



CALVARY CHILDREN'S HOME

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR...

What-Why-How

Recently, I read this quote: "Every Child should grow up with the care and protection of a family."

However, based on the most recent report from 2023, an estimated 343,077 children are in the child welfare system today. Currently, Georgia has approximately 11,000 children residing in out-of-home placement. The Christian Alliance for Orphans, in citing data from the Annie C. Casey Foundation, says one-third (1/3) of children in Foster Care experience three or more placements each year. Please understand, these are observations not criticisms.

Over fifty-nine (59) years ago, Rev. Ben Turner was approached by a desperate mother with five small children on the streets of Jerusalem, Israel, and asked him if he would buy her youngest child for ten dollars. (More information can be found on our website at calvarykids.org).

Stunned by this, he wondered how a mother could do such a thing. The answer? Desperation! It must have caused her to be willing to surrender control of her child to someone she thought would take care of him. We probably don't understand that attitude, but thankfully we've probably never known such desperation on that level.

He later was present with family members where the parents lost their lives in a car crash. Six children had to look to others for help and were being separated – the result? Calvary Children's Home. He did not get to help those six, but they were the main reason for its existence.

Not seeking financial help from the federal or state governments, he said he would trust God, churches and friends to stand with him in sending a message of hope to those children. Consequently, we have never looked to the government for support, nor borrowed any funds and are still debt-free because you have so faithfully and graciously responded.

We provide a home for those needing a long-term solution in a caring, Christian environment. We offer stability, a private Christian education, community activities, and the commitment of a dedicated staff. We can't help everyone, but the ones entrusted to our care will receive the best possible care we are able to provide. Through the grace of God and your thoughtful support, we can help some and are ready to offer each child a stable, Christian home environment. We notice your continued support and are humbled and grateful for it.



***Yes, we have reason
to be thankful,
and we are:
to God and for you.***



– Snyder Turner, Executive Director

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2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT...

...In Memory of Lucille Turner

A heartfelt thank you to all our friends who helped make this year's tournament truly special and memorable! We are deeply grateful for your support and generosity, which helped bring our community together and create a meaningful experience for everyone involved. A special shoutout to Cobb EMC Foundation for their incredible generosity as our Title Sponsor this year! Their commitment to community makes a positive difference in all our neighborhoods. Please consider supporting their incredible efforts through Operation Roundup if you are a Cobb EMC customer.

This success was possible thanks to our amazing sponsors at every level — Title, Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, Raffle, Food, and Hole sponsors! Your support truly makes a difference, and we are so thankful to have such a caring community. Again, thank you for your friendship, and we hope to have everyone back for next year's tournament!



**2025 CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENT
IN MEMORY OF LUCILLE TURNER**

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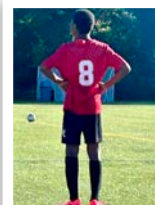


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OUR FAMILY...

Summertime at Calvary is the stuff that legends are made of. The camps our children attend are world class and offer archery, rocketry, drama and an enormous inflatable pillow in a lake. This pillow, when handled properly, grants the kind of elevation that makes children flap their arms all the way up and all the way down. The Biblical lessons that are taught in those environments will strengthen and guide their young lives in this ever more dangerous world. Each summer at least one child catches the biggest fish they have ever caught and at least one gets to see the ocean for the first time ever. Their facial expressions when they see the ocean for the first time are priceless because the ocean is just exactly like God made it and no one has altered its surface. When anything is still the way God intended, it is spectacular. God put the dream of Calvary Children's Home in the heart of our founder and while we are not perfect, we are a loving home for children whose parents cannot care for them, just as God intended for us to be. I sometimes ask our children, is this the



greatest place on earth? Always one will answer "it sure is". Another will say, I have never seen anything like it. Deep down I know, me either.

Families that love each other are raising these children in the role of house parents at Calvary Children's Home. These families, while imperfect as well, model for our kids that family is supposed to be forever and with good choices, help from the Lord, a good work ethic, and with the help God sends our way, we all can be quite successful. Long summer days give more time for exposure to family just the way they should be. Summer puts Gods love for them on full display as our friend's host bonfires, lake day every Tuesday, volleyball for days and so many rides to 5am football practice for our boys. All our children are chasing their dreams; some caught them this summer.

Summertime at Calvary just might be too good to be true.

— Brian Busby, Campus Director



Our campus and children are flourishing. I always say that Calvary Children's Home is my happy place because the joy and laughter is endless. As we have assessed how we can move from "good to great" we have designed and implemented a new program, *Walls for My Walk* counseling and wellness program. This program provides both Biblical and clinical counseling along with other wellness programs to help better equip our children for their future. This specifically addresses the emotional, spiritual, and relational health of our children.



During our soft launch phase, we started our *Feathered Fellowship* program. This program is designed to teach children responsibility, build stronger relationships, and ultimately build emotional resilience. The children were helpful in the setting up of the chicken coop and have enjoyed learning to care for them. Our boys have been helpful with repairs and general maintenance under the guidance of our facilities supervisor, Mike Baker. A favorite activity with our Feathered Fellowship is collecting eggs daily. One of our girls declared that they were "the best eggs I have ever eaten". We are continuing to work diligently on our new program, and we are excited to see what the Lord has for our ministry in this next season. Stay tuned for more programs to launch soon!

—Ashleigh Brewton, Assistant Program Director



CHRISTMAS TREE SALE...



Calvary Children's Home **CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

PRE-THANKSGIVING HOURS

Tree Lot Hours—11/25 & 11/26

Tuesday, 11/25 & Wednesday, 11/26
12:00 pm–7:00 pm

AFTER THANKSGIVING HOURS

(Friday, 11/28 9:00 am–8:30 pm)

Tree Lot Hours after 11/28:

Monday–Friday:	3:30 pm–8:30 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am–8:30 pm
Sunday:	1:00 pm–7:00 pm

For information or to volunteer please contact:

Brian Busby	404.731.1500	brian@calvarykids.org
Darlene Hancock	404.569.0033	darlenehancock@ymail.com

*Thank you for your
support of our 20th
annual Tree Lot sale!*



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- 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.
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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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IN LOVING MEMORY OF DEON LOTTER

Deon was intimately known to our children as "Uncle Deon" and will be greatly missed by our staff and children.

Mr. Deon Lotter and his wife Elna have been a beloved part of Calvary Children's Home for over twenty years serving as relief houseparents in our girls' house. He was known for being a "steppingstone father" to many. Deon lost his father at a young age and spent his life being a father to those who needed it most including his own daughter Deone.

Deon loved to travel and work in his vegetable garden, but the true joy of his life was investing in children. Deon was a native to South Africa and began his ministry in group homes there and continued that ministry here in the U.S. He and his wife both, with their daughter, became US citizens. Deon was an amazing diesel mechanic and could fix anything. He was diligent about teaching the children that came into his care how to work with their hands.

