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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 thought 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

### CONDIMENT

- 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

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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	VALERIE SUE DAVIS Nadean Davis	JERRY GOEN Larry Anderson	CHERYL ANN JONES Bill & Merijo Alter
NAY ALLEN Joe & Nicki McFarland	WILMA NADINE DAVIS Tim, Amber, Corby Redburn	BILLIE SUE GOODWIN Sharon Hedden	MARJORIE KESLING Cody & Kelli Mayberry Kathy Williams
GLENN DALE ATKESON Patricia Desciak Gene & Carol Ingle Barbara Cohu	RANDY DUNLAP Larry and Betty Jackson Paul & Tahlula Spivy Norma Hagan Larry McCool	MERVLYN GROVER Sharon Hedden	ANNE KUNTZ Molinda Mitchell
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AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2023

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Steven McDonald

Julie Wilson

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Bill & Norma Taylor

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Clayton & Tami Mc Cullough

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DORIS MITCHELL

Jerry Owen

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BOB PAYNE

Rusell & Carlene Withers

Mike & Fern Schick

WARREN PEMBERTON

Molinda Mitchell

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Alva & Sonja Starnes

Lynn Stowe

Carla Crabtree

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ROBERT (BOB) JENNINGS

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AL PENNY

Jamey & Diana Wright

Russell & Helen Harber

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Clyde & Robbie Heavin

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Water Mill Church of Christ

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DAVID & JOYCE SWINFORD

Dawanda Blakey

DONNA SPENCER

Kathy Williams

EDSEL TAYLOR

Tim & Sherri Ruiz

LYNN USREY

Ester Todd

SHARON WALTON

Sharon Hedden

GARY WATKINS

Sunset Sewing Ladies

Sharon Hedden

CHARLIE WEAVER

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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