



CALVARY CHILDREN'S HOME

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR...

Caring does not have an expiration date....

Recently I received a call from a gentleman (I'll call him, Mark – not his real name), fifty-five years of age, living in North Carolina with his wife and children. He is a retired US Army Airborne veteran who served honorably during the Gulf War. He also lived at Calvary about forty-three years ago and still calls me "Uncle Snyder." I am honored that he does.



Snyder Turner

He wanted me to know he had rededicated his life to the Lord. Thankfully, he became a Christian while at Calvary, but like so many of us, drifted in his spiritual life. He had also experienced various health challenges following his time in the military but would still call from time to time. However, I want to share something very special that he mentioned. And this is what was (and is) such a blessing:

"Whenever I get down and wondered if I could go on, I would just call the Children's Home and every time Aunt Lucille (our founder's wife who has been at CCH since the beginning) would answer the phone with 'Calvary Children's Home!' something in me would say, it's going to be OK. After all these years and no matter where I was, just hearing her sweet voice calmed my spirit. Knowing the Home is still there helping kids like me always encouraged me and gave me a reason to go on. It was some stability in my life."

Our daily focus is on the children currently entrusted to our care. However, occasionally we hear from other "Marks" who have long since been living in an adult world. However, I also received another call a couple of days prior to this writing. This time it was from a funeral home helping the family of a sixty-three-year-old man who had just passed away. He lived in Calvary about the same time Mark did, over forty years ago, and they asked me to conduct his funeral service. No matter where they are nor what they have been through, we want them to know we care about them and want to be available when the need arises.

So not only is Calvary involved with the ones currently on campus, we still are a part of the lives of some who have lived with us in the past – and we are excited for the ones we will welcome in the future.

By the way, another young man began his own journey about three years ago, and had been with us about 12 years, married a precious young lady the day before Easter and yet he came back to help a group with landscaping around our campus. And the reason that he gave? Calvary had been good to him!

Your thoughtful support and friendship enable us to encourage and prepare our young people for a future that looked very uncertain previously. We are always mindful of the vital role our friends play in the ministry of Calvary and, as I frequently say, your involvement is never taken for granted. *Caring does not have an expiration date!*

– Snyder Turner, Executive Director

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TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM...



We assist our transitional residents in making a smooth transition into young adulthood by helping them focus on their next life chapter, which could be college, vocational training, military service, or employment.

Our emphasis is on guiding them through goal setting, personal finance management, spiritual development, interviewing skills, obtaining reliable transportation, and learning basic life skills that will equip them for success in the next phase of their lives.

Preparing for Success!

TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Current Residents:	Rising Seniors:
Chrissy	Alex
Kevin	Christan
Michael	Island
Preston	Savanna
	Shiloh



DONATE YOUR VEHICLE...



Help Support Our Children and Claim Your Tax Deduction!



Caring families donating their used vehicles also supports our children.

Several of our young people have had the opportunity to have their own transportation for college because of the sharing spirit of the families in our community. Calvary Children's Home gratefully accepts gifts of used cars, trucks and boats.

If you would like to arrange any donation please visit our website: **calvarykids.org** to complete the online donation form. You can also contact our office at **770.794.1500** or email us at: **info@calvarykids.org**.

IT'S AS EASY AS 1,2,3...



1. CONTACT US:

Complete the donation form by visiting our website at **calvarykids.org** or giving us a call at **770.794.1500**



2. WE PICK UP:

We will schedule a time for our transport to pick up the vehicle



3. YOU RECEIVE:

Claim your income tax deduction

THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US!



OUR FAMILY...

Our beautiful campus comes to life in the spring every year. The weather warms up to a point where every evening, you can see at least a dozen children roller skating, riding bikes, and playing basketball outdoors. Daylight savings time keeps the light on just to keep the good times rolling. Although these children face troubles in their lives, we have provided a haven for them. One of our grown-up children recently named his first-born after his house parent. This child always sat on the front porch of his cottage and said, "Look at my paradise." His child won't know the troubles his daddy faced in childhood. This is a sweet spot indeed.

Nick spent a decade of his life in our care. He was a blessing from day one to the Calvary family and graduated from college a few years ago. This spring he married a precious young lady who is a nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in the emergency department. Their young family is the kind that makes the world a better place and honors the investments that so many poured into his young life. Chrissy earned an associate degree from Chattahoochee Technical College in May. These accomplishments bring strength and steadiness to our lives. Chrissy is the type of girl you



would want your son to marry. Christian, our Campus Director's son, spent all his life at Calvary and will graduate with a bachelor's degree in construction management in May of this year. He was his high school valedictorian and stayed on the Zell Miller Scholarship his entire college career. Along the way, he completed two internships for Brasfield and Gorrie as part of his education. We, the Calvary family, could not be prouder of him!

During March and April, hundreds of volunteers come to our campus. We believe that Calvary Children's Home is a stop on the "God wants to help you" track of life. These volunteers plant, paint, spread pine straw, and mulch with joy, which makes our "God wants to help you" stop such a lovely place. A child whose life has been shaken can find structure, guidance, and that much sought-after stability here. We are grateful for the caring hearts that invest in our children's lives, making us a strong, beautiful, and safe place.



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**Spring brings Easter,
and Easter brings that
eternal hope so we can
be a forever family!**

– Brian Busby, Campus Director



SPRING UPDATE...

This year has been busy on our campus, with the children participating in many activities and accomplishing some amazing things. Sharing these accomplishments with our friends and supporters is always a highlight. Below are a few of the amazing happenings with our children in 2024!

Your generosity makes all of this possible for children who may never have had the opportunity to change the paths of their lives otherwise! With the Lord leading and your prayers lifting us, we strive to guide our children towards a brighter future.



Please join us in celebrating the following!

- Kevin is a junior at Champion Bible College in Hot Springs, AR, on the Dean's list.
- Michael was accepted into the City of Marietta Police Department Academy.
- Chrissy received her associate degree from Chattahoochee Tech in general studies this May.
- Six children participated in high school athletics.
- Seven children participated in local and national mission trips.
- Two professions of faith and baptisms.
- Over 84 hours of counseling provided. Currently, four are in counseling, and three others will soon begin meeting with a faith-based counselor.
- Over 500 hours of tutoring were provided to our children.
- Fifteen work groups donated resources and time to help maintain and beautify the campus.
- Volunteers donated over 252 hours to serve and strengthen our children.

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CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN.
THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN CALVARY
AND OUR MISSION!**
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SUMMERTIME AT CALVARY...



2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT...



We are happy to inform you that all the team sponsor slots for the 2024 tournament have been filled and we are now officially sold out. The overwhelming response we receive from our team sponsors each year is truly amazing! Although we are sold out of team sponsor slots, there are still ways you can support this year's tournament. We have spots available for the following sponsorship levels.

Silver \$500.00

- Silver level does not include a golf team.
- Sponsorship includes the display of the company logo on the event banner, Calvary website, and media promotions.
- Acknowledgment in our Fall/Christmas Newsletter.

Hole \$250.00

- Custom signage at one hole.
- Ability to set up on sponsored hole to promote your company/products/services.

Tee Box \$100.00

- Standard signage at the tee box of one hole.

You can register as a sponsor for our golf tournament by visiting calvarykids.org and clicking on the link provided. We appreciate your continued support and friendship!

2024 Calvary Children's Home Golf Tournament
September 16, 2024
Pinetree Country Club



TRIBUTE GIFTS | NOVEMBER 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024

If you would like to remember or honor someone special in a very meaningful way that will also benefit children, please consider a Tribute Gift to Calvary.

- Use the enclosed envelope to send in your tribute.
- You can also complete your tribute on our website at: calvarykids.org/donate/
Please be sure and click on Memorial Gift at the top right of page to complete information.
- An acknowledgment of your gift will be sent to the honoree or family.
- Gift amount is not disclosed to honoree or family.

If you choose to mail in the enclosed envelope **it is essential to fully complete the information on the form** so we can properly recognize the honoree.

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The bricks will serve as a constant source of encouragement to the children of Calvary and a reminder for years to come of the commitment and generosity of the individuals, churches and organizations that have helped provide a home for our children while honoring the life of the one remembered.

Your gift will be acknowledged with a personal letter and receipt. Also, their name, as well as yours, will be included in a subsequent newsletter to acknowledge your thoughtful gift.

The form is also available online. This can be initiated by visiting our website at **calvarykids.org/donate**

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What was... 1966

Over 58 years ago, Rev. Ben Turner watched six children, whose parents had died in an automobile accident, being separated, and placed into four different homes. He witnessed the pain of separation of the younger wanting to stay with the older ones. He realized the tremendous need for them to stay together, especially after losing both parents.

"If children can't have the love and guidance of parents, they should at least be able to live together as brothers and sisters.

*If I could build a home large enough,
I could keep all the children of one family together."*

Rev. Ben F. Turner, Founder

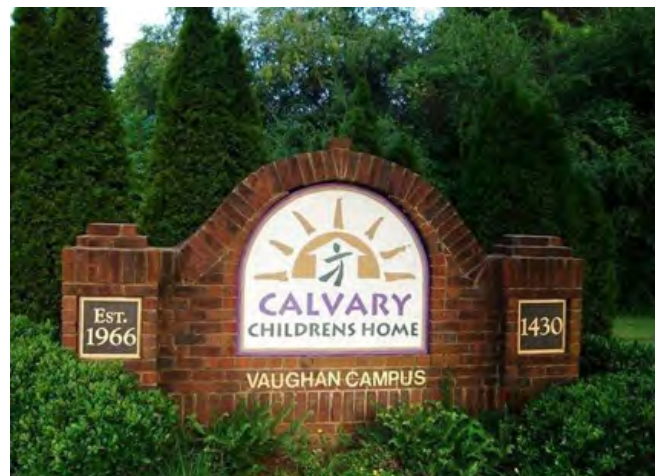


*Six hundred dollars and 300 concrete blocks! That's it. That's where it started. At least the physical part of Calvary Children's Home anyway! The burden, call, response, and commitment were already solidly in place in his heart. **He had the Lord to guide him, now he needed someone to help – and they did!***



Still is... 2024

So, in June 1966 – **58** years ago this June, my dad, Rev. Ben F. Turner welcomed the first children to Calvary.





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*"This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes."*

Psalm 118:23

