



# FOUNDATIONS

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## WELCOME!!

What better time to introduce our first Newsletter than during this holiday season! At Growing Home Southeast we believe in building strong families and enhancing the lives of children in their own homes, foster or adoptive care.

A special THANKS to the staff, board of directors, foster and adoptive families and friends of Growing Home Southeast, Inc. for your commitment and dedication to the children and families we serve.

## TREATMENT PARENT TRAINING

In addition to your regular monthly training/support groups the following training will be offered. Your Growing Home worker will contact you with times and locations.

**Training Topic: *Distribution and Review of New Treatment Parent Handbook:***

- January 21 Pee Dee Region
- January 28 Low Country Region
- February 4 Low Country & Pee Dee Regions
- February 11 Upstate Region
- February 20 Pee Dee Region
- February 25 Low Country Region

**Potential Treatment Parent Orientation:**

- January 9 Cheraw
- January 10 Charleston



Now is the time to get involved and change the life of a child. Consider adoption or fostering a child who needs a family. Contact us at (803) 791-5513 or toll free (800) 344-5498.

## GROWING HOME STAFF HOST HOLIDAY PARTIES

The staff helped our treatment parents and kids celebrate the holidays by hosting holiday parties across the state. Parties were held in Florence, Manning, Conway, Spartanburg, Columbia, Hilton Head, Waterboro, and Rock Hill. We all enjoyed great food, gifts and fellowship.

### BRAG CORNER (WE LOVE TO BRAG ABOUT OUR KIDS!)

**Jacqual** achieved all his goals for the IFS Program and was released from probation 4 months earlier. Congratulations Jacqual!

**Pierre** is a star player on his high school football team. He wrote the following poem and presented it at the Upstate Holiday Party.

#### *Parents Children and Teenagers* *By Pierre*

*People wait all year for December. Then we wait all month for Christmas. Kids are happy for gifts and parents are happy for the gift of giving. But teenagers are realizing that as they get older we are getting less presents.*

*Children are putting out cookies for Santa Clause. Some are waiting up all night waiting for cell phones. But teenagers want to sleep all morning. All together parents, children and teenager are happy for their family and that we are celebrating Jesus' birth.*

**Alexander** is learning to play the piano. He played his first hymn in church a few weeks ago. Congratulations to Alexander.

**Lillian** received an award for making all A's this semester. She also received a special ROTC award and another stripe.

Eight (8) Growing Home Southeast youth received computer donations. These computers were refurbished and upgraded by GHSE.



We want you to brag about our kids. Send us stories about our kids' successes.

### NEW GHSE TREATMENT PARENTS

- Jerry & Rosaline Watson, Camden
- Elroy & Cynthia Whitaker, Columbia
- Joseph & Ertha Robinson, Johns Island
- Allene Pagel, Rock Hill
- Derrick & Antoinette Sanders, Spartanburg
- Corey & Amia Miller, Boling Springs

**Welcome to our family of Growing Home Southeast Treatment Parents!**

### GHSE HOUSING NEWS

- The board of directors of the SC Housing Trust Fund awarded GHSE \$249,587.00 for our supportive apartments (Leaphart Place). We were also awarded \$236,250.00 through a HUD grant earlier in the year.
- These two grants and our partnership with Nehemiah and the SC Department of Mental Health get us one step closer to realizing our plan to build our apartment complex for young adults aging out of care.

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