



A Letter from Katie

Wow, what an eventful year we have had here at Chambliss Center for Children! Celebrating 150 years of service has brought about many celebrations and events. This has been my first year as President & CEO, and I can say that it has been *full-* of excitement, challenges, and milestones. Our early childhood education programs have risen to the occasion to serve families as the need increases, despite struggling with staffing issues. Our Residential Program has continued to search for loving, responsible foster families to care for the children and youth who have experienced tremendous trauma. The staff who manage our Transitional Living Program have consistently responded to the young adults who have been negatively impacted by the isolation and abnormality of the past few years with kindness, compassion, and reliability. As you may know, our newest project, the Isaiah 117 House, has been delayed by permitting issues, but is finally moving forward. If you add in all of the special events to celebrate our 150th Anniversary, then you can see why it's been a busy year!

What strikes me the most about all that has happened is that none of it could have been accomplished without all of us working together. Our **staff members** came to work each day, committed to their job and to this agency. Our **Board members and volunteers** spent countless hours of time and energy supporting the mission. And, our **donors and supporters** provided the means to make it all happen. We have an incredible group working together, and some have even called us the "Cham Fam." While it's not an official term, I think it's a good reflection of how things get done around here- together and with love and care for one another. I can't thank you enough for being a part of the "Cham Fam" and hope that you and yours have a blessed holiday season. Now, let's see what 2023 has in store!

Katie





Our kids and staff look forward to Lake Winnie Day every year! The fantastic folks at **Lake Winnie** invite the children in our summer program, as well as those in our Residential Program, to enjoy a day at the amusement park each year as a part of a decades-long tradition. It was a hot day this year, which made for a lot of fun splashing around and cooling off at SoakYa Water Park after a morning of rides. We are so thankful to Sustaining Board Member and former Board Chairman **Tennyson Dickinson**, her sister **Talley Green**, and the entire Lake Winnie family for continuing this long-standing tradition for the children in our programs.



Atlas, Khiya, Aaron, and Callie (pictured here from left to right) had a great time on the little boat ride!



Visiting Lake Winnie isn't just a favorite of our summer campers. Our summer camp staff love it too! Above are **Mr. Tyler, Nehemiah, Mr. Daniel, David, Jace, Ms. Heather, Maddie, Abigail, Leah, and Ms. Bri.**



After a day of rides, our summer campers lounged in the lazy river within the SoakYa Water Park.

Group 3 teacher **Ms. Heather** (left) and **Abigail** (right) had a great time riding the Orbiter



Pictured here are **Zayden** and his mom **Amanda** entering the Wacky Factory ride.



Our older children in the summer camp program enjoyed riding in bumper cars with their teacher, **Mr. Daniel.**

Dear Santa,



HOLIDAY WISH LISTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM	Model Magic
Baby wipes (non-scented)	Multi-color permanent markers
Band-Aids: all sizes in child-friendly designs	Multicultural dolls
Batteries: all sizes	Musical instruments
Bluetooth radios/speakers and additional connection cords	Outdoor balls (soccer, kickball, basketball, volleyball, Nerf footballs)
Board games (especially for younger ages)	Pacifiers
Bubbles	Plastic farm & zoo animals (3 years and under)
Cardstock (various colors)	Play dishes and play food
Clear contact paper	Play Doh or Modeling Clay
Clear plastic storage bins (all sizes)	Puzzles: Large knob-type
Command hooks	Riding and push toys (ages 1-4 years)
Construction paper	Scotch tape
Construction truck toys (3 years and under)	Sidewalk Chalk
Cotton balls	Sticky-tack
Craft supplies (pipe cleaners, googly eyes, pompoms, craft sticks, feathers, beads)	Tempera paint- all colors
Crayola finger paint	Touch and feel books
Crayola markers	Toy Housekeeping items (toy iron, telephone, ironing board, etc.)
Disinfectant spray	Watercolor kits
Disinfectant wipes	Ziploc bags: all sizes
Drawing paper	RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM
Dress up clothes (especially for little boys)	Car seats of various sizes
Duct tape (multiple colors)	Weighted blankets (weights between 5-9 lbs)
Fabric markers & paint	Sensory toys
Finger paint	Pack-N-Plays
Gift cards: Walmart or Target (to purchase items for our education programs)	Pots & pans sets
Glue (sticks & liquid bottles)	Pre-packaged snacks
Kleenex (non-lotion)	Silverware
Laminators (small size)	Lysol wipes
Latex gloves	Soft Drinks & Bottled Water
Little People playsets	Swiffer wet pads
Little Tykes playsets	Multi-purpose cleaner
Masking tape	Nintendo Switch Games
	Gift cards to any food establishment
	Gift cards for Uber, Walmart, Amazon, and Target
	Gas gift cards

Many of these items can be purchased through our Amazon Wish Lists, which can be found on ChamblissCenter.org under the *Support* tab. Or, you may drop your donations off at our main campus during normal business hours, 315 Gillespie Road, Chattanooga, TN 37411. Please feel free to contact djones@chamblisscenter.org for more information.

FALL TVA GOLF TOURNAMENT

We were fortunate enough to be the beneficiary of the 25th Annual TVA Nuclear Partner-in-Education Golf Tournament this fall at Council Fire Golf Club. Because of the hard work of TVA employees, especially **Jennifer Affolder and John Garrity**, and the generosity of our supportive sponsors, this year's tournament was a big success! Thank you, TVA!



This team of **Galen George, Jeanette Mills, Greg Henrich, and Barry Cooper** showed our little ones how to practice putting on the green!

Longtime friend of the agency and co-creator of this tournament, **Myra Fuller** (right) is pictured here with TVA volunteer **Chris Willingham**.



Tim Rausch, Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer at TVA (far left) congratulated the overall winning team of **John Garrity, Jason Miller, Perron Reeder, and Ken Mackey** (left to right).



This tournament wouldn't be possible without the dedication of the TVA Volunteers. Pictured at left (from left to right) are Director of Special Projects and Events **Lesley Berryhill, Lisa Cook, Pam Rearden, Jennifer Affolder**, President & CEO **Katie Harbison**, and Director of Development **Emily Barrow** with two of our preschool students, **Zayden and Deyani**.



Golfers **Chris Wilson, Drake Bosler, and Robert Hunt** (pictured here from left to right) from Platinum Sponsor **Siemens Energy Controls & Digitization** attended the TVA Tournament Reception



Board member and former TVA employee **Frank Alford** is pictured here with Director of Development **Emily Barrow** at the TVA Reception at **Top Golf**.

Sean Pfeiffer, Jeff Prendergast, and Daniel Webb from Platinum Sponsor **Sargent & Lundy** enjoyed the golf challenges at Top Golf before a fun day at the tournament.

We're well on our way to building the first Isaiah 117 House in Hamilton County, and we could use your help!

This holiday season, consider ordering a brick on our Pathway of Hope leading up to the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children. We have two brick sizes available, and both can be customized to honor your family member, church, or whomever you'd like. Give a gift that gives back this holiday season! Visit chamblisscenter.org/pathway-of-hope for more information or contact Director of Development **Emily Barrow** at esbarrow@chamblisscenter.org.

PATHWAY OF HOPE



AROUND THE CENTER

United Way of Greater Chattanooga celebrated its 100th Anniversary with two days of community-wide service called Impact Days. We had over 100



volunteers help out with projects all across our campus and at our thrift stores. Here's a group from the **Mark Hite Team** sprucing up our basketball court mural!

Thanks to Board member **Wes Bonds** and the many helping hands from **T.U. Parks, Triad Electric, SRM Concrete, Evans Lumber, and JDH Company**, our kickball field pavilion went from *drab* to *fab* for our AnniversaPARTY! We are so appreciative of all the work that went into this construction.



Children in our Runabouts classrooms sat down for a special reading from local author and artist **Isela Arredondo** in September.



We are so thankful for our friends at **Shaw Industries** who donated and installed flooring for our outdoor areas this fall. Pictured here are **Brian Carey, Chris Brown, Jim Cusick, Chad**



Anderson, Ben Cooper, John Martin, Robby Gravitt, and Sherri Elliott on our new synthetic grass play area on the Nursery Playground.



Pictured here are **Nakkia** and her daughter **Nakiya** dressed up like 150-year-olds for Old Timers Day during Spirit Week leading up to the AnniversaPARTY.



Last year, we added classrooms and increased our main center's capacity by over 100. Because of this, we received an Expansion Grant from the State of Tennessee to help provide necessary classroom furniture. For **Southern Adventist University's** Freshman Volunteer Day, this awesome group came down to help move furniture into our classrooms. Thanks, SAU!



Our annual United Way Campaign Event was held in October. To the left is **Johnnetta Mathis**, our Kitchen Supervisor, showing off her new 150th Anniversary shirt before enjoying pizza and snacks in our newly-renovated training room.

Birthdays are so special around here, and now they're even sweeter because of **Dan "The Cake Man"** at **Cakemakers**! Dan has donated 300 delicious cupcakes each month to celebrate children born that month. Pictured here are **Makayla** and **De'Miyah** snacking on their strawberry cupcakes!



The staff at Chambliss Center for Children can do a lot of things, but we definitely needed help removing the cornerstone and time capsule from our building. Thankfully, workers from **Jenkins Masonry** were able to lend a helping hand and some power tools to retrieve the time capsule before our opening ceremony.

Volunteers & In-Kind Donations

We want to give our thanks to each one of you for your help in making Chambliss Center for Children the best place for children in our community! This list acknowledges those who donated time, talents, and services from July 1 – October 31, 2022. Thank you!

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Unum Back-to-School BASH!

Our friends from **Unum** know how to throw a party! Each year, they host a big Back to School bash to celebrate the end of summer camp and the beginning of a new school year. In addition to a day filled with inflatable water slides and obstacle courses, summer campers enjoyed a refreshing sweet treat from **Kona Ice** during this special tradition. Unum volunteers also donated school supplies and backpacks for our school-age children. We are so appreciative of the generous folks from Unum for helping our kiddos start school strong every year!

Volunteers **Natalie Moore, Rachel Hargis, and Jacquelyn Webb** are pictured here left-to-right enjoying the summer sun and festivities.



Inflatable water slides are always a hit with our school-age children like **Damoni**.



Summer campers **Mia** (left) and **Raven** (right) enjoyed racing and splashing around in the inflatable obstacle course.



Haydynn Fike, a volunteer from UNUM, happily supervised the outdoor inflatable water slide.



UNUM Volunteers worked in Chambliss Center for Children's Board Room to fill bags with back-to-school supplies for each child.

CHAMBLISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN
**ANNIVERSA
 PARTY**
 CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



Sustaining Board member **Patsi Walker**, President & CEO **Katie Harbison**, and Board member **Teddi Mendel** cut the delicious cake created by **CakeMakers** at exactly 1:50 PM to honor our special 150th Anniversary.

Our 17-acre campus was filled with fun activities for our much-anticipated AnniversaPARTY on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Everywhere you looked, there was music, art, laughter, and learning. As soon as guests arrived, they entered a Storyland Trail, brought to us by **Read20**, where stories came to life. Attendees also enjoyed stage performances from local groups throughout the day, made possible through a community partnership with **ArtsBuild**. Activities included face-painting, inflatables, solar observation, a petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, food trucks, and much more for guests of all ages

to enjoy. We are so thankful for everyone who came out to celebrate our 150th Anniversary during this special event. It would not have been possible without the support of our dozens of volunteers who came out to lend their time and talents. We also want to thank our Pink Heart Partners **Brewer Media** and **Regan Outdoor Advertising** for helping us spread the word about our AnniversaPARTY all over town.



The big wheel challenges were a favorite for kids and adults alike!



Board member **Mark Hite** and volunteer **Maddox** helped direct traffic as our parking lots quickly filled up.



Our stage was very busy all day as we showcased talent from around the city, including the **Boyd Buchanan School Dance Team**, pictured here.

Our tennis court mural needed some updating, and thanks to muralist and art teacher **Stephanie Hardin**, we were able to create a community mural during the event!



The **Pryor-Carr Family** is pictured here at the **ArtsBuild** booth.



Local group **Rhyme N Chatt** was one of the awesome groups that brought stories to life on our Storyland Trail. Here they are performing "I Love My Crown!"

We had over 100 volunteers help across the campus at stations like the pumpkin painting pavilion pictured here.



Officer Corbin with the Chattanooga Police Department was welcomed back to our campus as a former resident and one of our security officers. Here is he pictured with CEO Emeritus **Phil Acord**.

Pre-K Teacher **Alisha Morgan** visited the Isaiah 117 House booth to make sand art with her niece **Ariyah Pullum**.



• CORNERSTONE TIME CAPSULE •

This fall, we celebrated our 150th Anniversary with a special time capsule opening ceremony shared with our Board, Sustaining Board, and longtime agency friends. The time capsule was placed in the cornerstone on December 7, 1937, during the construction of the building. This was only the second time it has been opened since then! Inside we found multiple newspapers from significant days in the agency's history -- some dating back to the 1920s -- a guest book from the first Time Capsule Opening ceremony in 1978; a topographical map of the 17-acre campus; an agency brochure from the 100th Anniversary; and pictures of children from the Vine Street Orphans Home. We want to thank all who came out to share this special occasion with us, and we look forward to contributing to the time capsule for the next generation to open!



This Runabouts classroom was dressed up and ready to go trick-or-treating!

A cowgirl and a girl cow! Executive Director of the Early Childhood Program **Sumer Arispe** is pictured here with **Blaize**.



Halloween is one of our favorite holidays at Chambliss Center for Children! Every year, our little ones dress up like superheroes, princesses, unicorns, and more as they parade around the campus for trick-or-treating. From infants to pre-k, children in each classroom go home with bags of candy, happy faces, and happy Halloween memories.

Team Leader **Marquita Jennings** is pictured here with two strong superheroes in her Toddlers class **Darius** (left) and **Christian** (right).



Director of Development **Emily Barrow** had a great time passing out candy to our little ones.



Amir chose to go with a fuzzy monster for his Halloween costume!



The crowd gathered in front of the main childcare center to hear from local historian **Linda Moss Mines**.

Photographs from the 1978 Time Capsule Opening, a brochure for the agency's centennial, and a *Chattanooga Times* article were among the treasures stored away in the cornerstone

Chambliss Center for Children President/CEO **Katie Harbison** and CEO Emeritus **Phil Acord** removed several old documents like this letter from 1928 regarding the Vine Street Orphans Home.



City of Chattanooga CFO **Brent Goldberg** and Hamilton County Director of Operations **Jennifer Pukenas** presented proclamations from City of Chattanooga Mayor **Tim Kelly** and Hamilton County Mayor **Westin Wamp**, naming October 29th "Chambliss Center for Children Day" in honor of the day the Board first recorded minutes.



Sustaining Board member and former Board Chairman **Eleanor McCallie Cooper** shared remarks on behalf of the **McCallie Family**, one of the original founding families of Chambliss Center for Children, then known as the Women's Christian Association.



Pictured here are speakers for the event, including (from left to right) Chambliss Center for Children President/CEO **Katie Harbison**, CEO Emeritus **Phil Acord**, local historian **Linda Moss Mines**, Board Chairman **Julie Stowe**, Representative **Yusuf Hakeem**, Sustaining Board member **Eleanor McCallie Cooper**, and Hamilton County Director of Operations **Jennifer Pukenas**.



Our 26th Annual Golf Tournament, presented by Hamico, was held in September at Council Fire Golf Club. Golfers and volunteers had a great time, and we raised over \$57,000 for the agency. We are so grateful to our committee members **Barry Bogo, Cam Born, Mark Degler, Greg McGuire, Scott Parrish, Dan Pratt, Dale Tuder, Everett Warren, and Justin White** for helping put this event together. Thank you to all who sponsored, played, and donated!



Board Chairman **Julie Stowe** and Vice Chairman **Mark Hite** welcomed golfers at the registration area.



First place overall went to this team of **Mikey Feher, Nick Carden, Bryan Fryar, and Kyle Bryant** pictured here from left to right.



Committee member **Barry Bogo** (left) is pictured here with **Todd Tindall** (center) and **Brandon Born** (right) at the putting contest.

Pictured here is Staff member **Angela McDaniel** (left) with Board member **Cindy Wilkerson** (right) setting up drinks for the players.



Pictured here (from left to right) is the **First Horizon Team** of **Ty Treadwell, Board member Greg Cullum, Ralph Wilson, and Jean Brennan.**



The **TPC Printing and Packaging** team of **Joey Schmisrauter, Jason Gehrlein, Scott McClelland, and Sam Bunn** (left to right) enjoyed breakfast in the pavilion before getting started on the course.

SAVE THE DATE!



MARDI GRAS
Gala

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023

2023 Mardi Gras Royalty **Mark Hite** and **Caroline Walker** invite you to join them for the 11th Annual Mardi Gras Gala at The Chattanooga! Mark your calendars and get ready to party with your krewe all night long. Tickets for this exciting event will go on sale in December. Please watch our Facebook page and website for information on how you can purchase tickets and/or sponsor our 2023 Mardi Gras Gala. For more information, contact Emily Barrow at esbarrow@chamblisscenter.org or call 423.468.1139.

Financial Donations

This list of financial contributions is from July 1 - October 31, 2022. If we have omitted your name, please accept our apologies and let us know so that we may correct our records and acknowledge you in our spring newsletter.

Thanks to each of you for helping us continue our mission of working with our community's families and children.



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Our monthly giving program, named after our CEO Emeritus Phil Acord, provides necessary, consistent support for our programs at Chambliss Center for Children. Together, Mr. Phil's Friends members raised nearly \$38,000 last year to help children and families in our community. Monthly giving is an easy and economical way to make a big impact! Join Mr. Phil's Friends today by going to www.chamblisscenter.org/mrphilfriends and we'll send you special updates as well as a fun pair of Mr. Phil socks to say thank you.



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WELCOME & CONGRATS!



Join us in welcoming **Kristiana Jacinto** (left), our newest Transitional Living Specialist to the Chambliss Center for Children Family! Kristiana will assist youth who have aged out of foster care by providing case management and resources. We also want to congratulate **Matt Davis** (right) who was promoted to Transitional Living Program Director this fall after joining us as a specialist last year.



It's Time to Do Some Holiday Shopping!

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1 Sign up for Amazon Smile so that a percentage of every purchase comes directly back to us! Simply start at www.smile.amazon.com, search for "Chambliss Center for Children" to connect your account with us, and shop from that same site every time.



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We are so thankful for Tioga's leadership for holding this tournament each year. Pictured here with President & CEO **Katie Harbison** is Tioga President **Andy Keiser**.

22ND ANNUAL TIOGA Golf TOURNAMENT

For over 20 years, **Tioga** has hosted a golf tournament benefiting our agency. This year, the event, held at **Windstone Golf Club**, grossed more than \$31,000, which will go to support our programs. Thank you to our friends at Tioga, especially **Don Gregory, Don Carver**, and the entire **Keiser family**, for their continued support.



The golfers were prepared to take off in their carts after a pre-tournament meal.



This team of **Jason Calloway, Alex Nelson, Gary Kilgore, and Kenny Rowley** (left-to-right) played their hearts out and won first place!



The team of **Don Gregory, Kelle Flynt, Alejandro Guzman, and Doug Moyer** (pictured from left to right) enjoyed the beautiful weather on the course for the tournament.



This year, players had the chance to play cornhole at the tournament's tenth hole to improve their score.



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Send some cheer to your family and friends with a holiday card designed by one of the children in our Early Childhood Education Program or Residential Program. This year, we have three designs to choose from, *Season's Greetings*, *Happy Holidays* and a special *Merry Christmas* card that benefits our newest program – the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children. If you would like us to mail these special greetings for you, simply send a donation, along with a list of names and addresses, and we'll hand-address and post them. The wording inside the card can reflect that your donation was given in lieu of a gift or in honor of the recipient. Please contact Emily Barrow (423-468-1139 or esbarrow@chamblisscenter.org) for more information.



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