved in training new Assessor candidates from other agencies while working to achieve the next level of NCPC certification as Internal Verifiers. As Internal Verifiers they become members of the governing body of NCPC and train supervisory staff for EHC and other agencies.

The pair has worked hard over the past year to achieve their new status. Elon Homes is proud to have such committed and professional members of its direct care staff.

Snyder Campus Student is Speech Contest Winner

"We are the ever-fragile future, promising but so doubted. We are seen wrong. We're seen as potheads and drug addicts, not as future humanitarians and world leaders. We are far too misconceived and unappreciated, but what are we doing to change things? Nothing. It's time that we did. It's time that we show the world who we are."

The author of this excerpt is a resident of Snyder Campus who won first place in the county anti-drug speech competition sponsored by the Alamance County Rotary Club. Students were asked to write about the negative effects of substance abuse on teens along with prevention strategies. The speech was entitled "Self Respect, the Greatest Reason for Teens to Avoid Illegal Substances."

Our student, who attends Western Alamance High School, won \$150 and advanced to the district competition where she received honorable mention.



Snyder Campus student contest winner.

SAVE BOTH DATES

*Elon Homes for Children
Cordially Invites You To*

*“Celebrating the Good Life
for the Good of Children”*

*Awards Evening
Honoring Regional Excellence
in Fine Food, Fashion,
Furnishings and Flowers*

*Please join us for a cocktail buffet
and dancing to meet the Honorees.*

*November 4, 2005
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Charlotte Museum of History
Charlotte, North Carolina*

*All proceeds go to Elon Homes for Children
Second Century Countdown Campaign*

Kimberly Lucas and Stacy Jesso
are co-chairing the event.

Please call Jane Grosse to reserve your
space or for further information.

Many volunteer opportunities are available.



*“Celebrating the Good Life for
the Good of Children”
preplanning steering committee
has planned a wonderful evening
to recognize community leaders
while raising money for the
Second Century Countdown
Campaign.*

*L to R: Martha Schmitt, Sharon King, Catherine Collins,
Natalie Cohen. Not pictured Anne Pipkin Benson.*



SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

“Estate Tax ... Dead or Alive?”

*An educational and lively
seminar addressing:*

- ◆ *What’s new in estate planning*
- ◆ *Estate tax law affecting us all*
- ◆ *Your own individual questions*

Presented by
Mark B. Edwards
of Counsel
Poyner and Spruill

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Presentation and Questions & Answers

11:30 a.m.
Luncheon

The Duke Mansion, Charlotte, NC

Provided at no cost to friends of
Elon Homes for Children, Inc.

Please make your reservation as soon
as possible as space is limited.

R.S.V.P. Jane Grosse
Jane.grosse@elonhomes.org
(704) 369-2506

The Role of Philanthropy



Jane Grosse, VP
Institutional
Advancement

Elon is translated from Hebrew to mean “mighty oak. This is a magnificent tree which can rise high and quite wide above the earth. To stand for so many decades and give birth to thousands of acorns in its lifetime, the oak tree has to have long and deep roots. These roots both stabilize and nourish the tree from well below the surface of the earth. Although they are out of sight, the roots are what give the visible part of the tree life and balance.

Like the root of the mighty oak, planned giving donors give Elon Homes for Children, Inc. its life and balance. Our donors may not be seen by everyone but their support beneath our mission is what stabilizes and nourishes all the children in our care. The roots of the mighty oak go deep and wide as do the roots of fund development at our home.

Each gift and each donor are a part of this mighty root system of life. The thousands of little ones who are nourished by the tree we call Elon Homes for Children are forever sustained by each gift and each donor.

The Legacy Society recognizes contributors who have indicated their intent to make a planned gift of any kind, in any amount, for any purpose that will benefit Elon Homes for Children at some future date or through the contributor’s estate. A planned gift helps continue the mission of Elon Homes for Children far into the future. These types of gifts are often made through wills, retirement plans, insurance plans, gift annuities and trusts.

To become a member of The Legacy Society simply notify the Institutional Advancement Office of your commitment to make a planned gift. Revocable and irrevocable planned gifts of any amount will qualify contributors for membership. It is not necessary to provide a copy of the legal document, but if a contributor chooses to do so, it will be kept strictly confidential.

Consider the following ways to leave a legacy

- A gift included in your will or living trust can establish a lasting legacy.
- A gift of excess retirement funds, such as pension plans or Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) may allow you to give more while eliminating taxes that may otherwise largely deplete these assets.
- A gift of life insurance that has fulfilled its original purpose may offer excellent tax benefits. Policies that you purchased to protect a loved one who no longer needs that protection can be an excellent way to make a gift in honor of that person.
- Gifts that provide an income can be a tax-effective way to provide you and/or someone else you designate with regular payments for life or other period of time.



To name Elon Homes for Children, Inc. or any charitable organization in your will or trusts, give your attorney its full legal name to use. To make a bequest to Elon Homes for Children, Inc. use the following statement:

“I leave to Elon Homes for Children, Inc., \$ _____ (or, _____ % of my estate or specific property) (or, all remaining assets and residue from my estate).”

For more information about Legacy Gifts please call Jane Grosse, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at (704) 369-2506 or email her at jane.grosse@elonhomes.org



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Elon Homes for Children at Charlotte • Kennedy Campus

Please send me more information on gift and estate planning ideas that utilize the following:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wills and revocable trusts | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts that provide income, tax and other financial benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial and tribute gifts | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement plan assets | <input type="checkbox"/> Appreciated stocks/assets |

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (optional) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- I have already included Elon Homes for Children in my will or other long-range estate plans.
- I would consider including Elon Homes for Children in my will or other long-range estate plans.

Building Better Schools One Label At A Time!



Mrs. Phillips has clipped, sorted and bundled many thousands of labels for Elon Homes for Children. Her valuable assistance has helped secure many desirable items for the agency.

“Please send more Campbell’s soup labels.”

That is the message from our friend Bertha Phillips. Mrs. Phillips likes to stay busy and at 92 feels that clipping and sorting Campbell’s labels is the perfect way to pass an afternoon. In October 1960, Mrs. Phillips joined Elon Homes for Children as a house mother to 24 young girls, a job that she still remembers fondly, and she just never has been interested in retiring. We are grateful for her service to Elon Homes and for the inspiration she provides to us all.

The Campbell’s Labels for Education slogan, *Building Better Schools One Label at a Time*, is well chosen. Over the past 30 years, Campbell’s Labels for Education program has delivered more than \$100 million in free merchandise to schools nationwide. Elon Homes for Children has been able to earn some of that FREE merchandise with the faithful support of churches, businesses and individuals who send us labels.

Eligible Campbell Products - What to Save

- Campbell’s Soup, front label
- Campbell’s Supper Bakes Meal Kits, UPC code
- Franco-American SpaghettiO’s Pasta, front label
- Prego Pasta Sauces, front label
- Swanson Broths and Canned Poultry, front label or UPC code from cartons
- Pace Salsa and Picante Sauces, lid
- V8 Vegetable Juices, front labels
- V8 Splash Juice Drinks, UPC code
- Campbell’s Tomato Juice, front label,
- Pepperidge Farm Breads, Cookies, Crackers & Frozen Products, UPC code
- Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers, UPC code
- Campbell’s Foodservice Products, front label

If you have sent labels, we say thank you very much because you have helped us earn audio/visual equipment, computers, sports equipment and three vans! This is possible only because of supporters like you.

The Campbell’s Labels for Education program is an easy and low cost way to support Elon Homes for Children. All you need do is save the labels from eligible Campbell’s products and mail them to us at Elon Homes for Children, 201 South O’Kelly Avenue, Elon, NC 27244. A partial list of eligible products is listed in the box above, and you can view the entire list on the Campbell’s website at www.labelsforeducation.com or call us at 336/538-6151. The Campbell’s family includes such products as Campbell’s, Healthy Request, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, V8, Prego and Pace.

Elon Homes can provide an attractive box (approximate size 9.5x5x8.5 inches) for collecting and storing labels. To request one for your office, church or civic group, please call 704/369-2510 or 336/538-6151.

Harris Teeter Together in Education Program

Support the charter schools by linking your VIC card. Simply tell the cashier that you want either Kennedy Charter or Lakeside Charter linked to your Harris Teeter VIC card. Once your account is linked, every time you shop 2% of the Harris Teeter brand products you purchase will be credited to the school’s account.

Kennedy Charter Public School **5386** • Lakeside Charter Public School **4992**

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Every time parents, students and school supporters give our 5% Back to Schools ID number when buying supplies at Office Depot, Kennedy Charter receives credits equal to 5% to use for FREE SUPPLIES.

Kennedy Charter Public School ID **70060696**

THANK YOU!