



Newsletter

Living the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless.

Dear Raleigh's Place Family,

As we reflect on another remarkable year, our hearts are filled with thankfulness to the Lord for His abundant blessings. It has been a year of growth, compassion, and resilience, all thanks to the love and support from the Lord, you, and our community. We're excited to share with you the highlights of this year, as well as a glimpse into what 2025 has to offer.

A Year of Impact & Growth

This year, Raleigh's Place has been blessed with countless opportunities to make a meaningful difference in the lives of foster children and families across Alabama. Through our various programs — including Partner Homes, Camp 1:27, Katie's Kloset, and Workmanship Initiative — we have witnessed incredible transformations in the lives of those we serve.

Our 2024 Impact

- Partner Homes: This year, we partnered with 16 foster and adoptive families, providing them with resources to help them on their journey.
- Camp 1:27: We welcomed 108 children to our campus this summer, providing a safe, nurturing environment where they could experience the love of Christ and one of the best weeks of their life. Our staff and volunteers helped create lifelong memories and provided much-needed respite to foster parents. The Camp Director position was also filled after a two year search!
- Katie's Kloset: Through daily donations from the community, we were able to provide items free of charge to 99 foster and adopted children. We also had a record amount of sales through our thrift store.
- Workmanship Initiative: 2024 saw the completion of our transitional living apartments! These apartments will provide a safe place to call home for young adults who have aged out of foster care. We also continued to partner with Chilton County Department of Human Resources to teach life skills to 18 foster teens.

Community Support Makes It Possible

We are grateful for the community's unwavering support. From local businesses to generous donors and dedicated volunteers, each contribution plays a vital role in ensuring that Raleigh's Place "Lives the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless."

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and spread the word about our mission. Because of you, we are able to provide life-changing experiences and a stable foundation for these deserving children.

Spotlight: A Story of Hope and Resilience

One of our highlights this year is the story of Megan, who was one of our high school campers this summer. Megan did NOT want to come to Camp 1:27. She was adamant about that when she was being dropped off. Her first night was one of anger and frustration, both for her and the other girls in the cabin. Megan did nothing but complain about everything we did that first night. This is not unusual behavior for some of our campers and it usually wears off after the first night... at least that is always the hope.

It took Megan about two days to get comfortable. By Tuesday morning, her entire attitude shifted. She participated in all the group activities we planned for that day. At one point, she took ownership of her team. Megan had a beautiful smile that we finally were able to witness. She was a natural leader and once she shed the hard exterior she had put up, everyone wanted to be her friend. It was quite the transformation!

As we rapidly approach the end of 2024, I wanted to give a quick, personal thank you to all of you! Your generosity this year is the only reason we are able to provide the programs and services we offer. We are so thankful and encouraged every time we receive a donation through the mail or online. Your kind words also encourage us as we see the impact this ministry has on so many lives. As we look to the future of Raleigh's Place, we need faithful supporters like you; folks who champion our cause to Live the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless. With the year drawing to a close, I want to ask that you continue to give generously. You ARE making a difference in the lives of so many children.

– Mike King,
Executive Director

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Megan ended up having an amazing week at camp. When she was picked up at the end of the week, no one cried as much as she did. She said her time at Camp 1:27 was one of her favorite weeks ever.

This is a young lady who has been through some incredibly sad things; things no child should have to endure. Because of your support, Megan experienced the love of Christ and we are praying that the Holy Spirit does a great work in her heart.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we head into a new year, we are excited to build upon the foundation we have established and to continue expanding our reach. Our goals for 2025 include:

- **Developing Godly Foster Homes:** We want to continue partnering with foster homes in our community by meeting needs and providing direct services. One way we want to do this is by providing godly and educational resources for foster families to learn and grow as they seek to love on all the children in their home.
- **Filling Our Apartments:** With the completion of our transitional living apartments, we look forward to filling this new space with residents as they move in and begin the Workmanship Initiative.
- **Increasing Camper Numbers:** Camper numbers have been down since Covid and in the absence of a Camp Director. Now that Covid is not a major player and our Camp Director position has been filled, we look to increase our camper numbers next summer.
- **Community Involvement:** We look forward to hosting more events and volunteer opportunities, strengthening our connections and expanding our support network. Keep an eye on our social media and website for updates on how you can get involved.

Get Involved!

There are so many ways to be part of our mission. As we look to the new year, please consider joining us in any of the following ways:

- **Volunteer:** We're always looking for passionate volunteers to assist with events, mentoring, and day-to-day activities at Raleigh's Place.
- **Donate:** Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. Your donations help fund programs, activities, and essential resources for our children and families.
- **Spread the Word:** Help us reach more people by sharing our story and mission with your friends, family, and coworkers.

From Our Family to Yours: A Heartfelt Thank You

On behalf of everyone at Raleigh's Place, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year! Together, we're transforming lives, one child at a time. We are endlessly grateful for your support, and we look forward to another year of love, healing, and growth.

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The Raleigh's Place Team

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”

James 1:27

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