



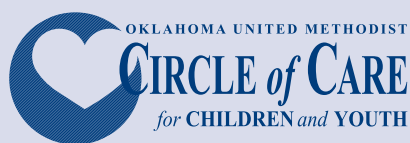
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The Generosity of Today...



Donald R. Batson

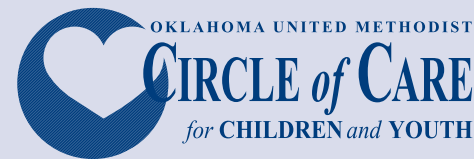
Since coming to Oklahoma almost ten years ago, I have come to know and appreciate the humor and wisdom of Will Rogers. I have heard many of his adages that make a lot of sense. He told us, "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." I often need to remember this when I fret too much about what I've not gotten done. Another time he opined that, "Worrying is like paying on a debt that may never come due." Too often we let fear and worry take away valuable time we need to address those very fears. But once he gave some sage advice that I believe is wrong for the Circle of Care today. He advised, "The best way to double your money is to fold it once and put it back in your pocket." Today, the best way to double your money is to take it out of your pocket and give it to the children and youth of your community. I usually say the children and youth of Oklahoma, but not today, and I would like to tell you why.

A few days ago, a Circle of Care supporter, Mr. Paul Milburn of Shawnee, called me and asked what plans we had to better serve our children. I told

him that we had a contract through the State of Oklahoma to develop foster homes across the state to serve children in their own communities. I excitedly told him that this new opportunity would pay the Circle of Care to support foster parents and their children no matter what community or town they called home. I also said that we were looking at several areas whose churches had expressed interest in our Child SHARE program. But I also told him that the difficulty was that there was no funding until we had located, screened and trained the foster parents and could match them with children in need in that local neighborhood. This process could take months of work and expense before any funding became available. Well, Mr. Milburn must have been listening when Will Rogers advised that sometimes, "You've got to go out on a limb sometimes because that's where the fruit is." I say this because, Mr. Milburn pledged funds that would employ four new Child SHARE positions immediately if matching funds can be found in areas that demonstrate interest in having a new and permanent Circle of Care ministry. This would allow us to hire someone from these areas with a passion for ministering to children and families to find potential foster families in their community. His pledge, if matched by those communities, will fund a family Specialist for one year in different regions to allow those communities and those churches to find, develop, train and certify new foster homes. As homes are certified and children are placed, that position will transfer into an on-going, permanent position to support those families and children.

I will again turn to Will Rogers when he advised us that, "If you want to be successful, it's just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. And believe in what you are doing." At the Circle of Care our mission is to help our churches and our communities serve those children, youth and families in need. We know what we're doing, we love what we're doing and we believe in what we're doing. With your help, we will continue to be successful in serving our Lord, our children and our church. This really is a time that you can double your money and serve together. My last Will Rogers quote is that, "Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like." This is a time for you to spend money you've earned, to fund something we all need, to serve the children we love.

Gifts received in response to this newsletter will go toward meeting Mr. Milburn's challenge to find loving homes for children in need. May God's Grace be with you and all those you hold dear.



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Published by CIRCLE OF CARE's Public Relations Department, this quarterly publication is designed to highlight CIRCLE OF CARE's programs, to encourage inquiries about potential admissions and to challenge donors to continue their generous support of our mission to provide possibilities, potential and promise for Oklahoma's children and youth.

Circle of Care is Growing Across the State

Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care is approaching an unprecedented period of growth.

For the past fifteen years, the Circle of Care has increased the number of children, youth and families in crisis that we serve by providing more and different services in our communities. One way that we have done this is through our expanding Child SHARE program. Our staff recruits, trains, and provides ongoing support to foster homes. Up until recently, the agency has primarily provided services in geographical areas where we have been established for many years, OKC, Tulsa, Tahlequah and Gore.

However, the combination of several factors could soon lead to the doubling of the number of communities in which Circle of Care has a staff presence.

The first factor is increased reimbursement from the state for fos-

ter care services. The second factor is a challenge offered from the Milburn family in Shawnee that will provide venture funds to hire foster parent recruiter/trainers. The third factor is the tremendous need for foster homes in Oklahoma -- per capita, we have twice the national average of children in foster care. The fourth and most important factor is the willingness of Oklahoma United Methodists across the state to care for children in youth in crisis.

Circle of Care is finalizing an expansion plan that you can be a part of that will include hiring staff in up to four new communities. Areas that have expressed interest include Shawnee, Stillwater, Ardmore, Enid and Clinton/Weatherford.

To discuss how Circle of Care can be involved in your local community, please call us at 405-530-2078.

Meet the Grahams: New Faces at the Holsinger Home in Enid

April Graham has a passion for working with kids and having an impact in their lives. This has taken her all across Oklahoma working for a variety of social service organizations.

She started her journey with Circle of Care as an Independent Living (IL) Coordinator at the Children's Home in Tahlequah. "Working with college aged kids was fun," she shared. After about a year and a half, April began the process of transitioning to becoming a Professional Foster Parent with Circle of Care. She wanted to work with young children and spend more time with her own kids as well.

The opportunity to move to Holsinger Home opened and April and David moved in February of this year.

Currently, the Grahams have 5 children in the home -- 3 foster and 2 biological.

April says, "Me and my family are truly blessed to be here ... It's a blessing to help the kids not only with their physical needs but also their spiritual needs. You have the opportunity to instill in them, '... you are smart and you have potential.'"

The Holsinger Home was established with the generous gift of Galen and Juanita Holsinger to provide a loving home for children in the Enid area.

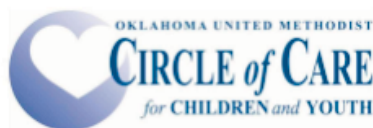


David and April Graham

Save the Date!

Circle of Care's Friends of Children Banquet

*Friday April 17, 2015
Oklahoma City & Tulsa*



Daniel Moore: Ranch Foreman, Foster Parent

Boys Ranch Mainstay Keeps Busy All Year Long

The dew is heavy and cool on this September morning at the Boys Ranch. Daniel Moore, ranch foreman and professional foster parent, leads three teenage boys as they prepare for a community event in Muskogee. Daniel's boys help attach a horse trailer to his truck, round up three horses, collect saddles and other gear, and then load the truck... all before 9am on a Saturday. The boys are sleepy, but clearly enjoy working with the animals and providing a service to the community.

In Muskogee, a special needs parents group is hosting a festival and Daniel and the boys will be offering assisted horse rides for the kids. There's a rodeo coming up in about a month and there are plenty of things to do at the ranch. But these events are important, Daniels explains, for building community awareness and support.

The Boys Ranch in Gore, Oklahoma is home to three of Circle of Care's four programs: Campus Christian Homes, Preparation for Adult Living, and Community Outreach. In addition to these programs, the campus in Gore is a working ranch complete with horses, cattle, sheep, and other animals. The youth are responsible for helping take care of the animals and even show off their skills at the annual rodeo, which is being held this year on Saturday October 18th.

Daniel has three adopted children, two live with him and one is currently in job corps in Guthrie. He also is one of several professional foster parents who live and work at the ranch. He has been working with children and youth in campus based programs since 2001 when he started with Circle of Care. After leaving the ranch to spend a few years at a similar program in Texas, he came back in 2007. "There's a family atmosphere here," Daniel explains.

Being a single parent does not stop Daniel from keeping a blistering schedule. As foreman, he oversees ranching operations both in Gore and at the Children's Home in Tahlequah. That includes riding lessons with kids from both sites, and a full plate of community events. For example, during Friday night home football games at Gore High School, you will probably find him cooking hamburgers, hot links, and smoked bologna with the booster club.

And you also might find some of his former foster youth dropping by to see him. These youth who come back are in various places in their lives: some are in college and others are working. But the thing that unites these kids is the man they call, "dad." "Call me, let's go have lunch and catch up," Daniel says. There is no better image that tells the story of the long-term impact this program makes in the lives of young people this: young men coming home on the weekend to visit their "dad."



Top: Daniel prepares for a cook-out; Middle: Boys Ranch Rodeo; Bottom: pony rides are part of the job.



A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time. - Isaiah 60:22

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A Letter From the Board Chair

Dear Friends:

In our baptism, we are all called to ministry. One way the Oklahoma United Methodist Church has lived out that call is by providing help, healing, and hope to children and families in crisis. For the past 97 years, you have done that through the programs of your Circle of Care.

I look back on the past year as a period of growth. We have increased the number of children served and the number of cities where we are providing services. Grove now has a dedicated Circle of Care staff person supporting foster homes. And, in addition, Circle of Care is in the process of adding Child SHARE staff in several additional areas that may include Shawnee, Stillwater, Ardmore, Enid, Clinton and Weatherford through the challenge grant discussed in Don's letter on page 2.

This expansion has been driven by an increased need for services as the number of children in state custody has jumped dramatically. Your faithfulness is proven when the rising need is met with rising support. Thank you for your continued commitment to this ministry of the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

In addition to this precipitous growth, the Circle of Care staff has continued to provide exceptional service to children, youth, and families across all of our programs and sites. But it would not have been possible without the thousands of hours of volunteer work, generous gifts, and thoughtful prayers our supporters have contributed to the agency.

I hope you will take a few moments to learn more about our services by visiting our newly remodeled website at www.circleofcare.org.

Thank you again for your steadfast support of your Circle of Care.

Blessings to all,

David Beal



Theology Statement

In response to God's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world, the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care extends God's grace to the children, youth and families of Oklahoma through our words, our actions, and our example.

Mission Statement

Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care provides Christian help, healing and hope to children and families in crisis to assure a safe, healthy and spiritual future.

Vision Statement

The Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care leads the way in creating a child-centered Oklahoma by being a model provider of the highest quality temporary homes for children, youth and families in crisis, and by leading advocacy efforts to assure that Oklahoma leads the nation in the percentage of children in permanent, safe, nurturing, healthy homes.

CIRCLE OF CARE KEY STAFF

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, **2013** **2012**

Change in unrestricted net assets:

Revenues

Contributions	\$1,231,235	\$1,404,646
Apportionment receipts	671,559	671,896
Grants and contracts	410,063	200,574
Investment return	569,679	542,043
Program service fees	12,446	5,313
Other	112,451	70,491
Total revenues	3,007,433	2,894,963
Net assets released from restrictions	511,272	331,127
Total revenues and other support	3,518,705	3,226,090

Expenses

Program services:		
Boys Ranch	923,960	847,127
Frances E. Willard Ministry Center	418,481	450,818
Children's Home	674,778	773,235
Holsinger Home	47,395	53,457
Child SHARE	516,483	404,434
Total program services	2,581,097	2,529,071
Administrative services:		
Management and general	534,123	471,026
Fundraising	40,450	101,442
Total administrative services	574,573	572,468
Total expenses	3,155,670	3,101,539

Increase in unrestricted net assets **363,035** **124,551**

Change in temporarily restricted net assets:

Revenues		
Contributions	376,469	697,892
Investment return	14,606	11,109
Total revenues	391,075	709,001
Net assets released from restrictions	(511,272)	(331,127)

Increase (Decrease) in temporarily restricted net assets **(120,197)** **377,874**

Change in permanently restricted net assets:

Revenues		
Contributions	887,894	2,026,117
Investment return	600,471	600,464

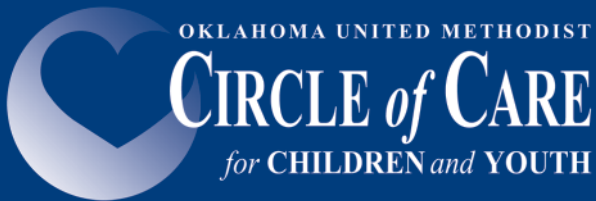
Increase in permanently restricted net assets **1,488,365** **2,626,581**

Increase in net assets **1,731,203** **3,129,006**

Net assets, beginning of year **13,243,795** **10,114,789**

Net assets, end of year **\$14,974,998** **\$13,243,795**

The Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care is audited annually by the independent certified public accountants of Stanfield and O'Dell of Tulsa, Oklahoma. You may request a complete copy of our financial audit by calling (405) 530-2078 or by writing to: Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care, Inc. 1501 NW 24th Street, Suite 214



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