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Some of you may remember that we went through a strategic planning process in 2011-2012 that resulted in a bold expansion plan. It included starting a Transitional Living Program for youth aging out of foster care, opening another thrift store, adding another off-site child care program, and renovating space on our main campus to add more early childhood education classrooms. It took us more than 10 years to complete all of the action steps! In the Fall of 2022, the Board of Directors and I started talking about our next plan. Having a year under my belt in the role of President/CEO at the time, I felt equipped to begin to plan for the next several years of our organization's future. Now that the process is complete, I'm excited to report to you what was decided!

First, we updated our mission statement to be more inclusive of all that we do. We also added a vision statement which we did not have before this strategic planning process. Finally, we identified over 100 action steps, all of which fall under one of four major goals.



MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of Chambliss Center for Children is to enrich the lives of children, youth, and families by providing transformative programs and support services to meet the evolving needs of our community.

VISION STATEMENT
To build a community where all children and youth have the foundation needed to thrive.

GOALS

- High-quality Programs
- Empowered People
- Effective Operations
- Sustainable Resources

You might notice that this plan is very different than our last one. This one was developed with lots of input from our staff, and thus its focus is more internal. We've been expanding over the past decade, which has been eventful and exciting. We've been growing to meet the needs of children and families in our community. However, we are in a new place that requires a new plan- one that will help us grow and improve internally so that we can adequately execute all programs. We want to be here for another 150+ years, and that requires us to look at things a little differently.

So, as we head into another holiday season and towards a New Year, I am energized by all that we have in front of us. With the opening of the Isaiah 117 House, we have had a historical year. But, I foresee some incredible work ahead in 2024, and I couldn't be more grateful to have a dedicated Board of Directors, incredible staff, and an army of friends and supporters like you who help us march forward towards another exciting and impactful year here at Chambliss Center for Children. Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! And Happy New Year!

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

King and Queen Tony and Pinky Young invite you to join them for the 12th Annual Mardi Gras Gala at The Chattanooga Hotel! Mark your calendars and get ready to party with your krewe all night long. Tickets for this highly-anticipated event will go on sale on December 26th. Please watch our Facebook page and website for information on how you can purchase tickets and/or become a sponsor. For more information, contact Emily Barrow at esbarrow@chamblisscenter.org or call 423.468.1139.

MARDI GRAS
Gala

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

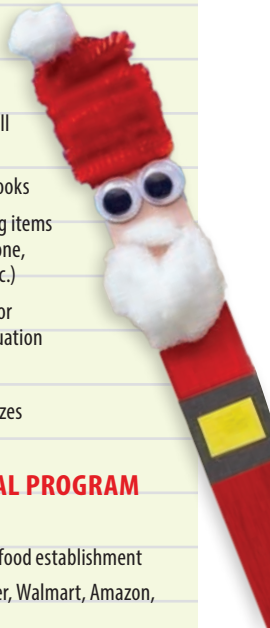
- Adhesive strips
- Baby bottles
- Baby wipes (non-scented)
- Band Aids: all sizes in child-friendly designs
- Batteries: all sizes
- Bluetooth radios/speakers and additional connection cords
- Board games (especially for younger ages)
- Bubbles
- Cardstock: various colors
- Children's books for all ages
- Clear contact paper
- Clear plastic storage bins (all sizes)
- Command hooks
- Commercial carpet cleaner
- Construction paper
- Construction trucks (3 years and under)
- Cotton balls
- Craft supplies (pipe cleaners, googly eyes, pompoms, craft sticks, feathers, beads)
- Crayola finger paint
- Crayola markers
- Decorative baskets
- Disinfectant spray
- Disinfectant wipes
- Drawing paper
- Dress up clothes (especially for little boys)
- Duct tape: multiple colors
- Fabric markers & paint
- Finger paint
- Gift cards: Walmart or Target (to purchase items for our education programs)
- Glue sticks & liquid bottles
- House paint brushes
- Instamax Cameras for each department
- Individual Laminators for each department
- Kleenex (non-lotion)
- Latex gloves
- Little People playsets
- Little Tykes playsets
- Masking tape
- Model Magic
- Multi-color sharpie markers
- Multicultural dolls

- Musical instruments
- Outdoor balls (soccer, kickball, basketball, volleyball, Nerf footballs)
- Outdoor hose storage reels
- Outdoor storage boxes (like patio cushions are stored in – for toys on playgrounds)
- Pacifiers
- Paint roller refills
- Paint tray liners
- Plastic farm & zoo animals (3 years and under)
- Play dishes and play food
- Play Dough
- Play sand
- Puzzles: Large knob-type
- Riding and push toys (ages 1-4 years)
- Rolling laundry baskets w/handle
- Safety outlet covers
- School glue
- Scotch tape
- Sensory toys for kids ages 3+
- Sidewalk chalk
- Small clear storage bins
- Sticky-tack

- Tempera paint- all colors
- Touch and feel books
- Toy housekeeping items (toy iron, telephone, ironing board, etc.)
- Wagons (large) for emergency evacuation
- Watercolor kits
- Ziploc bags: all sizes

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

- Gas gift cards
- Gift cards to any food establishment
- Gift cards for Uber, Walmart, Amazon, and Target
- Lysol wipes
- Multi-purpose cleaner
- Nintendo Switch games
- Pots & pans sets
- Pre-packaged snacks
- Sensory toys
- Silverware
- Soft drinks & bottled water
- Swiffer wet pads



Many of these items can be purchased through our *Amazon Wish Lists*, which can be found on www.ChamblissCenter.org. 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 additional information.

Off to save the piles of candy from any villains nearby is **Marli**, our local Batman to the rescue!



We are so lucky to have our Wondergirl **Addison** spreading happiness and joy everywhere she goes!

Halloween Costume Parade



Halloween is one of the most fun times of the year! Our kiddos dressed up like some of their favorite characters including princesses, superheroes and much more! They paraded around campus for trick-or-treating, with staff and volunteers handing out goodies. We couldn't have asked for a better time with our children, enjoying sweet treats and some spooky fun.



This group (above) of **Jahmell, Emerald, Ava, and Journey** made their rounds to collect some much-needed sweet treats before heading back to class!

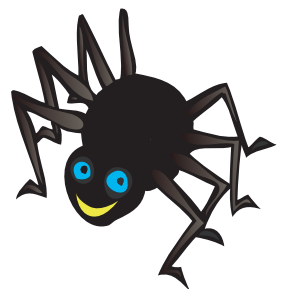


Isaiah 117 House Program Coordinator **John Hunter** and Foster Parent Support Worker **Brooke Phillips** a.k.a Ken and Barbie, greet **Jur'nee**, our little Elsa as she makes her rounds for some delicious Frozen treats!



Financial Assistant **Ruthie Beardsley** couldn't be happier to continue the annual tradition of passing out candy to some of our kiddos at the agency!

Our #1 Spiderman fan **Demonte** had only one question, "Trick-Or-Treat?"



This young witch is far from mischievous. Instead, **Royalty** is full of joy for our volunteers who dressed up and provided candy for our kiddos!



This team of Sustaining Board member **Greg McGuire**, **Will Sandlin**, Sustaining Board member **Everett Warren**, and CEO Emeritus **Phil Acord** (left to right) were ready to get the day started at their first stop: the Putting Contest.



This foursome of **Brooke Soss**, **Bailey Bullard**, **Kelly Arnold** and **Leah Golden** (left to right) enjoyed some amazing weather the day of the Chambliss Center for Children Golf Tournament.



We are so grateful to our Board members **Valerie Rutledge** (left) and **Cindy Wilkerson** (right) for taking care of our gift table for our golfers.



Our 27th Annual Golf Tournament, presented by **Hamico**, was held in August at **Black Creek Club**. We had a great time alongside our golfers and volunteers, raising funds for the agency. We're so grateful to our committee members **Barry Bogo**, **Cam Born**, **Dale Tuder**, **Mark Degler**, **Greg McGuire**, **Scott Parrish**, **Dan Pratt**, **Everett Warren** and **Justin White** for helping put this event together. Thank you to all who sponsored, played, and donated!



Erin Campbell, **Cam Born**, **Shannon Scarse**, and **Shanda Walters** (left to right) were all smiles as they prepared for tee off!

We're so grateful for the continued support of so many of our golfers, including **Tyler Duke**, **Barry Bogo**, **Tad Holtzclaw**, and **Patrick Bradshaw** (left to right).



Congratulations to our Longest Drive winner **Larry White**!

Volunteers & In-Kind Donations

We want to thank all of you for your help in making Chambliss Center for Children the best place for the children in our community. This list acknowledges those who donated time, talents, and services from June 16 through October 13, 2023. Thank you!

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Thanks to our friends at **Southern Champion Tray** who brought 28 volunteers to campus to help us with projects including painting, groundwork, and building the play set behind the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children.



Thanks to this great group of volunteers from **Kenco Logistics**. They volunteered with us in June, and in addition to building these four amazing flower beds, they also pressure washed, shampooed carpets, and trimmed trees!



We had some amazing volunteers visit from **Southern Adventist University** for their Freshman Service Day. Thank you to all students, faculty and **Dr. Shaw** for joining us. We appreciate your time at Chambliss Center for Children!



Volunteers from **Maple Street Biscuit Company** visited campus to help us get ready for the new school year. They painted some of our classrooms and helped organize shelves. Thanks again, Maple Street Biscuit Company!

These **Unum** volunteers were hard at work preparing backpacks filled with school supplies for our annual Back to School Bash!



Thanks to these **TVA Nuclear** volunteers from Sequoyah for stopping by campus and working on electrical projects, exterior painting, and yard work.

Thank you **TVA Civil Projects Management team** for painting our tennis shed and installing storage cabinets in a classroom. Your help came just in time for the beginning of the school year!



We couldn't have been happier to welcome volunteers from **Altar'd State** to campus to work on some projects that we had, including sorting a large donation of t-shirts. We appreciate their Mission Mondays donation as well!



This tournament wouldn't be possible without the dedication of the **TVA Volunteers** who helped throughout the tournament to ensure that everything went smoothly.

TVA GOLF TOURNAMENT

We were fortunate enough to once again be the beneficiary of the 26th Annual **TVA Nuclear Partner-in-Education** Golf Tournament this fall at **Black Creek Club**. Because of the hard work of TVA Nuclear employees, especially **John Garrity** and **Jennifer Affolder**, and the generosity of our supportive sponsors, this year's tournament was a huge success. Thank you, TVA Nuclear Employees!!



Golfers **Robert Chandler** (left) and **Jonathan Bolen** (right) from **V Specialty Services, LLC** showed our little ones **Gary** and **Emery** how to pose like pros.

Our mini golfers **Emery** (left) and **Gary** (right) enjoyed some fun in the sun.



John Garrity (second to left) congratulated the overall winning team of **Dylan Rausch, Tim Rausch, and Roger Maggi**, pictured here from left to right.



SPI Specialty Products & Insulation employees **Tyler Gilmore** (left) and **Brandon Dambach** (right) couldn't be happier about the amazing weather they had as they enjoyed a day out at **Black Creek Club**.

Our golfers in town the night before the tournament enjoyed some delicious food and golf challenges at **Topgolf**.





The doors are open!

We're so grateful for the endless dedication and support that we have received for the **Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children**. We officially opened our doors with a special ribbon cutting event on Monday, October 16th. We had a great turnout with visitors, guest speakers, and some Isaiah 117 House officials. None of this could have been possible without the numerous financial and in-kind contributions that we have received from so many people in the community. Our hearts are full of appreciation for every community member, local business, church, foundation, and organization that rolled up their sleeves to help us open our doors. Because of the support of our community, we have provided a soft landing for the children in Hamilton County, and that is why we are here.

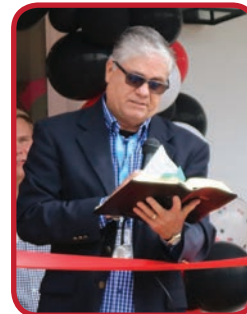


We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Collier Construction** for their hard work and dedication in building the **Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children**. Pictured from left to right are Isaiah 117 House Founder **Ronda Paulson**, **Mary** and **Ethan Collier** and Isaiah 117 House Program Coordinator **John Hunter**.



DCS Team Coordinator **Nikki Harris** thanked **Chambliss Center for Children** and **Isaiah 117 House** for joining their efforts to help the children and families of Hamilton County.

Pictured from left to right, Chambliss Center for Children President/CEO **Katie Harbison**, Isaiah 117 House Founder **Ronda Paulson**, Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children Program Coordinator **John Hunter**, Owner of Collier Construction **Ethan Collier**, and Isaiah 117 House Regional Coordinator **Renee Curry** cut the ribbon to officially open the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children.



Silverdale Baptist Church Local Missions and Outreach Pastor **Gus Hernandez** provided a prayer to bless the Isaiah 117 House and all of the children who will come through its doors.



Financial Donations

This list of financial contributions is from June 16 through October 13, 2023. 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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If you have any questions, please contact us at fostercare@chamblisscenter.org.



Congratulations were in order for this group for taking the first place spot in the second flight in this year's tournament. Great job, **Dennis Dunlap, Steve Bujnowski** and **Michael Mascari** (left to right)!



Tioga™

23RD Annual Golf Tournament

We would like to thank **Tioga** for hosting their 23rd annual golf tournament benefiting our agency. We are very appreciative of their dedication to Chambliss Center for Children. This year's event was held at **Windstone Golf Club**. Thank you to all of our friends at Tioga, especially **Don Gregory**, for their continued support.



Look at those smiles! This talented group of golfers took home first place in the first flight! Way to go, **Don Carver, Bill Kotcher** and **Steve Romanelli** (left to right)!

These custom Tioga YETI tumblers were a great addition to this year's tournament gift for the players.



At left, this amazing foursome of **Rob Tidy, Walt Pierce, Ed Nunez** and **Cassi Leiko** (left to right) was excited to play a game of corn hole to help their score on the 10th hole.



Everyone appeared to have fun with the group putting contest prior to tee off.



We're so grateful for all of the groups that participated in this year's Tioga Golf Tournament, including this team of **Marc Martinez, Harrison Keiser** and **Uvaldo Mendoza** (left to right).

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Making a monthly gift as a part of Mr. Phil's Friends is easy, economical, and impactful! Become a member of this dedicated group by visiting Chamblisscenter.org/mrphilsfriends. Make your monthly gift today!



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Smooth!" says **Zy'Khalil** as he leaves only water in his trail, and a Unum volunteer in good spirits.

Unum Back-to-School BASH!

And they're back! Our friends at **Unum** returned this year to host the annual Back to School Bash to celebrate the end of summer camp and the beginning of the school year. They provided our children with a day in the sun, including inflatable slides, obstacle courses, and some extra sweet treats from **Kona Ice**. Unum volunteers kept their generous tradition alive by donating backpacks and supplies to our school-age children. We were so happy to see our children enjoy this year's celebration with Unum.

Kamdon lands an epic finish down the slide while her friends cheer her on!



Kona Ice visited campus and provided some much needed cold treats for the children and staff.



Braxtynn, Zariyah and **Peyton** couldn't be happier to be having some fun in the sun at the annual Back to School Bash!



Braxton can't wait to have another turn on the massive slide provided by Unum.

Around the Center

The children received a one-of-a-kind experience as they joined the owner of the **El Taco Boss** food truck **Adrian De La Torre** to learn all about his operations and business. Did we mention that we had the chance to eat some delicious tacos? Thanks again, El Taco Boss!



We couldn't have been happier to welcome some amazing animals from the **Chattanooga Zoo** to campus. **Tonka the Armadillo** didn't want to leave!



We'd like to extend a special thanks to the **Chattanooga Fire Department** and **Firefighter Green** for stopping by to teach our children what to do in the case of a fire emergency. They practiced how to stop, drop and roll, and listened to Firefighter Green's personal experience fighting fires around Chattanooga.



We were so happy to welcome **Move N Groove Kidz** to

campus for our end-of-summer celebration. They showed our children some cool new dance moves, and helped them show the attendees everything they've learned this summer. Thank you!



We're so grateful to our amazing **TVA** volunteers for visiting **Pro Re Bona Early Learning Center**, one of our off-site

locations. They took care of some much needed yard work, and we are so appreciative of their continued support.



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