



Second Century of Hope Campaign

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Each year, approximately 26,000 youth age out of the foster care system according to the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative. Over a lifetime, the average young person aging out of care costs taxpayers and their communities \$300,000 in social expenses like public assistance, incarceration, and lost wages. That's billions of dollars annually.

Together, we can change those outcomes.

Black Mountain Home has already taken strides in helping youth successfully finish high school and look toward future employment. Our high school graduation rate is 84% with 76 of 90 youth earning a diploma or GED between 2009 and 2016. The typical graduation rate for foster care youth is 54%, according to the Casey National Alumni Study.

We need to do more and we need YOUR help.

Overarching Goals

1. Continue to increase awareness of the ministry.
2. Expand and add programs to serve older youth for whom a traditional educational setting may not be the best choice and provide them with real world work opportunities that allow them to earn a living wage.
3. Expand and add programs that allow us to generate additional funds for the ministry, decreasing our dependence on dwindling government funding.

In order to help our at-risk youth realize their potential, we've developed a plan that includes apprenticeship training, real world work experience, and income generating programs. Our fundraising goal of \$3.5 million will allow us to add new and upgrade existing facilities so that we can rescue youth who would otherwise face an often hopeless future.

Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families . . .

. . . has been bringing hope to Western North Carolina since 1904. But there are always more people in need of hope. As we have developed programs and initiatives to serve more children in creative and innovative ways, we've realized older youth are often overlooked and underserved. With the Second Century of Hope Campaign, we intend to do something about that.

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"If it wasn't for the Home, I would not be alive. The people and relationships turned my life around and made me who I am today."

— Megan C., age 26, studying medical laboratory technology

Contact Tom Campbell or Sarah Thomas at 828-686-3451 for additional information and to learn how you can help bring hope to our children.

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Glorifying God by caring for children and families



Fundraising Goal - \$3.5 Million

Our goal will allow us to upgrade existing facilities to serve older youth while adding the following:

- A donation/thrift store with a coffee shop/cafe and nearby RV park for volunteers.
- An activities center with swimming pool on the West Campus as well as miscellaneous campus improvements.
- New buses to begin replacing older models in our ten-year-old fleet.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

At Black Mountain Home for Children we have seen a distinct need for programming that will provide opportunities for youth for whom a traditional educational setting may not be the best choice. Developing a program that offers youth who are currently slipping through the cracks in the system hope for the future is a critical need that allows us to address big-picture issues such as:



- Providing youth who are likely to become dependent on governmental assistance with a way to be productive, contributing members of society.
- Stepping into the gap to assist youth who are likely to face issues such as homelessness, difficulty managing daily activities, and even imprisonment.
- Creating apprenticeship opportunities for youth to find gainful employment while taking advantage of existing relationships with BMH staff. Our goal is to help youth earn a living wage.

Campus jobs could include:

- Barista in the coffee shop.
- Cooks to provide baked goods and other items for the coffee shop.
- Retail work in the thrift store.
- Lifeguarding at the swimming pool.
- Maintenance and housekeeping at all facilities.

We also plan to partner with area businesses to provide on-the-job training and future employment.

If you would like to commit to helping youth TODAY, please tear off the pledge form at the bottom of this sheet and mail to:

Black Mountain Home for Children
80 Lake Eden Road
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Thank you for partnering with us as we glorify God by caring for children and families!



A Second Century of Hope My Pledge to Our Children

*"Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope
in the Lord."
~ Psalm 31:24*

Second Century of Hope Goals:

- Continue to increase awareness of the ministry by growing the donor base.
- Add programs to offer older youth real world work opportunities that allow them to earn a living wage.
- Expand programs to generate additional income, decreasing our dependence on government funding.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Yes—I want to help give children hope for the future with my gift of \$_____.

Payment Method

- Monthly Bank Draft - we will send you information
- Check Enclosed - payable to: Black Mountain Home
- On-line Gift - go to www.BlackMountainHome.org
- Future Payment(s) - as indicated below

Future Payments

- One-time Gift
- Monthly Gift in the amount of \$_____
- Annual Gift of \$_____ for _____ years
- Stock Gift
- I have remembered the Home through planned giving
- I would like information about planned giving