

OUR MISSION

To assist families in need by providing a safe, home-like setting for children until they can be reunited with family or achieve independence.

THE MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN AT OXFORD

2007 Annual Achievement Report

We fulfill our mission by providing quality residential care, parent education & counseling, spiritual, academic & social skill development, assistance with higher education, community education, family reintegration, independent living opportunities, and after-care & follow-up services.

**A SOLID FOUNDATION
FOR THE ROAD AHEAD...**

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

For 135 years, The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford has provided a home away from home for children who could not live with their families. The structures and facilities have changed, the programs of care have changed, and the faces of care givers and children have changed many, many times. Yet, through the years one constant has remained the same — our mission to provide a safe and caring environment for children in need.

The year 2007 followed that same pattern of change while offering as much stability as possible to children and families whose lives have been disrupted through various and unfortunate circumstances. Key staff changes occurred; efforts continued to make our living environment less institutional and more like home; and renewed emphasis was given for programs to help youth cope with challenges of life outside the security of our gates. What did not change was that our loyal supporters and the caring public continued to provide the resources to enable The Home to provide quality care for the children.



This achievement report summarizes activities of The Home in 2007, provides vital information regarding our operations and recognizes the support and those who provided it for our children and their families throughout the year. Every donor and every contribution given to this Home makes a better life for our children. Through this report of achievements we hope to convey our sincere appreciation to each individual and to each organization that helped make our Masonic Home for Children at Oxford...

A Home Away From Home

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Allen Hughes".

Allen Hughes
Administrator



As Chairman of the Board of Directors at The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford I have witnessed great change, significant improvements and the creation of programs to meet the needs of today's children. I have been honored to be a part of it and take pride in the way our Home stands to serve today. Yet, our work as a Board and as supporters of this Home and the lives of today's youth is not done.

Much like the oaks on our campus, the lives of young people today are changing with every season. They have encountered harsh periods, sometimes bask in success, and are constantly looking for strength and stability. Their true magnificence is displayed when they are cared for by others and given a chance to succeed. Our responsibility as members of the Board of Directors at this Home is to govern that care, to make sure it is sound and consistent, well funded and given under guiding principles all for the benefit of our children and their futures. I pray and give thanks that we are doing just that for our children and preparing our Home to care for the needs of those who seek our services.

I am privileged to serve another year as Chairman of our Home's Board of Directors. As I begin this year, I look to the previous years to serve as a guide for what greatness can be accomplished when people come together and support with their words, their minds, their donations and their actions. The true value of our efforts comes when our children directly benefit from what we do as a Board and as friends and supporters of this Home. I ask each of you to join me in continuing to make this a great Home. With you and your support we can continue to provide shelter and the chance for a better life for those children living under our oaks today and those yet to come.

Douglas L. Caudle, Chairman
Board of Directors



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Hughes Named Administrator As First Alumni To Lead Home

*Announcement Marks First Time An Alumnus
Leads The 135 Year-old Children's Home*

On Friday, August 10, 2007, the Board of Directors proudly announced Mr. J. Allen Hughes as the Home's next Administrator.

Mr. Hughes became the eighteenth administrator of the Home which has served families in the State of North Carolina over 136 years, providing quality residential care for indigent and neglected children. The announcement is historic on another front, as Mr. Hughes is the first alumnus of the Home to serve as its administrator. Mr. Hughes came to the Home in 1952 from Clay County, North Carolina, sponsored by Clay Lodge No. 301. He remained there until his graduation from John Nichols School in 1962. "As a child at Oxford Orphanage, I often dreamed of leaving here and returning home to the mountains; there were times I felt that couldn't happen soon enough. Although it was suggested to me by the Superintendent and the Business Manager that I might consider returning one day to be the Business Manager, never in my wildest imagination did I envision returning to lead the Home."

Mr. Hughes served in the United States Army for 20 years, retiring as a Major in 1986. Following retirement from the Army and before joining the Home's staff as Assistant Administrator and Chief Financial Officer in April 2001, Hughes was the Senior Army Instructor at Halifax County High School in South Boston, VA. His educational background includes a bachelor's degree from UNC-CH in Business Administration and Accounting and a Masters of Public Administration from Webster University.

RESIDENTIAL CARE

Vital to our mission is the programming and environment that surrounds the care for our children. Residential care includes the daily needs of our children, carried out in a family living environment. This environment is not only the one floor, single bedroom family living homes constructed on our campus in 2003. It also includes those people and programs that address social, spiritual, medical, physical and emotional needs of children every day. A quick survey of the values we focus on will outline what is key to our residential care program and how it helps children succeed, grow and achieve independence in the future while keeping their families, when applicable, as a part of that future.

MHCO Values Focus on:

- ▼ the highest quality of residential care in a family setting;
- ▼ work with our residents' families, including educational needs and counseling measures;
- ▼ social skills development for children and families;
- ▼ extensive academic services including tutoring, alternative learning, and a close partnership with Granville County Schools, which our children attend for public learning;
- ▼ assistance with higher education, including financial and program support for those children graduating high school and attending academic and vocational institutional learning;
- ▼ community education and child and family advocacy;
- ▼ family reintegration and assistance with reunification and permanency planning;
- ▼ transitional planning for children progressing into independent living;
- ▼ after-care and follow-up services.



Part Of The Program Summer Activity

There is more going on in the summer with our program than swimming, eating ice cream and relaxing at the cottages. Summer provides staff an opportunity to work with residents to strengthen their personal and independent living skills in a relaxed environment. The Home's KidsEarn program offers residents ages 10-17 a chance to develop a work ethic, while earning a little spending money. At the same time older residents are encouraged to obtain off-campus jobs to further increase their adult living skills. In 2007, classes and various educational sessions were held in the summer to help older residents increase their awareness of personal health and hygiene; drug and alcohol awareness and its effects; cultural diversity and how to work and live with peoples of different cultural backgrounds; social skills development, career planning and conscious decision making techniques. Younger residents continued to work on educational skills learned during the school year to keep ideas and fundamentals fresh and to help their transition into another year of school. Summer at MHCO includes trips funded by sponsors and an occasional day to relax and create wonderful memories. It is also a time to continue instilling those values and traits vital to MHCO's program of care; a program that is conducted for the benefit of our children all year long.

In addition, efforts have been made during the last year to increase community involvement by including our residents. With this program, The Home has helped encourage residents to participate in activities for the good of others, teaching social responsibility and often instilling a sense of pride and accomplishment in our residents by helping others. Examples of this involvement include participation in Relay for Life; creating care packages for the homeless, single mothers, and the elderly living in nursing homes; work at the local food pantry sorting and distributing goods; and participation in various school sponsored functions that are raising community awareness.

MHCO is recognized for its values and the program that encompasses those values. The Home is one of a few residential childcare facilities in North Carolina with dual accreditation from The Council on Accreditation (COA) and EAGLE.

MHCO once again received its license from the State of North Carolina as a registered residential home for children.

Independent Living at MHCO

The Masonic Home for Children has a long history of caring for children beyond adolescence. That history was continued with the formation of a highly beneficial and needed program focusing on the development of young adults ages 18 – 22. The program enters its second year and serves both males and females, young adults graduating from MHCO's residential program and young adults from across the State who have exited the foster care system or other residential group homes.

Recent statistics show that children in the age group 18-22 and especially those exiting from group or foster care are lacking another level of support and learning. During this extremely crucial time of development, many young adults are finding it difficult to live, learn, and succeed independently. It was for this reason and the fact that MHCO is always looking for ways to help children that the Independent Living Program (ILP) was expanded in the fall of 2006.

The program is an ideal extension of services for young adults wishing to focus on success in education, social development and adult-living skills. The source of some of these admissions includes:

- ▼ Completion of Job Corps
- ▼ GED programs
- ▼ Aging out of foster care
- ▼ Graduation of high school or high school equivalency without adequate family support

The program provides housing in the form of two-room apartments utilizing existing buildings on campus. In each building, one for males and one for females, a Resident Advisor is there to assist with daily living needs and as another source of outreach for each young adult. This program's primary goal is focusing on the preparation of each young adult for the purpose of leaving the program, ready to make a positive contribution to society, while attaining his/her desired level of achievement. Services for Independent Living include:

- ▼ individual assessment to determine independent living needs
- ▼ case planning
- ▼ apartment living
- ▼ staff, support, guidance and advocacy
- ▼ training in daily living skills
- ▼ assistance with career planning, pre-vocational skills, and finding and retaining employment
- ▼ assistance in furthering education

- ▼ establishing ongoing support networks
- ▼ assistance with locating permanent housing
- ▼ after-care and follow-up services

Placement At The Masonic Home For Children

Referrals to The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford come by way of families, schools, child care agencies, state agencies, Masons and other private sources. An application to The Home can be as simple as a phone call. Once The Home receives a call a pre-placement meeting is scheduled with the parent, guardian or legal custodian and the child. After a determination of the appropriateness of the child's admission and The Home's ability to provide for the child's needs, an admission status is determined.

The Home is staffed to provide short-term or long-term care, as needed, for low to moderate risk children. Children who are admitted enjoy a safe, home-like environment away from sources of abuse and neglect. MHCO is an alternative for assistance to those families in need. The Home often provides a safe haven for children while parents correct problems which could have led to loss of custody of the children. Many times the parents/guardians have had financial or legal setbacks and need a safe home for their children while resolving the issues. MHCO does not take legal custody of any child, allowing parents or other guardians not to risk losing custody of their children while they're in our care. On the other hand, The Home does expect the parents or guardians to participate in the plan of care and counseling with the children, enhancing prospects of reunification in a safe and nurturing environment.

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford is not an institution but, rather, a large family environment. We have the capacity to serve as many as 85 children in our residential care program. Our primary goal is to care for children in need in a safe and nurturing home.

We invite child care agencies and those involved in the care of children to visit our Home and see what we offer to assist in the goal of providing for families and children in need. The Home does not discriminate based on gender, religion, race, creed, culture, color or nation of origin. Our Home is here to serve all children that can benefit from our services within our level of care.

RESIDENT EDUCATION

Education has been an area of paramount importance in the care of our children since 1873. Built upon the grounds of St. John's College, our Home has a history of providing the best possible options and opportunities related to formal education and higher learning.

To fulfill that mission, The Home works closely with the Granville County School System, monitoring the progress of our children grades K – 12. This partnership ensures that complete educational opportunities will exist for all of the children in our care. It also works to identify those children with special educational needs and provides additional resources, such as the County School liaison, an employee of Granville County Schools dedicated strictly to the needs of the children at our Home, as well as other childcare agencies in the county. Utilizing the Homework Club and qualified tutors, our children receive additional educational support beyond the time spent in school.

Even when school is out, The Home's summer enrichment program is dedicated to providing interesting and exciting learning activities to main-

tain and even improve skills learned during the school year while on the summer break.

Our transition and alternative classroom on campus serves several purposes for the education of our children. It provides a starting place for new admissions, providing educational outlets for children one to two days prior to entering local schools. It also provides additional learning opportunities for children struggling with the day-to-day requirements of public schools.



With achievement comes reward and our Home cherishes the opportunity to recognize the educational accomplishments of our children. Four times a year the Troutman Awards, created with funds donated by Cornelia and John Troutman, recognize those residents attending public school at all grade levels who have improved during the semester or have maintained an established grade level. These awards also recognize entire homes and their collective grade point averages or significant average improvement.

Each Spring The Home's baccalaureate service honors those residents graduating from high school as well as those in our Independent Living Program who are completing degrees in higher education. This event is special as our residents gather with their family and friends to celebrate major steps in their lives. The day is highlighted by an awards ceremony, naming the year's annual scholarship and award winners. These scholarships and awards are an example of our supporters' gifts making a difference, creating a legacy of giving at MHCO.



Scholarships at The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford – A Legacy of Giving

The Masonic Home for Children is proud to be the recipient of several academic and achievement scholarships that provide thousands of dollars in awards and assistance for our children. These scholarships honor the lives of mothers and fathers, family members and friends, and husbands and wives, all who valued the opportunity to receive a good education. Thanks to these scholarships, their lifetime legacies are being realized, helping provide for the children of MHCO for years and years to come.

In order of date of establishment:

The Umphlet Scholarship
 The Daniel and Nellie Beck Scholarship
 The Bruce Nichols Memorial Scholarship
 OOOA Citizenship Award
 Dan C. Rice Journalism Award
 The Mel Davis Children's Award
 The Norman Garland Hines Memorial Scholarship
 The Arthur L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
 The Ion Charitable Fund – Dr. Grant Campbell
 The Guy Thomas and Lelle Courtney Horner/Guy T. Horner Presidential Scholar Award



In addition to the specific awards, we receive income from a number of scholarship and award funds which are used to help with education expenses throughout the year. The designated funds provide essential funding and are designed to continue in perpetuity, providing varying amounts of income years into the future.

The Carl and Nerata Burt Trust
 Oscar Vatz Fund
 Darlene Hix Fund
 Neighbors Scholarship
 Becky Scholarship
 Merritt Scholarship
 Harris Fund
 Evelyn and Stan Longdon Education Endowment



The educational opportunities we promise our children would not be possible without support and actions of others. Our Home collaborates with the Granville County School System Administration and Board of Education, participating in roundtable discussions and public forums. The Home supports the Granville Education Foundation (<http://www.granvilleeducationfoundation.org/main.htm>) with an annual contribution and hosts various school groups and organizations at the Cobb Conference Center. Our childcare workers regularly visit with teachers regarding the progress of our residents and Home supervisory staff meet with school counselors and program directors to provide additional services for residents at our Home.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Our client statistics for 2007 depict a general idea of the population being served by our Home. These statistics include those clients served by our Independent Living Program. A total of 106 children were cared for in 2007; this is down eight percent from the total number served in 2006. These children equaled 23,602 days of care at our Home. This information along with admission and discharge, age, custody and demographic information constitute those statistics which represent our resident population. These statistics are important because they not only profile those children currently in our care, they provide valuable data used by our Home to help plan for the future. Our staffing, budget and financial needs are directly related to the statistics listed here for the current year as well as previous years. These statistics are updated regularly throughout the year providing an instant portrait of our residential population.

CLIENTS SERVED

	2005	2006	2007
Clients Served	121	115	106
Days of Care During Year	25,839	24,666	23,602
Average No. Children Per Day	70.79	67.58	64.66

The average number of client per day at our Home was sixty-five, three percent less than 2006. Over fifty percent of the client population in 2007 were in the range of 13 to 17 years of age. Of the total admitted in 2007, including those in the Independent Living program, seventy-three percent were above the age of 13. While this validates the trend of older children coming into care at MHCO, it should be noted that a number of clients under the age of ten, including infants under the age of one, were served by our Home in 2007.

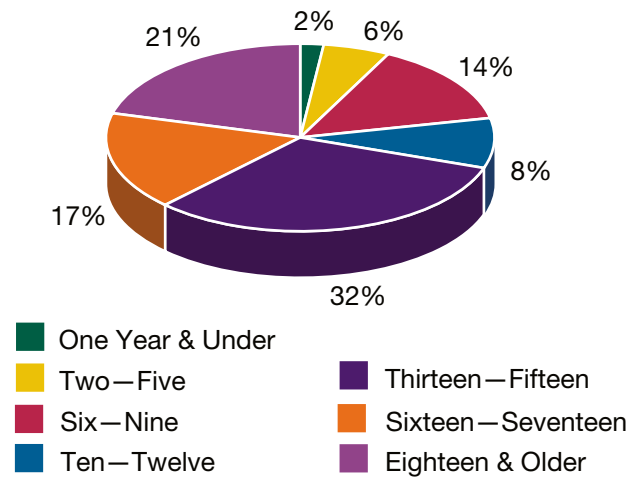
Length of stay indicates the amount of time clients stay in our care from admission to discharge.

AVERAGE AGE OF RESIDENTS IN CARE

2005	2006	2007
15.12	14.37	13.4*

*Includes infant care

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CLIENTS SERVED



Statistics are based on those in care at the end of the year. Sixty-three percent have been in care for less than one year, while sixteen percent have been in care for more than three years; of this total five have lived at The Home at least ten years.

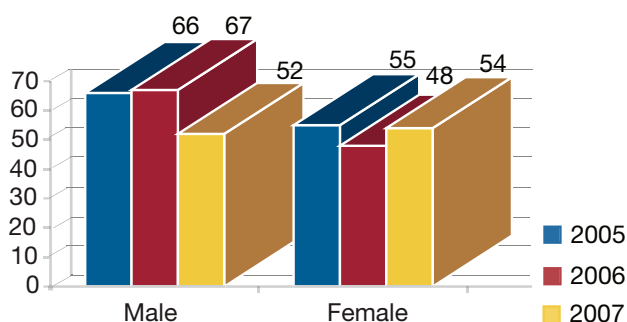
Admission and discharge statistics include the custody of the client upon admission and discharge, their state of residence during admission and their disposition following discharge. Ninety-nine percent of the residents in care in 2007 had

COUNTY OF ORIGIN

Total for Year 2007

Granville	27	Davidson	2
Wake	7	Guilford	2
Bertie	5	Onslow	2
Durham	5	Person	2
Franklin	5	Pitt	2
Mecklenburg	5	Rowan	2
Vance	5	Columbus	1
Johnston	4	Cumberland	1
Surry	4	Hertford	1
Carteret	3	Iredell	1
Forsyth	3	Laurens	1
Lee	3	Randolph	1
Nash	3	Warren	1
Beaufort	2	Wilson	1
Chatham	2	St. Mary's (MD)	1
Cherokee	2		

GENDER OF RESIDENTS SERVED

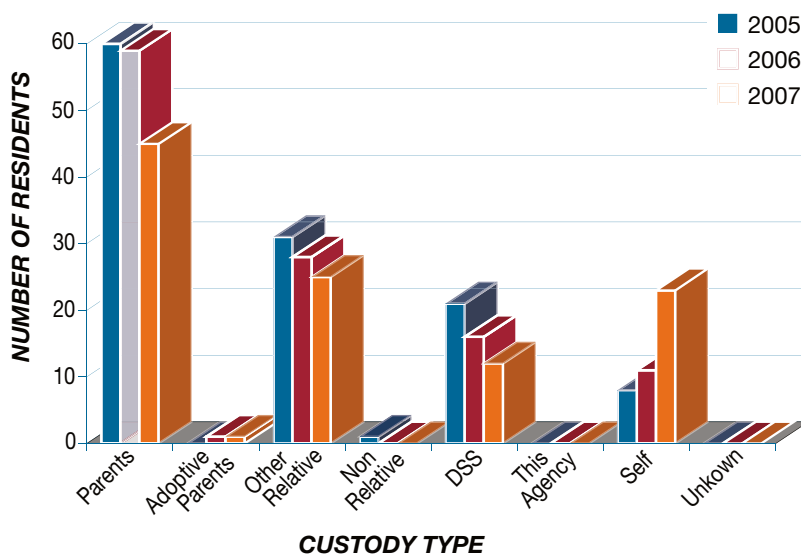


residency in the State of North Carolina at the time of admission. Twenty-five percent of residents served in 2007 came from Granville County, the home county of The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.

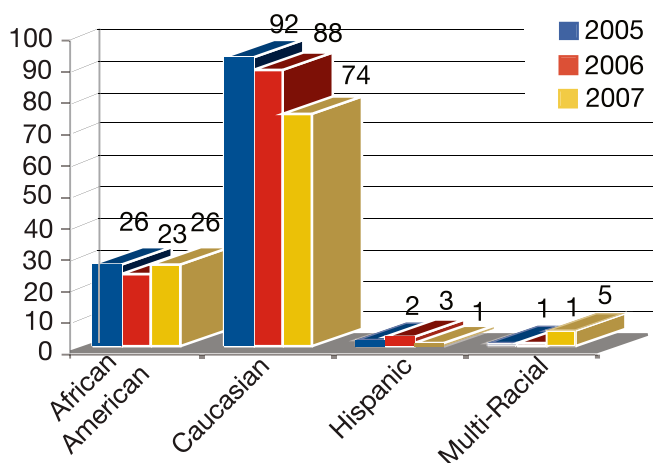
Admission to The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford is the result of several sources. The majority come by way of private referrals, from individuals, family members, and members of our Masonic community. A smaller portion is direct referrals as a result of child care services intervention, such as the Division of Social Services.

When possible, children are reunited with their families in a renewed, positive and stable environment. After a child leaves our care, The Home continues to monitor the progress and condition of that child for outcomes and stability of family life. This is important as a stable line of communication supports the child and the family even after the resident has left our care.

CUSTODY OF RESIDENTS



ETHNICITY



2005-2007: Asian - 0; Native American - 0

These facts and figures hold only a portion of the answer to what is provided by MHCO and to whom. It is our family-style living model, which provides a safe, stable and caring environment that cannot be measured entirely by numbers and figures. It is the education and dedication of our staff that supports these figures and the outcomes related to those that are discharged. It is also the support that we receive that allows us to maintain our facilities, provide for our children and plan for the future. Statistics tell only a part of the story of MHCO and its children, but they do serve as markers for the future and what areas The Home focuses on to better serve the children destined to need our Home in the days and years ahead.

PERSONNEL

People Make The Difference In Caring For Our Children

Our staff do more than just their jobs; they serve as a positive force in the lives of our children. They are friends, teachers, guidance counselors, helpers, and care givers. They are here to listen and to give advice. Regardless of the department they work in, our staff are here as people to, first and foremost, care for our children.

Our Home currently employs 49 full-time program workers, a large percentage with over five years experience at MHCO. Of these workers, twenty-eight serve as child care workers, responsible for the daily needs of our children. These are not only care givers but experienced professionals whose average length of stay for 2007 was 2.85 years, a significant figure compared to the child care industry's average of less than 2 years. Of these twenty-eight child care workers, fourteen are currently certified as completing the Residential Child and Youth Care Professionals Program of the University of Oklahoma. This program is important because it complements the skills of child care workers, giving them additional training and proficiency in the areas of:

- ▼ Understanding and developing a culture of care for children;
- ▼ Emphasis on child development and how it affects children and their needs;
- ▼ The importance of relationships to help children reconnect with society;
- ▼ The use of appropriate discipline to teach children to make good choices and be responsible.

MHCO continues this training throughout the year for the purpose of teaching all new child care workers and to fulfill our goal of 100% certification for all child care workers at MHCO. For more information on this program, visit the program's website at www.nrcys.ou.edu/training/tot/tot_rcycp.shtml.

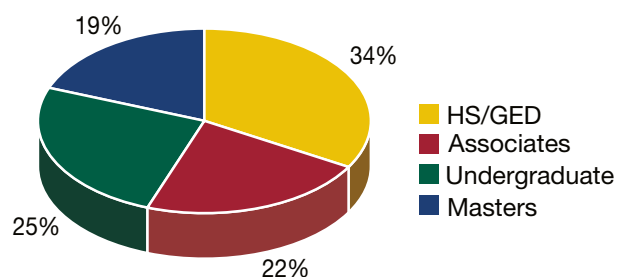
Training for our child care workers as well as all staff includes several vital areas to the care of children. In 2007, The Home staff averaged about 126 hours of training. This training is required for our continued licensure and accreditation and, more importantly, allows every employee of MHCO to provide the highest quality of care for each child. MHCO trains its employees in the following areas:

- ▼ CPR/First Aid
- ▼ Behavior De-escalation (non-physical)
- ▼ Choice Theory
- ▼ Systematic Training for Effective Parenting
- ▼ Natural and Logical Consequences
- ▼ Food Safety and Service
- ▼ Van Safety
- ▼ Confidentiality and Rights
- ▼ Youth Development
- ▼ Roles of Providers
- ▼ Cultural Diversity
- ▼ Improving Emotional Deficiencies
- ▼ Development Protective Factors in Children

This training is part of the unique model of care adopted by MHCO for the protection and nurturing of its residents known as our Family Living Model. With this model a child care worker couple is placed in each home, creating the foundation of a family setting. Homes are designed with eight personal living spaces, one for each child in the home. Within these homes our child care workers teach the values of family, natural and logical consequences, problem ownership, and the development of problem solving skills. This model creates an environment of stability, development, support and caring.

Along with their training, our staff bring immense knowledge and experience. The graph below shows the formal education of our staff. In addition, a number of our staff have licenses in their specific fields of care and management including nursing, social work, education, recreation, accounting, fundraising, and therapy. With these credentials our staff are able to provide additional services on-site, which are not found in traditional child care programs. Assessment testing, therapy, occupational therapy and some individual and group counseling skills are available and part of our residential program.

STAFF EDUCATION



Working in Our Community

Being a part of a family means taking care of each other and helping those around you in your community. Giving and sharing with others not only provides, it teaches valuable lessons and helps our family of children realize the importance of charity to others. Our work in the community, as employer and as a family, is one of the key points of our philosophy at The Home. The work we do today to help the lives of others will lead to a better tomorrow for all children.

Our Home contributes in many different ways donating space, time, people and funds. With our efforts we create relationships, introducing others to our Home and the needs of our children. Here are just a few of the groups, organizations and individuals that came to know our Home and benefited from our assistance in 2007.

City of Oxford Parks and Rec. Department
Granville County Department of Social Services

Granville County School System
The Colonial Dames of Granville County
Mary Jameson Women's Club
Girl Scouts of NC
Embarq Communications
Vance-Granville Community College
SunTrust Bank
North Carolina State Highway Troopers Assn.
NCHHS – LINKS Program
Granville County Board of Education
Granville County Cub Scouts
Central Children's Home
NC Cooperative Extension
Granville County Farm Services Agency
Granville County Education Foundation
NC Department of Juvenile Justice
Wake Electric, Inc.
Franklin County Department of Social Services



Home Hosts Ride for a Cure

For the first time in its history, The Masonic Home for Children hosted the 2007 Tour De Cure Charity Bicycle Race in June of 2007. Tour de Cure is a series of fund-raising cycling events held in 40 states nationwide to benefit the American Diabetes Association. This year's ride took participants from Cary, North Carolina to MHCO for an evening awards banquet and various other event activities. The next morning riders convened again at The Home for breakfast and the start of the second leg of the events for the final day. The ride generated over \$182,000 for the cause and brought a host of visitors to The Home. The Home was proud to provide facilities and staff for the event and promoted the event months prior. So successful was the 2007 event, the American Diabetes Association in Raleigh will utilize The Home again as race headquarters in 2008.



SCHOOL OF GRAPHIC ARTS



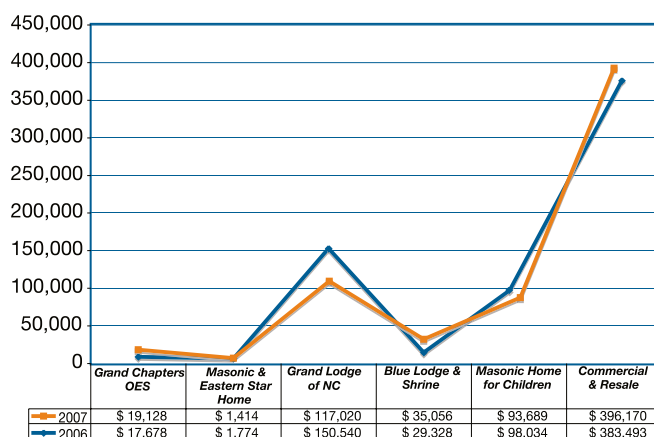
The School of Graphic Arts experienced an exciting year in 2007 with continued emphasis on the students who selected our department to spend their time as a part of the KidsEarn program. We improved our capabilities with the addition of new equipment.



The Board of Directors agreed that we needed to update aging equipment to stay competitive in this market and at the same time provide our students with safer machinery that can satisfy the safety concerns which kept them from learning cer-

tain aspects of the trade. Along with new bindery equipment, we also added two new Apple iMac® computers for exclusive use by our students, and Instruction has begun, teaching them in certain design and practical application software. The students enjoy our Student of the Month program and use it as incentive to meet the expectations we place on them daily.

SCHOOL OF GRAPHIC ART 2006-2007 REVENUES



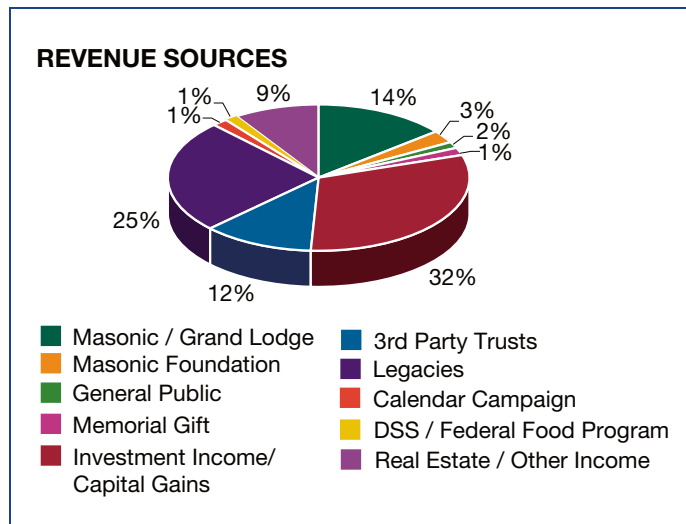
We are continuing our efforts to form a public-private partnership with the Granville County School System to get a graphics communication program started utilizing our facility. The new additions of a state-of-the-art folder and book binder further strengthen our position in the ever-competitive print market.

Revenues decreased slightly with expenses being reduced by an even greater margin. The net result was a positive revenue/expenses figure which allowed us to start repayment of the new equipment one year earlier than expected.

Our advertising campaign has generated new clients from all parts of the State. We also owe a great deal of gratitude to our current customers, as well as the Masons of North Carolina, for spreading the word about our facility to prospective future clients.

The staff of the School of Graphic Arts is dedicated to our mission and work hard to be a positive role model for our children. The love and caring they demonstrate on a daily basis is commendable and deserves the highest praise.

Financial operations for the year 2007 were excellent with income 25% above projection and operating expenditures 12% below budget. Income for the year from all sources exceeded total expenditures, including building renovations and debt service on the construction bonds, by \$1.223 million. The excess was rolled over into the investment fund with the NC Masonic Foundation. As successful as the year was, income in 2007 was 20.71% less than the prior year. The most significant changes from 2006 were in general public donations, down 46.67%, and legacies, down 54.18%. Major increases in revenue were from investment income/realized capital gains, up 17.38%, income from third party trusts, up 33.08%, and sale of real property received through wills and other miscellaneous sources, up eight-fold.



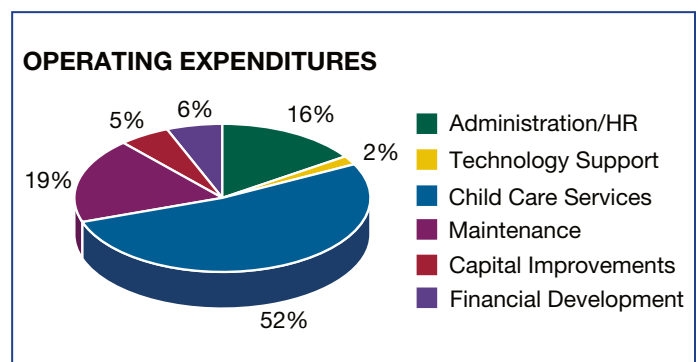
Planned giving again was the major source of revenue, as 79.24% of the income was from wills and trusts and the investment income from those gifts. Masonic donations accounted for 14.27% of total revenue. Receipts from government sources accounted for only 1.41% of the income and were insignificant to the operations.

Operating expenses for the year were down 10.94% from 2006, with overall expenses for 2007 at 12.45% below the approved budget. Most of the reductions were in salaries and benefits due mainly to continued reorganization and realignment of duties and elimination of staff positions. Another major cut in expenses was a 23% reduction in maintenance operations.

Review of revenues for the past three years discloses how unpredictable the revenue stream is from year to year. Income from investments, third party trusts, and the annual calendar are the only sources to show consistent increase since 2005. Although not monitored as a separate income account, contributions from the alumni of The Home through individual gifts and fund-raising projects have increased each year. The drastic fluctuations in legacies, general public donations, and even Masonic donations usually can be explained by one or two major gifts. During the three-year period MHCO has had steady decreases in administration and maintenance costs with a higher percentage of total expenditures going toward direct care services for the children.

The Board of Directors and the administration continue to monitor the condition of the campus facilities and try to anticipate requirements to enhance increased program services. Even with the streamlined operations and budget cuts, the condition of the facilities and appearance of the campus are as good as they have been in years. The underground utilities, especially the aging water lines and drainage system, and four vacant buildings in need of renovation pose potentially large expenditure requirements. However, the Board and the administration exercise prudent stewardship of assets available, and renovation/upgrade will not be undertaken until there is a justified need to do so.

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford has been blessed with a steady flow of gifts to help ensure the future of The Home. While we try to express our gratitude in many ways, we can show our appreciation best by frugal and intelligent management of the gifts we receive. Thus, we strive to make sure each expenditure benefits the children.



Donation Report – 2007

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford relies upon the generosity of its supporters who believe in the mission of The Home to care for its children. These faith based gifts are used to fund our annual operating budget and enhance our ability to provide care in the future. The Masonic Home for Children uses these gifts responsibly, ethically and with the sole purpose of providing the highest quality of care for its children. Our donor bill of rights outlines how gifts of money, in-kind goods, stocks, and property are utilized to fund our mission. Financial development at MHCO means working with our supporters and generating new ones to provide positive relationships that lead to sufficient contributions making a difference in the lives and futures of our children.



Ways to Give

Several methods exist allowing a person to donate to MHCO. In 2007, MHCO saw an increase in giving through memorials. A gift given through a memorial contributes to The Home, while honoring a loved one or respected person in their lives. Foundations and community groups continue to contribute and several new designated funds for education, athletics and general use were established in 2007. The Home's annual calendar campaign netted over \$32,000 and has grown to be an expected occurrence in the mail every fall by our frequent donors.

One of the biggest areas of gain in 2007 was in Matching Gift Donations. This type of gift allows

donors to contribute to The Home, and through their employers, participating in a company sponsored matching donation program. Several companies will match their employees' gifts, some up to 200%, tripling the amount originally given by the employee. It is a wonderful way to exercise your charity as a donor, involve others where you work and make an even larger contribution to the lives of our children. Donors are encouraged to visit their Human Resources Department to find out if such a program exists and how you can contribute at work while supporting your Masonic Home for Children. Some of the companies that currently participate in matching programs for MHCO include:

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| ▼ Bank of America | ▼ General Electric |
| ▼ GlaxoSmithKline | ▼ Illinois Tool Works |
| ▼ Lumina Foundation | ▼ MicroSoft Giving Campaign |
| ▼ Tyco Incorporated | ▼ Wachovia Banks |
| ▼ IBM, Inc. | |

Masonic Giving in 2007

Since 1872 our Home has been proudly sponsored by the Masons of North Carolina. From that first year of appropriations to today's Lodge fundraisers, personal gifts and donations credited to Lodges, our Masons give us strength in so many ways. Their donations provide for our children, their words draw the interest of supporters and their actions demonstrate the true amount of care they have for the success of our Home and the futures of our children.



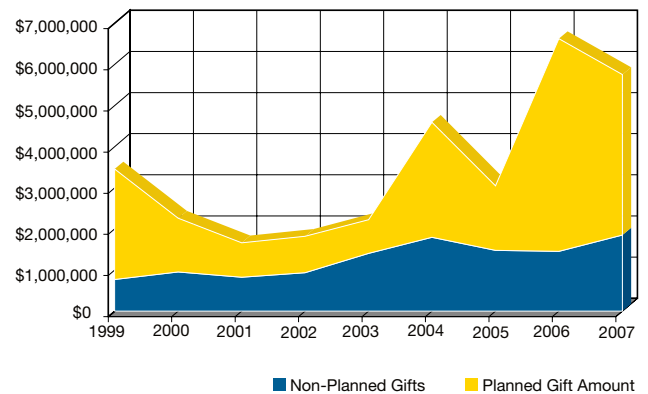
In 2007 Masonic giving, which included donations whose constituency was primarily as Masons or credited to a Masonic Lodge, equaled 14.27% of all donation revenue. The annual gift per Mason, per Lodge rose by 20%, to an average of \$19.50 a member. Details on the annual giving per each Lodge can be found on page 18. This demonstrates the continuing commitment of our Masons, both in the Lodge and in their homes and families. Our Home stands today through the assistance the Masons of North Carolina and other individuals and groups around the world give to help the lives of children.



Planned Giving – Wills, Estates, Trusts and Annuities

How vital is planned giving to the operation of our Home and the care of our children? In 2007, over seventy-nine percent of the revenue received was the result of a planned gift or earnings from planned gifts. The importance of planned giving is immense not only for the generous amounts it provides, but for the fact that many of these gifts continue for decades and some in perpetuity. These are the gifts that build buildings, change programs, foster in new opportunities and change the lives and futures of our children. In 2007, planned gifts to The Masonic Home for Children totaled \$1.4 million

**PLANNED GIVING
AS A PART OF TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE 1999–2007**



received through wills, gifts of property and real estate, endowed designated funds, life insurance policies and charitable remainder trusts.

The Home encourages all individuals to plan their lifetime charitable giving through a planned gift vehicle. Consulting family, friends, and legal and financial professionals is a good start and will ensure that your charitable wishes are met while providing a major gift for the cause of your choice. From tax deductions to the possibility of additional income for a spouse or family member, the options and benefits to planned gifts are numerous. And like many charities, MHCO depends heavily on these gifts to provide the highest level of care and to do so for many, many years. For more information or to take your first steps to providing a planned gift to help children, please call toll-free 1-888-505-4357 and ask for the Financial Development Office or visit The Home's website at www.mhc-oxford.org.

PLANNED GIFT INCOME: \$ 4,545,241

Masonic Foundation	\$ 149,284
Investment Income	\$ 1,479,161
Legacies	\$ 1,437,206
Real Estate Sell	\$ 496,997
Realized Capital Gain	\$ 982,593

What Can My Planned Gift Do?

- ▼ Help children today, tomorrow and for many years in the future; planned gifts are more than one-time donations, they are promises to help beyond a lifetime
- ▼ Provide a solid economic future for MHCO
- ▼ Be invested in the NC Masonic Foundation to provide income in perpetuity
- ▼ Honor the life and causes of a mother, father, spouse or other person who impacted your life
- ▼ Help build new facilities or renovate existing ones, helping make MHCO a true home environment
- ▼ Endow a scholarship for education, a fund for athletics, a ministry or specific program to directly benefit children for years to come
- ▼ Provide a constant source of income for your family, while providing a future major gift for The Home
- ▼ Be recognized permanently as a part of the history of the MHCO as a member of the Hayes and Neal Planned Giving Societies

Living to Ride . . . Riding to Give

In 2007, the Masons of Eureka Masonic Lodge No. 283 celebrated the 10th Anniversary of their Eureka Masonic Charity Ride (www.eureka283.org). In that short time, they have raised over \$150,000!



2007

HAYES AND NEAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

In recognition of the importance of planned giving in the course of this Home's history and for its future, MHCO established the Hayes and Neal Societies in 2005. These societies extend membership to individuals and families who name MHCO as a beneficiary in their planned giving. Whether through wills, trusts, annuities, or gifts of property or real estate, the funds received through planned giving have allowed this Home to survive and prosper for over 136 years. These societies honor those that have kept this Home in operation through their generous gifts. For more information, visit the Hayes and Neal Societies Website at www.mhc-oxford.org/Planned. MHCO is proud and honored to announce the 2007 Hayes and Neal Society members, as supporters and friends of this Home and its children who through their ultimate generosity, gave a lasting gift to help a child.

SILVER LEVEL

Frank E. Werner
Henry L. Miller
Josephine & W. Phil Hedrick
Mary Lou & Roger L. Tudor

BRONZE LEVEL

Dorothy T. Lee
Royal D. Bunn

LEGACY LEVEL

Elton W. Manning
Harvey E. Johnson
Janie H. Douthit (in memory of her brother, Felix C. Hege)
Lois Scott (in memory of her father, Seba J. Collins)
Pansy D. Kirby
Ruth J. Carver
Thurman O. Pike
William W. Britt
Cloyd H. Propst (member Veneratio)
Wayne H. Propst (member Veneratio)

BENEFACTOR LEVEL

William B. Harris
Marjorie Wiley

Similar events are held by Masons in Western Carolina, whose toy and fund ride honors a true fallen hero, Calvin E. Taylor (www.calvinetaylortoy-ride.com), a memorial ride that provides funds for MHCO and generates toys and funds for children involved in emergency situations at local hospitals. The ride is the work of the 40th District Masonic Lodges.

At Christmas the Masons of Mooresville Lodge No. 496 and Eddie Ellis sponsor a ride to generate presents for the children of The Home, while down the road, John Murphy and Murphy's Scooter Shed hold a ride to benefit our children and children spending Christmas in the Shriner's Hospitals.

Visitors in the Spring travel "Under Our Oaks" courtesy of Creedmoor Lodge No. 499. Numerous

rides dot the state, all organized to support our Home. These rides offer food, fellowship and fun to the participants. They are also an important part of the statewide fundraising efforts for MHCO.

For those that like to ride motorcycles it is a way to enjoy something they love, while supporting our Home. As the Eureka Charity Ride organization chairman, Jerry Edwards, stated, "It's hard to believe, here we are ten years later and we've been able to generate that much support for children of this Home just riding motorcycles. We've had a lot of riders from across the Southeast, many Masons and many other friends help us along the way."

We salute these rides and their organizers and riders for taking something they love to do to provide so much for our children.



Donors Grants Work With Residents In Making Their Houses Homes

In 2007, The Home received some unique and very special support in the form of campus beautification. These gifts of time and goods serve many purposes, saving The Home maintenance and landscaping funds, providing learning opportunities, and introducing new supporters to our mission. More importantly, these gifts are another example of supporters adding to the family living model used on our campus. These special donors helped make houses homes, by providing opportunities to beautify our campus and by allowing our residents to plan, participate and help maintain each grant project.

In celebration of Earth Day, U.S. Cellular associates partnered with residents of Masonic Home For Children to lead an activity where the children helped with spring beautification at their homes. Volunteers from local stores along with residents and staff of The Home worked together planting, weeding and preparing areas for future planting around resident houses on campus.

In early October, The Home received one of the grants as part of the 22nd annual Azalea Celebration sponsored by NC Beautiful, WRAL TV-5 and Mix 101.5 FM. The Home received 70 azalea plants as a result of the grant, to be used for beautification projects at each home. The project goal was to allow residents to participate in the beautification of the home they live in. From design to delivery, preparing and planting, residents of MHCO took part thanks to the generosity of the program's sponsors, adding a special personal touch to each of the seven residential homes they live in. More projects are scheduled for 2008 as MHCO continues to find creative ways, thanks to donors, for our residents to help make their houses homes.



FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Masonic Lodge Member Gifts (average gift, per member, per lodge)

No.	Name	Dist. No.	Gifts per Member 2007	No.	Name	Dist. No.	Gifts per Member 2007	No.	Name	Dist. No.	Gifts per Member 2007	No.	Name	Dist. No.	Gifts per Member 2007
1	St. John's	12	\$ 3.35	248	Catawba	34	\$ 26.25	460	Cliffside	38	\$ 12.92	657	Keller	28	\$ 10.49
2	Royal White Hart	8	\$ 4.88	249	Pythagoras	12	\$ 18.50	461	Matthews	32	\$ 53.52	658	Beulaville	11	\$ 17.51
3	St. John's	7	\$ 7.53	253	Lee	30	\$ 1.14	462	South Fork	36	\$ 43.63	663	Black Mountain	39	\$ 3.30
4	St. John's	10	\$ 14.74	257	Kenly	16	\$ 30.14	463	Currituck	1	\$ 5.63	664	Garland	11	\$ 10.26
5	Charity	5	\$ 1.45	258	Fuquay	15	\$ 3.32	471	Grassy Knob	30	\$ 33.26	667	Fort Bragg	17	\$ 4.61
7	Unanimity	1	\$ 19.55	259	Waynesville	40	\$ 28.38	472	Sonoma	40	\$ 123.48	668	Holland Memorial	36	\$ 29.94
8	Phoenix	17	\$ 3.35	261	Excelsior	32	\$ 4.25	473	Lexington-Memorial	27	\$ 30.95	669	Kernersville	26	\$ 8.44
10	Johnston-Caswell	8	\$ 17.83	262	Hilbritten	34	\$ 8.25	474	St. Pauls	18	\$ 5.99	670	Lovelady	34	\$ 14.51
11	Caswell Brotherhood	22	\$ 13.89	263	Gaston	36	\$ 8.84	475	Grimesland	6	\$ 9.13	672	Robbinsville	41	\$ 3.32
13	St. John's	11	\$ 19.92	265	Farmington	27	\$ 41.30	479	Rainbow	7	\$ 2.91	673	Spindale	38	\$ 44.49
17	American George	5	\$ 9.44	267	Dunn's Rock	38	\$ 2.71	482	Saluda	38	\$ 45.61	674	Acacia	23	\$ 25.90
19	Eagle	19	\$ 42.72	271	Tabasco	23	\$ 99.09	483	Traphill	33	\$ 17.19	675	Washington	3	\$ 21.09
27	Statesville	30	\$ 72.11	272	Bingham	22	\$ 53.36	484	Southern Pines	21	\$ 25.59	676	Temple	32	\$ 44.35
31	Phalanx	32	\$ 58.30	276	Beaver Dam	29	\$ 183.91	486	Lawndale	35	\$ 6.67	677	Warsaw	11	\$ 18.25
32	Stokes	28	\$ 52.97	277	Green Level	15	\$ 46.91	488	Rich Square	5	\$ 10.40	678	Providence	3	\$ 1.79
39	Davie	5	\$ 7.71	279	Rehoboth	11	\$ 97.50	489	Linville	37	\$ 3.88	679	Creasy Proctor	17	\$ 5.57
40	Hiram	15	\$ 24.39	282	Wake Forest	14	\$ 79.26	491	Hominy	39	\$ 1.63	680	Semper Fidelis	4	\$ 15.56
45	Liberty	33	\$ 55.35	283	Eureka	28	\$ 656.51	492	Thomas M. Holt	22	\$ 13.42	681	Piedmont	23	\$ 16.86
53	Hall	1	\$ 11.04	284	Greenville	6	\$ 8.04	493	Pilot	25	\$ 26.77	683	Rolesville	14	\$ 4.66
58	Concord	9	\$ 9.86	289	Salem	26	\$ 10.35	495	Rockingham	21	\$ 11.71	685	Pioneer	26	\$ 9.38
59	Perserverance	3	\$ 124.47	292	French	39	\$ 2.26	496	Mooreville	30	\$ 22.01	686	Angier	20	\$ 8.88
64	Kilwinning	29	\$ 88.96	293	Vance	39	\$ 16.19	497	Royal Hart	8	\$ 32.36	687	Fellowship	19	\$ 111.64
75	Widow's Son	1	\$ 5.36	294	Atlantic	3	\$ 22.25	498	Ayden	6	\$ 19.33	688	Cherry Point	7	\$ 9.68
76	Greensboro	23	\$ 6.33	296	Stonewall	5	\$ 212.21	499	Creedmoor	13	\$ 57.33	689	Scotland Neck	8	\$ 29.86
81	Zion	7	\$ 7.59	299	Harmony	30	\$ 0.21	500	Raleigh	14	\$ 7.64	690	Mount Moriah	30	\$ 29.83
83	Lafayette	4	\$ 10.44	300	Aurora	7	\$ 1.17	501	Red Springs	18	\$ 4.39	691	Renfro	25	\$ 28.54
84	Fellowship	16	\$ 21.93	301	Clay	41	\$ 9.51	502	Cookville	34	\$ 0.33	692	East Gate	31	\$ 8.81
85	Morning Star	9	\$ 23.09	302	Lillington	20	\$ 9.09	505	Cherryville	36	\$ 15.11	693	Charles M. Setzer	32	\$ 17.16
90	Skewarkee	5	\$ 13.16	304	Pleasant Hill	10	\$ 13.98	509	Belhaven	3	\$ 3.50	694	Gate City	23	\$ 6.80
91	Western Star	38	\$ 3.62	305	Laurinburg	21	\$ 47.38	515	Whetstone	36	\$ 12.38	695	Allen Graham	28	\$ 16.27
92	Joseph Warren	16	\$ 8.83	306	Raeform	21	\$ 9.04	517	Farmville	6	\$ 8.33	697	Butner	13	\$ 15.83
95	Jerusalem	6	\$ 15.93	314	New Lebanon	1	\$ 11.45	519	Widow's Son	8	\$ 7.98	698	Cape Hatteras	2	\$ 7.53
97	Millbrook	14	\$ 19.86	317	Eureka	1	\$ 13.46	520	Fairfield	3	\$ 0	699	Asheboro	24	\$ 13.27
98	Hiram	11	\$ 8.51	319	Wilmington	12	\$ 6.44	521	Manteo	2	\$ 4.64	701	Garner	15	\$ 51.33
99	Fulton	28	\$ 26.46	320	Selma	16	\$ 53.27	525	Rodgers	9	\$ 7.79	702	St. Andrew	31	\$ 2.84
102	Columbus	20	\$ 17.73	322	Granite	25	\$ 15.47	527	Lucama	16	\$ 17.69	703	Albemarle	29	\$ 13.77
104	Orr	3	\$ 14.93	331	Bayboro	7	\$ 5.66	528	Fairmont	18	\$ 1.36	704	King Solomon	36	\$ 42.52
106	Perquimans	1	\$ 15.66	339	King's Mountain	35	\$ 17.06	529	Andrews	41	\$ 9.06	705	Richard Caswell	10	\$ 7.74
109	Franklin	4	\$ 7.32	340	Harmony	10	\$ 107.18	530	Joppa	31	\$ 9.25	706	Newport	4	\$ 0.47
112	Wayne	10	\$ 16.01	343	Hickory	34	\$ 113.17	532	Hamlet	21	\$ 28.76	707	Forsyth	26	\$ 54.36
113	Person	19	\$ 60.75	344	Numa F. Reid	23	\$ 11.55	534	Camp Call	35	\$ 23.60	708	Crown Point	6	\$ 27.44
114	St. Albans	18	\$ 3.50	348	Stanly	29	\$ 8.41	535	Hollis	38	\$ 6.75	709	Conover	34	\$ 21.90
115	Holly Springs	15	\$ 11.01	352	Durham	19	\$ 15.31	542	Corinthian	23	\$ 11.71	710	Advance	27	\$ 81.88
117	Mt. Lebanon	16	\$ 18.89	356	Fallston	35	\$ 17.76	543	Spencer	28	\$ 12.07	712	Wilson	16	\$ 18.92
118	Mount Herman	39	\$ 5.82	357	Bakerville	37	\$ 0	544	Mount Holly	36	\$ 8.72	713	Stanley	36	\$ 16.22
122	Oxford	13	\$ 26.05	358	East Laporte	40	\$ 21.46	550	Roman Eagle	21	\$ 21.07	714	Liberty	24	\$ 11.77
123	Franklinton	13	\$ 7.65	359	Mt. Vernon	7	\$ 28.15	551	Glenville	40	\$ 19.16	715	Derita	31	\$ 10.02
125	Mill Creek	11	\$ 73.27	363	Snow	33	\$ 22.51	552	Revolution	23	\$ 11.33	717	Burnsville	37	\$ 8.21
126	Gatesville	1	\$ 33.15	369	Gastonia	36	\$ 12.72	554	Vesper	37	\$ 13.37	718	Troy	24	\$ 26.75
127	Blackmer	24	\$ 11.97	373	Ashler	33	\$ 23.50	555	Elise	21	\$ 5.44	719	Horse Creek	38	\$ 0.26
128	Hanks	24	\$ 14.51	374	Campbell	30	\$ 10.06	556	Neill S. Stewart	20	\$ 6.73	720	Cabarrus	28	\$ 12.25
129	Dan River	22	\$ 1.51	375	State Line	35	\$ 1.17	558	Ararat	25	\$ 31.58	722	King	26	\$ 23.73
132	Radiance (and #233)	6	\$ 33.23	377	Youngsville	13	\$ 1.68	561	Swannanoa	39	\$ 0.41	723	Winton	5	\$ 0
134	Mocksville	27	\$ 117.02	378	Seaboard	5	\$ 0	562	Waxhaw	29	\$ 28.46	724	Berne	7	\$ 12.06
136	Leaksville	22	\$ 7.67	379	Coharie	11	\$ 43.64	563	Tabor	18	\$ 6.51	725	Graham	7	\$ 5.94
137	Lincoln	35	\$ 19.67	380	Granville	13	\$ 27.29	564	Richlands	4	\$ 31.70	727	Shallotte	12	\$ 2.38
138	King Solomon	12	\$ 102.39	381	Forest City	38	\$ 6.22	565	Wendell	14	\$ 20.44	730	Stedman	17	\$ 26.59
143	Mt. Vernon	20	\$ 12.67	384	Jefferson Penn	22	\$ 1.77	568	Doric	7	\$ 1.47	731	John Huske Anderson	17	\$ 9.85
145	Junaluskee	41	\$ 11.12	386	Pigeon River	40	\$ 19.45	571	Snow Creek	30	\$ 12.98	732	Bush Hill	24	\$ 0.66
146	Cherokee	41	\$ 8.11	387	Kedron	38	\$ 20.64	573	Mt. Pleasant	33	\$ 15.35	733	Stump Sound	4	\$ 5.18
147	Palmyra	20	\$ 9.30	388	Friendship	35	\$ 24.17	576	Andrew Jackson	28	\$ 31.51	734	William Pitt	6	\$ 33.87
149	Adoniram	13	\$ 10.26	390	Copeland	25	\$ 16.44	578	Meadow Branch	29	\$ 10.83	735	James B. Green	14	\$ 16.34
150	Pee Dee	29	\$ 62.28	391	Lebanon	17	\$ 9.82	579	Casar	35	\$ 23.22	736	New River	4	\$ 14.87
151	Sanford	20	\$ 15.71	395	Orient	12	\$ 9.13	583	Ionic	7	\$ 5.18	737	Steele Creek	32	\$ 10.21
154	Scotch Ireland	28	\$ 373.15	397	Bald Creek	37	\$ 29.01	584	Apex	15	\$ 15.68	738	West Gate	31	\$ 60.46
155	White Stone	14	\$ 14.02	401	Joppa	34	\$ 12.33	585	Roseboro	11	\$ 35.71	739	Newell	31	\$ 0.55
158	Knap of Reeds	19	\$ 9.31	403	Siler City	20	\$ 1.34	589	Bethel	6	\$ 1.35	740	Charles B. Newcomb	15	\$ 54.31
162	Yadkin	25	\$ 9.33	404	Denton	27	\$ 15.77	590	Lowell	36	\$ 3.20	741	Crissie Wright	4	\$ 6.98
165	Archin	14	\$ 26.52	405	Ocean	4	\$ 67.00	592	Maiden	34	\$ 5.51	742	Mint Hill	32	\$ 16.08
167	Winston	26	\$ 22.53	407	North Wilkesboro	33	\$ 3.19	593	Stony Point	30	\$ 32.05	743	JJ Crowder	14	\$ 25.08
170	Blackmer	39	\$ 17.62	408	University	19	\$ 15.04	594	Ashe	33	\$ 0.85	744	Shelby	35	\$ 6.38
172	Buffalo	20	\$ 0.28	409	Bula	22	\$ 54.01	595	Wallace	11	\$ 51.51	745	Vandora	15	\$ 56.36
176	Williams	31	\$ 13.71	411	Bailey	9	\$ 6.16	596	Waccamaw	12	\$ 0.73	746	P.P. Turner	23	\$ 23.42
181	Carthage	21	\$ 16.53	412	Henry F. Grainger	13	\$ 44.36	598	Cranberry	37	\$ 5.48	747	Ocracoke	2	\$ 30.00
187	Central Cross	9	\$ 19.91	413	James A. Johnson	13	\$ 7.37	602	Queen City	9	\$ 20.00	749	Truth	29	\$ 5.41
188	Balfour	24	\$ 21.57	417	Maxton	18	\$ 0	605	Jeff L. Nelson	38	\$ 6.00	750	Oak Grove	19	\$ 4.86
190	Fair Bluff	18	\$ 0	418	Pendleton	5	\$ 6.09	606	Riverside	34	\$ 45.13	751	Old Town	26	\$ 37.98
191	Granite	16	\$ 31.06	420	Harmony	25	\$ 5.73	607	Chadbourn	18	\$ 0	752	Enterprise	27	\$ 3.83
198	Cary	15	\$ 30.01	423	Sparta	33	\$ 9.73	609	Zebulon	14	\$ 30.35	753	Federal Point	12	\$ 12.81
202	Cleveland	35	\$ 4.98	426	Montgomery	41	\$ 6.69	612	Atkinson	12	\$ 0.45	754	Masters	15	\$ 1.91
205	Long Creek	31	\$ 55.18	427	Oconee	40	\$ 79.78	613	Home	10	\$ 0	755	Clemmons	26	\$ 72.05
206	Mingo	11	\$ 43.85	428	Stokesdale	23	\$ 14.03	616	Round Peak	25	\$ 69	756	Clifford Duell	17	\$ 63.25
207	Lebanon	18	\$ 2.04	429	Seaside	4	\$ 12.68	617	St. Patrick's	16	\$ 26.41	757	Denver	35	\$ 25.29
208	Mount Olive	10	\$ 11.69	431	Relief	16	\$ 3.76	618	Union	28	\$ 27.03	758	Oak Island	12	\$ 7.03
210	Eno	19	\$ 13.43	432	Piney Creek	33	\$ 4.46	624	John H. Mills	13	\$ 34.40	759	James K. Polk	32	\$ 14.1
214	Thomasville	27	\$ 3.07	433	Vanceboro	7	\$ 2.20	626	Cannon Memorial	28	\$ 7.13	760	Wilkinson College	23	\$ 2.98
217	Catawba Valley	34	\$ 6.52	434	West Bend	26	\$ 4.47	627	Belmont	36	\$ 32.89	761	Orphans	13	\$ 77.56
218	William G. Hill	14	\$ 20.19	435	Blue Ridge	41	\$ 68.60	629	Walnut Cove	26	\$ 92.76	762	Mosaic		
226	Olin	30	\$ 40.69	437	Biscoe	24	\$ 14.86	630	Francis S. Packard	8	\$ 31.64				
229	Henderson	13	\$ 15.16	439	Marble Springs	41	\$ 10.52	634	Goldsboro	10	\$ 27.10		</		

Those That Give . . .

Our success is dependent upon a strong mission and a belief by others in that mission. Their support means our Home can provide even more, including some wonderful memories. These are a very small portion of those that continue to believe and support very generously, our mission.

Alumnus Donald Newsome

Mr. Donald Newsome is one of The Home's many cherished alumni and lived here from the years 1921 to 1935. As Mr. Newsome will tell you, many things have changed, but he still loves his home and knows it continues to provide for children, as it did him and his family, giving them a start in life.



While here, Mr. Newsome participated in the Home's famous singing class, was on the football team and was one of three children to attend the 1933-1934 World's Fair in Chicago thanks to the generosity of a local Mason. Mr. Newsome visited with his family in 2007 and soon became part of a very special documentary project. Through 2006-2007, The Home visited with alumni from around the country, including Mr. Newsome, to film and record their stories and other history of The Home. The documentary and interview discs are scheduled for release in the Spring of 2008.

Part of living at the Home is the opportunity to experience some once-in-a-lifetime events. Thanks to the generosity of a special donor and the Masons of Andrew Jackson No. 576 and Fulton No. 99, two buses carried our campus to watch the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, North Carolina on a football Sunday in December. It was a wonderful event, filled with great food and a great time, but this event, like many throughout the year, is special because it is a chance for our residents to create wonderful memories. These memories are a constant source of positive, happy experiences for our residents and aid in their care while at The Home. Our donors provide not only great trips and generous donations, they make joyful, lasting memories. Win or lose, it was a great day, for many, many reasons.

Mocksville Picnic

The Mocksville Masonic Picnic has been held for over 126 years and stands as the longest running fundraising event in North Carolina for our Home. That wonderful tradition continued in 2007, thanks to the Masons of Mocksville Lodge No. 134, Advance Lodge No. 710, and Farmington Lodge No. 265. And plans are already underway for yet another celebration in 2008.

Brothers Bob Martin (left) and Picnic Chairman, Brother Taylor Slye (right), presented another sizeable donation to the Home in 2008. What started as a picnic down by the river continues today, providing for our Home and the citizens of Mocksville, North Carolina.



The Masons of Manteo Lodge No. 521 had a plan. For the last two years that plan has involved a great trip, some great fellowship and some great people. Providing lodging, meals and some special activities, our Masons and their families host a four-day weekend at the Manteo, Kitty Hawk and surrounding beaches. For many of our residents, it is their first view of the ocean, their first walk in the sand and their first experience at crabbing, surf fishing or seeing the image of a lighthouse on the water. For all of our residents it is a wonderful weekend as a kid! Our friends in Manteo give many things to make this trip happen; most importantly they give of themselves.



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