

HOMES FOR HEARTS



IMPROVING THE LIVES OF BURKE COUNTY FOSTER CHILDREN

Homes for Hearts, Inc.
Annual Report
7-1-2016 to 6-30-2017

Homes for Hearts, Inc. is a private non-profit organization, 501(c) 3, designed specifically to raise funds to help provide support for children in the custody of the Burke County Department of Social Services. The number of foster children has increased drastically this year to over **250** children in custody. This year Homes for Hearts, Inc spent **\$24,438.14** on Burke County foster children expenses. The board consists of up to twenty individuals who come from all walks of life and are united by the desire to improve the quality of life for foster children in the custody of Burke County Department of Social Services.

Homes for Hearts, Inc. hosted fundraisers during the year to use for the following:

- Andrea Galen Jacks scholarship - \$1,000 per year.
July 2016 – June 2017 expenses totaled: **\$1,000**
- Educational expenses - Tutoring, mentoring, educational materials and school supplies.
July 2016 – June 2017 expenses totaled: **\$1,575**
- Graduation expenses such as invitations, cap and gowns, class ring, etc. - \$200 per graduate.
July 2016 – June 2017 expenses totaled: **\$400**
- Camp expenses - Sports, musical, recreational, ROTC, etc. - priority to educational based camps.
July 2016 – June 2017 expenses totaled: **\$150**
- Prom expenses - \$100 for Juniors and Seniors.
July 2016 – June 2017 expenses totaled: **\$100**
- Birthdays - \$30 for their birthday plus a coupon for a free meal at AJ's Family Steak House.
July 2016 – June 2017 expenses totaled: **\$6,330**
- Christmas gift cards, and other Special Occasions.
July 2016 – June 2017 expenses totaled: **\$14,502**
- Foster Children's Christmas Party
July 2016 – June 2017 expenses totaled: **\$218**

Total Total Expenses for July 2016 – June 2017: \$24,438.14

The Andrea Galen Jacks Educational Scholarship was established to assist eligible graduates in pursuing a secondary education and for educational needs of the foster children. This year we received two grants, one from the Mull Foundation for \$2,000 and the other from Grace Episcopal Church for \$3,000.

The Andrea Galen Jacks Memorial Scholarship started out in 2004 by Dr. Alan Jacks and his wife, Janice, with the goal to raise \$10,000 to be endowed in the Community Foundation of Burke County. As of 3-30-17, the total of the endowment is \$73,292.74. As an endowment, we are guaranteed that Burke County foster children will always have funds available to them to provide educational opportunities and enrichment. A disbursement is granted quarterly to cover scholarships and educational needs of the foster children. This year we received **\$3,236** in disbursements.

We had three recipients to qualify to receive the Andrea Galen Jacks Scholarship in 2015. We had no recipients in 2016 or 2017 (One graduate is filling out her application to help her attend Western Piedmont Community College fall 2017). There is **one** past recipient who continued to receive the scholarship this year. In August 2016, **140** school aged children received school supplies and a card with \$10 to begin their school year.

Seniors who complete high school are given money for a high school ring, cap and gown, invitations, etc. Rada Cutlery Fundraiser contributed to this fund. This year we had **2** seniors who graduated. A total of **\$400** was spent on graduation expenses.

Homes for Hearts, Inc. assists foster children by providing cash assistance for some extra-curricular activities not covered by DSS:

- One foster child received \$150 to help with expenses so she could go to Girl Scout camp.
- Two foster children received \$25 each for spending money for their class trip to Raleigh.
- One girl received \$150 to go on her school chorus trip.
- One girl received \$150 to go on her class trip to Washington, DC.
- One boy received \$25 for school computer fees.
- One senior was given \$100 to help with prom expenses.

Catawba Brewery fundraiser provided money for birthdays for the children in the custody of Burke county DSS. Continental Auto grant of \$2,500 was used for birthdays as well as Beatrice Cobb grant of \$1,000. President, Carmen Bazis asked family & friends to make donations in honor of her son, Quinn's third birthday. Thanks to Jim and Stacy Eichorst with Books Are Fun, Inc. who sponsored 3 fundraisers for our birthday fund. With these donations, each child received a birthday card along with a \$30 gift card. Also, through a generous donation from A.J.'s Steakhouse each child was able to have a free meal on their birth month. This year we served **211** foster children on their birthday. A total of **\$6,330** was spent for birthdays.

Homes For Hearts, Inc found another great way to support Burke County foster children by becoming a part of Amazon Smile. Individuals can use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-3045991> and every time someone makes a purchase on Amazon Smile a percentage of the sale goes to the children.

2016 Homes For Hearts Christmas Party for Foster Children

Annually, Homes For Heart, Inc. provides a Foster Children's Christmas Party. This year the party was at the Morganton's Collett Street Recreation Center. Dinner and desserts were served. Many activities were available for the children to participate in. Including face painting, art activities, games, juggling, dancing to DJ music, pictures with Santa, and visit with friends: Spiderman, Batman, Captain America, Wolverine Belle and a Ghostbuster. Each foster child also received a gift bag.

At this year's party **83** foster children attended, compared to 59 the year before. 156 other people attended including: foster families, volunteers, Homes For Hearts board members, DSS staff and social workers, compared to 136 the year before. For a total of: **239** in attendance compared to 195 the year before.

The following individuals and organizations contributed

Domino's, J&S Cafeteria, Alison's, Pepsi, Bojangles - Hildebran, Subway, Claude Huffman, The Ultimate Experience, Melanie Yang, Hayley Chapman, Karen Loviska, Tyler Heruts, Cassey McDonough, Nathan Roark, Madii Giulietto, Sarah Britt, Josh Bazis, Kyle Brown and son, James Allen, Morganton Recreation, Timberwoods, Firehouse Subs, Golden Coral, Food Lion - Fiddlers Run, Food Lion - Burkemont Ave., Chick-fil-A.

Gift bag contributors

Blue Ridge Reading Council, McDonalds- Heather and Patrick Joyner, Zaxby's, Domino's-Mitch Young, Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Nancy Taylor, Mighty Dollar-Mike Kubal, Arby's, Subway, Delishi - Fran, LGFCU, Teeth in Need - Nancy Brown, Colonial Life - Cristy Gupton, Amanda Williams.

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- *The Town of Drexel for allowing us to use their facility in Drexel for storage
- *All those who contributed to our organization this year to make the world a better place for Burke County foster children.

Homes For Hearts, Inc. looks forward to another productive year in helping Burke County Department of Social Services “watch over the children.”