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Annual Banquets Honor Donors, Outstanding Volunteers

Caring for Children Award Given Posthumously to Mildred Bradsher, Earle W. Frazier

The Elon Homes for Children Foundation, Inc. hosted its annual banquets on December 13 at Elon University for those living near the Snyder Campus and on December 14 at the Charlotte City Club for people in the Charlotte and Kennedy Campus area.

Keynote speakers were Elon University Chaplain Rev. Richard McBride and Senior Minister Rev. Dr. James Howell, Myers Park United Methodist Church.

Two people were honored posthumously with The Caring for Children Award, the agency's highest honor. Mildred Bradsher was remembered for her planned gift of \$1.9 million to the agency. Dr. John Nance, chairman of the Elon Homes for Children Foundation Board of Directors, said, "Mrs. Bradsher's gift, the second largest in our history, will significantly increase our contribution to the Home to scholarship children in care. Her generosity will help countless children for many years to come."

Earle W. Frazier, longtime president of Barium Springs Home for Children, was remembered for his life's work on behalf of children. Frazier also served as interim president of Elon Homes in 1995 and 1996. His wife Jessie, children Linda and John, and grandson Kendall accepted the award.

New members of the Endowment Association were recognized. Members have given at least \$10,000 to a named fund which is managed by the foundation. New endowment funds include: the Marvin L. "Red" Barbee Memorial Endowment; the Billie J. Bolden Endowment; the Community Savings

Charitable Foundation Endowment; the First State Foundation Endowment; the Garland Scott Francis Memorial Endowment and Mary Elizabeth Francis Children's Fund; the Bill and Polly Gilliam Endowment; the Lindley Family Endowment; the Dr. Stephen W. Grosse Memorial Endowment; the Esther Stadler Endowment and the John G. Jr. and Dolores Hagan Truitt Endowment.



Photo courtesy of Jerry Slayton
Members of Earle Frazier's family accepted award in his memory. Wife Jessie, children John Frazier and Linda F. Pickett, grandson Kendall Frazier.

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Elon Homes presented framed membership certificates to new Endowment Association members during the annual banquet held at Elon University.

From Your President



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord.

The value of ability to trust for humans is probably one of the highest psychological and social needs known.

We recognize that developmental psychologists place trust versus mistrust as the first developmental stage of life. The youngest infant learns in its first months whether or not he or she is existing in a place and relationship(s) of trust. That learning is embedded in the psyche and very soul of the individual for life. We all exist then into adulthood somewhere along the continuum of being very trusting, somewhat trusting, or trusting nobody based upon our earliest experiences.

The children in our care have, perhaps for the most part, been exposed often early in life to an environment or parental-kinship relationship(s) which did not offer a continuous and consistent source of trust. Into that void, by simple human development, entered a sense of mistrust. Our children are not alone in this; children born into families of great wealth or prestige can also grow up without

trusting human contact. The point is, however, that the early wounds of developmental mistrust can be healed. By grieving the wounds, recognizing that life itself is trustworthy, and by building trusting relationships in the present anyone can heal the hurts from childhood.

Perhaps there is not a greater gift we can give a child in our care than to let them experience trust in relationships. It is such a fundamental human need that we work everyday on this issue in all our programs and departments. We also add in the Christian spiritual dimension of trust in our loving and trustworthy God. Even when and if every human relationship seems void of trust, we can safely and correctly place our trust in the one God who sent his only Son to us for our salvation.

We thank you for your support of our agency and all other organizations serving to better our community as together we seek to instill the hope of trust in the souls of children.

God's blessings,

Frederick G. Grosse
President

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The Elon Homes for Children Foundation Inc. has responsibility for the development and management of funds for the agency. The fund's market value is approximately \$18 million.

Elon Homes President Fred Grosse reported, "This has been a particularly good year in terms of our fund development finances and administration. Mrs. Bradsher's unexpected and generous gift and significant contributions from other area donors has enabled us to show a solid operating profit margin in 2004. With the funds available we are going to move ahead to the next phase in our strategic planning and construct a maintenance and life skills education building on our Snyder Campus and break ground for our new middle and high school and gymnasium on our Charlotte campus.



Right: Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. James Howell and Mary Elizabeth Francis at the Charlotte Advent Dinner.

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Happy Birthday Ina Mae Powell

In November, Elon Homes for Children celebrated the birthday of Trustee Emerita Ina Mae Powell of Fuquay-Varina, NC. Mrs. Powell (center) along with friends (L) Martha Weaver and Georgia Marsh from Wake Chapel Christian Church, began her day at Snyder Campus by visiting the Byrd-Powell Rose Garden which was given to Elon Homes in 1968 by Mrs. Powell and her now deceased husband Rex in honor of their mothers. Elon staff members Jorge Aguilar, Jane Grosse, Doug Layton, Kim McPherson and garden volunteer Bennie Catoe were on hand to welcome Mrs. Powell.



After picking a bucket of the prettiest roses, the group headed to the Alamance Country Club for a surprise birthday celebration luncheon. Longtime friends Don and Billie Faye Bolden and Dolores Truitt joined the party which included separate forks so everyone could enjoy a portion of the biggest cake bathed in chocolate sauce that has ever been served.

Everyone wished Mrs. Powell a happy birthday and urged her to visit again soon.

A+ for Student Uniforms



Our charter public school students model their new uniforms. Kennedy students (L) wear white tops with KCPS logo and khaki slacks. Lakeside students wear forest green shirts with the Lakeside logo and khaki slacks. Nationwide schools have found uniforms to be a good way to create school spirit while lending a more serious, studious atmosphere to the school day.

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October 1 - December 31, 2004

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

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One way to remember family and friends who have lived before us is through memorial gifts. Such gifts represent a heartfelt way to honor the memory of others while furthering goals that enhance all of our lives. Those who make gifts to honor others enjoy knowing that their gifts are a living memorial to a loved one's life. Continuing to support causes that were important to someone special can be a meaningful way to assure that his or her values live on in the world around us.

Many people also find their long-range estate and financial plans can be a thoughtful way to make memorial gifts in honor of others. Consider the following ways to leave a legacy in memory of a special friend or loved one.

- 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 (IRA's), 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.

Many contributors to Elon Homes for Children have established named endowments within the Elon Homes Foundation in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please contact Jane Grosse at 704/369-2506 or jane.grosse@elonhomes.org for further information. Please see the form on the back page for requesting gift planning materials.

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The Christmas Honors Program provides a meaningful way to honor special personal, business and professional relationships. Each individual or business named by the donor receives a handsome card informing them that a gift in their honor has been made to Elon Homes for Children. Elon Homes is grateful to the friends listed below for their gifts which helped make the holiday season a joyous time for our children.

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The Most Wondrous Time of the Year

When Volunteer Coordinators Lynette Kuehnel, Snyder Campus, and Zaneta Wood, Kennedy Campus, reviewed the Christmas celebrations on their respective campuses, they marveled at the extraordinary kindnesses and generosity that made the holiday a festive time for Elon Homes children.

Most of us can't imagine being separated from family at Christmas, so understandably the holidays are often a difficult time for our children. It is comforting for them to know that there are people in this world who care about them.



Packages for Snyder Campus children generously purchased, carefully wrapped and lovingly given.

There were parties and presents, special events and musical programs, shared time and personal visits, stories and carols, fragrant trees and beautiful decorations, gift certificates and cash for students to shop, Santa Claus and elves, exciting games and a dance, a talent show and roller skating, movies and entertainment, laser tag and video games, delicious food and yummy candy, elegant meals and pizza, caring and concern, love and kindness.



Kay Johnson and Lance Duguay led the caroling at the Kennedy Campus Christmas party.

Kuehnel and Wood headed up Christmas preparations and found an almost unbelievable outpouring of support from community groups, companies and individuals. Elon Homes and its children are grateful to

all who shared the true message of the season with their example of caring about others. Heartfelt thanks to all who reached out to make this a warm and memorable Christmas for the boys and girls at Elon Homes for Children.

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The Role of Philanthropy

Giving in 2005



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Each year millions of Americans voluntarily contribute their time, energy and other resources in support of our nation's many philanthropic endeavors. Imagine what life would be like if we relied solely on government taxation and spending to provide all the resources for our society.

Recently a series of catastrophic events has devastated numerous parts of the world. The tsunami, for example, resulted in at least 230,000 deaths and countless children orphaned. Yet the outpouring of support and generosity from people of all nations has made the burden a bit easier to bear and given hope to suffering families.

As startling as these numbers are, there are additional numbers that we live with each and every day right here in America - locally, regionally and nationally. Over one million children are abused each year in the United States of America. This hourly and daily tragedy is very real and the suffering is immense. Yet we do not witness the horror in the way we did the tsunami or earthquakes simply by turning on our televisions.

While we are not necessarily eye witnesses to the abuse of children in our neighborhoods, cities and country, Americans give generously to the many organizations that help the one million children suffering at the hands of a parent or caregiver.

Thank you for your continued support of Elon Homes for Children as we do our part to help children who come through our doors. The amount of money Elon Homes is reimbursed through local and state funds only covers the basics of room and board. Philanthropic support helps children in our care build life skills, vocational skills, and acquire a high school education through our two charter public schools. Through our Family Care program, fully funded through contributions, we can work in the homes of families seeking to reunify with their children and improve their life circumstances.

We hope the following **Planning Tips** will be helpful as you make your philanthropic plans for giving in 2005.

Planning Tip #1

Gifts completed this year can result in an income tax deduction for 2005. Multiple gifts throughout the year can increase your tax savings.

Planning Tip #2

Consider the benefits of non-cash gifts which can further reduce the after-tax cost of charitable gifts.

Planning Tip #3

When considering gifts of non-cash property, the greatest tax savings generally come from choosing a readily marketable asset that has been owned for at least one year and has increased the most in value.

Planning Tip #4

If you are reviewing your will or other estate plans because of tax law or other changes, now may be an ideal time to consider your charitable priorities.

Planning Tip #5

Life insurance policies no longer required for payment of estate taxes or other needs may be an excellent resource to consider when planning charitable gifts.

Planning Tip #6

Gifts from retirement plans can be a convenient way to make charitable gifts while reducing or eliminating both estate and income taxes for your heirs. Recent and proposed tax legislation may make gifts of such assets even more attractive. Check with your advisors for the latest tax planning opportunities.

Planning Tip #7

Special gift planning options can serve to provide immediate income tax benefits while increasing cash flow for you or your loved ones.

Planning tip #8

The amount that can be left free of gift and estate taxes can be effectively increased through the use of charitable trusts and similar gift plans.

Source of Planning Tips: The Sharpe Group

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

- Wills and revocable trusts
- Gifts that provide income, tax and other financial benefits
- Life insurance
- Memorial and tribute gifts
- Retirement plan assets
- Appreciated assets/stocks

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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.