



# Fair Haven

Children's Home

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## Fair Haven Children's Home Administration & Staff

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# FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



Barney Crawford,  
Executive Director

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of another year! We continue to be both blessed as well as challenged in our work at Fair Haven. We are blessed because so many of you show love, concern, and appreciation for our efforts to take care of children who have not had very many opportunities in life. Our work is challenging in our efforts to find house parents. The need for placement for children still exists but our ability to serve is limited.

Our financial situation is doing well! That is because you care and are willing to support us. In addition, others remember us through their estate planning. The Thrift Store also continues to serve us with additional revenue. I continue to be amazed and humbled by the actions of so many of you.

As we move forward into 2024 we will continue to search for couples to join us in our work. We hope you include us in your prayers and that God will send us some interested couples.

Our annual auction was successful. We raised \$33,000.00 from the proceeds. This will help us pay for the majority of our propane cost. We purchase 22,000 gallons of propane on an agreed upon pre-pay cost. I had set aside some funds to cover the difference, so our propane is paid for the upcoming winter. Thank you to all who helped with this.

We look forward to a new year of working with the children at Fair Haven. We hope to be a blessing in their lives. Debbie and I have been at Fair Haven for thirty four years starting as house parents and moving into the administrative work after that. We have never regretted our decision to work with children in care. God has blessed us richly in allowing us to work with the children as well as the Christian adults we are surrounded with.

Please remember us, the office staff, the house parents and especially the children in your prayers.

May you all have a safe and happy Holiday season.

*Barney Crawford*







# 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**April 27, 2024**

**On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we will open our doors from 10 - 2 for visits, viewing of our homes, and tours of our facilities here at Fair Haven. We will have lunch at Noon, activities for the kids and guest speakers from years past. If you have been involved with Fair Haven as a donor, a houseparent, a resident here, or just have an interest in our work, please make your way to our campus, we would love to meet you.**

**We especially want to thank all of those who have made it possible for us to be celebrating these last 60 years. You have helped us keep this work going and we are forever grateful.**

## HOUSE PARENTS NEEDED



For the last 59 years, Fair Haven has depended on two factors in this great work; our donors and our houseparents. Being a houseparent is often a challenging work, but it can be just as rewarding. Some of our parents stay for a few years, while others may be with us for 5-10 years or longer. One set of parents on campus have been here for over 15 years.

Currently, we have a couple of openings for houseparents and we would love to speak with you if you have an interest. Most of the training involved is done onsite and the job includes a competitive salary, health insurance (includes dental and vision), and approximately 1 week off every month. Fair Haven also provides a 6 bedroom/6 bath home, groceries, and utilities and houseparents are provided with a 12-passenger van for transporting the children. Housedads are often hired by Fair Haven, however, they have the option of being employed off-campus if they desire.

If you have an interest in making a difference in the lives of children, please contact Barney Crawford at 417-862-6675 or [barney.fhch@gmail.com](mailto:barney.fhch@gmail.com)

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# UNDERSTANDING GRIEF by Brad Fox

I am in the middle of leading a lesson series about grief with my church family. I would like to condense some of these thoughts into a four-part series of articles. They are as follows:

1. Understanding Grief
2. Biblical Examples of Grief
3. What Does the Bible Teach About Dealing with Grief
4. How Do I Help Others In Their Time of Grief

## Understanding Grief

I really like the definition of grief given by Wikipedia: *"Grief is the response to loss, particularly to the loss of someone or some living thing that has died, to which a bond or affection was formed. Although conventionally focused on the emotional response to loss, grief also has physical, cognitive, behavioral... [and other] dimensions".*

We most often associate grief over the death of a loved one, but as we see listed below, we can suffer grief from loss of many things that offer us value and meaning.

## What are losses that we might Grieve over?

1. Death of loved one - spouse, child, parent, friend
2. Relationships - divorce, break-up, close individual moving away
3. Job and/or finances
4. Abilities - stroke, aging, paralysis, etc.
5. Other things and situations

These "things" can have very deep meanings to us, since they reflect some aspect that is associated with a loved one that has been lost.

**Elisabeth Kubler-Ross**, a well-known psychiatrist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, is perhaps most famous for developing a **Five Stage Model of Grief**.

1. **Denial** - "This really can't be happening, there must be some mistake." This is a temporary defense mechanism. Other professionals have added Shock/Disbelief as a separate initial stage.
2. **Anger** - "Why me? It's not fair!" We may lash out at those closest to us as the reality of the situation sets in.
3. **Bargaining** - "If I could just trade my life for theirs." Maybe I could negotiate, or compromise, with God and avoid the cause of my grief
4. **Depression** - "Why should I go on, What's the point?" During this fourth stage of grief marked by despair of our own mortality. Other professionals have added Guilt as an additional stage.
5. **Acceptance** - "This is not pleasant, but I am going to work through it." We seek to return to some form of stability and resolve to continue our journey in this life.

There is no pattern to the grief process, as we expect to come out and go back into these stages at different times and in different orders. Grief involves a God given emotion and it is something we need to all be able to talk about and work through with Godly counsel.

The young men and women we serve here at Fair Haven have experienced multiple levels of loss. Some children have had the loss of a parent death, but every child has experienced the loss of their family of origin for one reason or another. Many have been in multiple placements, often separated from at least one sibling, and each time experiencing some level of loss and grief.

Please pray for our children and our staff as we attempt to help guide them through the storms of their young lives. Everyone, everywhere is recovering from loss or preparing to deal with further grief in our lives. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross once said: *"I think modern medicine has become like a prophet offering a life free of pain. It is nonsense. The only thing I know that truly heals people is unconditional love."* I believe this reflects the Christian values that we seek to honor here at Fair Haven.

Brad Fox  
Director of Children's Services





# WAYS TO DONATE

## Cash or Check

- Mail to Fair Haven Children's Home | 3132 N. Fair Haven Loop | Strafford, MO 65757

## Credit Card / Paypal Donations through our website

- <https://www.fairhavenchildrenshome.com/donate>

## Amazon Smile donations

- On your first visit to AmazonSmile, smile.amazon.com, you're prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations. You can change your selection at any time.
- To change your charitable organization:
  - Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
  - From your desktop, go to Your Account and select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.
  - Select a new charitable organization to support.

- Note: You can also hover over the Supporting notice in the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the Change link next to the name of the charity you're currently supporting.

## Change for Children

- Contact us at 417-862-6675 to have cans sent to you, then drop in your extra change.
- Return cans to Fair Haven or put them with your Grocery Run donations at your local congregation to have them picked up.

## eBay sales

- Go to [https://www.ebay.com/usr/fairhavenchildrenshome\\_4](https://www.ebay.com/usr/fairhavenchildrenshome_4)
- Shop for items for sale from our Thrift Store.
- 100% of the proceeds go to Fair Haven Children's Home.

## Time

- Donate your time by becoming a Volunteer at Thrift Haven
- Volunteers are needed for all days, but especially Saturday.
- Call 417-882-3392 and ask for Dan

# CLOTHING AND OTHER NEEDS

- ☐ Bath Towels
- ☐ Brushes
- ☐ Combs
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products

- ☐ Hair Accessories
- ☐ Nail clippers
- ☐ Qtips
- ☐ Washclothes

## Boys and Girls clothes size 5T and up:

- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Sweat Pants
- ☐ Sweat Shirts

# GROCERY LIST

Thank you to all who have helped by donating groceries and money, and have participated in the Grocery pickups. We can't stress enough how important your donations are to keep our pantry fully supplied. See below for a list of current needs:

## DRY GOODS / COOKING

- ☐ Baking Soda
- ☐ Brown Gravy Mix
- ☐ Canola Oil
- ☐ Chocolate chips
- ☐ Cookie Mix
- ☐ Egg Noodles
- ☐ Graham Crackers
- ☐ Graham Cracker Pie Crust
- ☐ Jellies
- ☐ Jello
- ☐ Puddings
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Vanilla Wafers

## CANNED GOODS

- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Chicken Noodle Soup
- ☐ Pork & Beans
- ☐ Spam
- ☐ Tuna

## JUICE/BEVERAGES

- ☐ Juice
- ☐ Hot Chocolate Mix
- ☐ Sugar Free Hot Chocolate Mix

## PERSONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Deoderant
- ☐ Hand Soap
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Toothpaste

## FRUITS/VEGGIES (CANNED)

- ☐ Applesauce
- ☐ Chili Beans
- ☐ Green Beans
- ☐ Peaches
- ☐ Ro-tel Tomatoes
- ☐ Spinach
- ☐ Tomato Sauce

## CONDIMENTS

- ☐ A1 Sauce
- ☐ BBQ Sauce
- ☐ Country Bob's Sauce
- ☐ Honey
- ☐ Ketchup
- ☐ Mild Enchilada Sauce
- ☐ Miracle Whip
- ☐ Salsa
- ☐ Taco Sauce
- ☐ Vinegar
- ☐ Worcestershire sauce

## MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ Cascade
- ☐ Cleaning Supplies
- ☐ Dish Washing Liquid
- ☐ Paper Cups
- ☐ Paper Plates (Microwave Safe)
- ☐ Trash Bags (13 & 30 gal)

Sometimes items are listed by brand name so our donors will understand exactly what we need. However, store and generic brands are always welcomed with great appreciation.

# MEMORIAL & HONOR GIVING

You can also make Memorial/Honor Gifts Online at: [www.fairhavenchildrenshome.org](http://www.fairhavenchildrenshome.org)

Honor the life and/or memory of a loved one by giving to Fair Haven Children's Homes in the form of a Memorial gift or Honor gift. Gifts will be used in specific areas of service at Fair Haven Children's Home (ie. school supplies, needs for the houses, etc.) upon request.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION!

☐ In Memory Of: ☐ In Honor Of:

Send Acknowledgement To:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Your Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone (in case we have questions about the gift) \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

# MEMORIALS / SPECIAL OCCASIONS

## AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2023

CAROLINE J ALEXANDER  
Alexander family

NAY ALLEN  
Joe & Nicki McFarland

GLENN DALE ATKESON  
Patricia Desciak  
Gene & Carol Ingle  
Barbara Cohu

ALLOWE BAKER  
Janice Chism Jarvis

GRETCHEN BIERSCHENK  
Molinda Mitchell

JO ANNA BIGLIENI  
Sharon Hedden  
Mark & Amy Viguet

J.T. BLANKENSHIP  
Nadean L Davis

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Janyce Johnson

FLOYD BOZE  
Dale & Donna Galloway  
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Ester Todd  
Troy & Jana Bowline

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June Beach

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Tim, Amber, Corby Redburn

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Paul & Tahlula Spivy  
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Larry McCool  
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Jerry Wetzel  
Judy Bainter  
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Fidelity Charitable  
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FRED  
Jacque Schaller

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EVELYN EVANS  
Donald Amyx

HAROLD GILMORE  
Leah & Melba Keppen

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Sunset Ladies Sewing Group  
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Pamela Hailey  
Sharon Hedden

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Larry Anderson

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Sharon Hedden

MERVLYN GROVER  
Sharon Hedden

ROSEMARY HALCOMB  
Bob & Norma Stieb  
Sunset Church of Christ Sewing Ladies  
Loretta Halcomb  
Freeman family  
Welch families  
Sharon Hedden  
Mark & Amy Viguet

DONNA HOLLOWAY  
Wilson & Ruth Goddard

BLANCHE HARDEN  
Nadean L Davis

VIRIGINA HARRIS  
Charles Letterman

BILLIE HAWORTH  
Sharon Caldwell

RITA HORSTMANN  
Owensville Church of Christ  
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Sharon Hedden

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James Massart  
Leah Zimmerman  
Neal McKinney  
Dottie & Christopher Wagley  
Gloria Goins  
Chester & Jeanette Bell  
Kay & Luther Perry  
Diane Verble  
Kelly Goines Rogers & family  
Jim McDonald



# MEMORIALS / SPECIAL OCCASIONS

AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2023

Jamie & Karen McDonald  
Steven McDonald  
Julie Wilson  
Matt & Sarah Wilson  
Lanell Gold

MICHAEL MCMEEKIN  
Bill & Norma Taylor

ROSA LEE MARTIN  
John Martin

DORIS MITCHELL  
Tim & Jackie Mitchell  
Linda Kearbey  
Sharon Hedden

ELLA OWEN  
Sunset Church of Christ  
Sheila Owen  
Larry Owen  
Hooch family  
Anne Francis  
John & Karen Francis & family  
Clayton & Tami Mc Cullough  
Sam Owen

ELLA OWEN  
BONNIE ROGGENDORF  
WALTER BUCHANAN  
DORIS MITCHELL  
Jerry Owen

FRAN PARR  
Isaac & Faye McKay

BOB PAYNE  
Russell & Carlene Withers  
Mike & Fern Schick

WARREN PEMBERTON  
Molinda Mitchell  
So Hwy 5 Church of Christ  
Leo & Sharon Martin  
Randall & Jennifer Jones  
Dean & Lucy Sitton  
Marilyn Moore  
Bob & Patricia Hough  
Freda Barr & family  
Don & Terry Willilams  
Louis & Marion Morton  
Billy & Brenda Morton  
Leland & Pat Townsend  
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TOMMY WITHERS  
Lucille Bowman

AL PENNY  
Jamey & Diana Wright  
Russell & Helen Harber

RUTH REAVES  
Jerry & Carolyn Young

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Larry Rieder

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Russell & Helen Harber  
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Tracy Meder  
Twila Meder  
Kathleen Meder  
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Norma Hagan  
Sharon Hedden

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LUELLA SELL  
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Mary Shelton

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Exeter Church of Christ

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THOMAS GARGIONE  
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NADINE HOUSE  
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Jim & Elaine Poland  
Russell & Helen Harber  
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John & Maria Kallenbach

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SHARON WALTON  
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Sunset Sewing Ladies  
Sharon Hedden

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Pam Hailey, Lori Moore, Leigh  
Stewardson families  
Sharon Hedden

BERT WHOBREY  
Children and Grandchildren

JOYCE T WILLILAMS  
NH Williams

WYATT YOUNG  
Rebecca Hyder

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS

JO BAGGETT  
In honor of her while she recovers  
from health issues  
Russell & Helen Harber

VERBA CRUISE  
In honor of her  
Verba Cruise family

ANNABEL KIVETT  
In honor of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Russell & Helen Harber

JOHN MARTIN  
ALLAN SEYMOUR  
PAT ROBERTS  
MIKE JOHNSON  
WENDELL JEFFERY  
BARBARA MCLAIN  
BERT BLAKEY  
JERRY POTTER  
DORIS MITCHELL  
GARY WHITTEN  
In lieu of flowers while in the  
hospital  
Sunset Church of Christ

BARBARA RUARK  
In honor of her  
Exeter Church of Christ

MARSHA WRIGHT  
In honor of her  
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# Fair Haven



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**Hayden 1-18-10**

**Steven 2-25-16**

**William S. 3-7-11**

**Brandon 3-24-09**