

## **LOUISIANA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND FAMILY MINISTRIES**

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In its 121<sup>st</sup> year of ministry Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries continued its mission of providing love, care, and hope in Christ for children and families in need. The Children's Home provided a positive Christian witness through its residential child and family care programs, foster care and adoption ministries, Granberry Counseling Centers, Christian Women's Job Corps, Compassion for Kids, and Orphans Embrace.

The Children's Home provided ministry services for over 3,200 children, families, and individuals. Through its on-campus and off-campus residential programs, 113 children and 42 homeless mothers were served. An additional 195 families received placement referral services.

The Granberry Counseling Centers staff provided professional Christian counseling for 907 individuals during the year. Through its Minister Care program, a partnership with the Pastoral Leadership division of LBC, Granberry provided counseling for 36 Louisiana Baptist minister families.

Christian Women's Job Corp provided educational and job skills training for 25 women and support services for 137 women. The ministry maintained its adult education certification with the state of Louisiana as an official HiSet training and testing site. Through its partnership with Women's Missionary Union and its World Crafts ministry, CWJC students served as artisans, producing over 200 Christian products.

Through a growing community care ministry, Compassion for Kids, the Children's Home served over 2,000 economically challenged children and family members in northeast Louisiana. Compassion for Kids provides life essentials and the message of Christ, meeting both physical and spiritual needs. Projects are conducted in partnership with local LBC churches and ministries.

The Children's Home also shared God's love in word and deed through its international orphan care ministry, Orphans Embrace. Twenty-six children were served through Louisiana Reach Haiti at its Children's Village in Croix-des-Bouquets.

On campus, construction of the new recreation center was completed. The facility includes a gymnasium and a pool. Construction began on a third family care cottage. The building provides housing for four families who are served through the HomePlace ministry. The renovation of Hope Cottage was also completed. The facility provides housing for terminated LBC minister families and furloughing missionaries.

Louisiana churches once again provided support for the Children's Home through the Annual Children's Home Sunday Offering. Churches also continued to support children and families at the Home through the Fall Food Roundup which provides all the non-perishable foods needed for the entire year. In the summer, churches from across Louisiana donated their VBS offerings to support the children. Many churches provided additional assistance in various ways

throughout the year and God used LBC Cooperative Program giving to share His love with those in need.

As a result of the support from our churches and the witness provided by the various ministries of the Home, many children and others experienced the joy of salvation in Christ. Thank you, Louisiana Baptists, for meeting needs and changing lives in Jesus' name through your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries.