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*“I will give thanks to you, LORD,
with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”
Psalm 9:1*

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& Family Ministries

Catalina is happy to be in HomePlace
with her mom and sister.

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Our dedicated Christian ministry team strives to offer the highest quality of services. Services are provided without regard to race, gender, religion, or ability to pay. Please contact us for more information on how we may serve you or someone you know: 318.343.2244, home@lbch.org, www.LBCH.org

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Words From Home

by Dr. Perry Hancock, President & CEO

A few years ago, I heard the story of a little boy named Noah. The three-year old had just been safely strapped in his car seat when he yelled, "I love God!" Noah's mother was not surprised by her son's declaration. They were actively involved in their local church and the family talked about loving God all the time. The thing that surprised Noah's mother was what he said next. "I love God and I just gave Him a big hug."

Isn't that precious. The theologians could argue all day long about it, but I'm with Noah. We need to "hug" God because we love Him. Why do we love Him? Because He first loved us. How did He love us? He sent Jesus to live and die for us. And God blesses us every day with all we need and more.

That's really what Thanksgiving is all about. Our gratitude is like hugging God real tight and saying, "Thank you so much for blessing my life."

Here at the Children's Home, we realize that God uses your support to make the blessings possible. Your gifts help us share God's love and the hope that can be found in Christ. Every day, you are meeting needs and changing lives through your generous and faithful support.

So we give you all a big hug. Thank you so much for sharing your love and God's love with our children. May the Lord bless you and your family this Thanksgiving as you celebrate His goodness.



Baptist Associations Recognized for 15 Year Partnership with Granberry Counseling Centers



The Webster-Claiborne and Bienville Baptist Associations were recently recognized for their 15 year partnerships with Granberry Counseling Centers. Both associations provide office space for Granberry counselors. Pictured left: Granberry Counselor, Amy Butler, Webster-Claiborne moderator, Gene Gibson and DOM, Randy Hales. Pictured right: DOM Randy Hales, Dr. Perry Hancock, LBCH President and CEO, and Bienville Association moderator, James Lambert, Pastor, Bryceland Baptist Church.

• OUR MISSION •

The mission of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries is to provide love, care, and hope in Christ for children and families in need.

• OUR VALUES •

1. We value the Bible as the foundation and guide for our ministry (2 Timothy 3:16).
2. We value the worth of the Children and Families to whom we minister (Genesis 1:27).
3. We value Servant Leadership as our model for ministry (Mark 9:35).
4. We value Excellence as our standard for ministry performance (Colossians 3:17).
5. We value Personal Integrity as our ministry standard for living (Romans 12:1-2).

• CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT •

By Debbie Robertson, HomeNews Writer

Breanna is a young lady who embraces new experiences, so this past year has been an exciting one for her. An eighth grader at Lee Junior High, she is an excellent student. Breanna likes science and Louisiana history, and she recently joined the school's computer program. She loves music and plays flute in the school band, performing at home games and pep rallies. Once Breanna gets to high school, she'll get to march at the games and have other opportunities to play, and she's already looking forward to that. At the All About Kids production this summer, an annual event featuring Campus talent, Breanna made her singing debut. That was a first for her, but she's pretty sure she will try out again next year.

Breanna joined the Love Cottage family in May, just prior to the end of the school year and just in time for the family vacation, which she loved. This was her first time to travel. "The challenging part was getting there. I didn't know what to expect," she says, "but the Yellowstone National Park destination was more than worth it." Once they arrived, Breanna was all in for the various activities. At Yellowstone, Custer State Park, and other stops, the family enjoyed white water rafting. They saw baby bears and buffalo, and they loved petting the burros. Breanna braved the zip line which was "Awesome! So cool! I didn't scream or anything!" The cabin where the family stayed also exceeded all expectations! "It was awesome. It had a basement with a pool table, a Wii with a lot of games to choose from, and board games! We were constantly playing pool, but no one could beat Mr. Scott."

The summer fun continued at Camp Ozark, another first-time experience for Breanna. She enjoyed more zip lining, paint ball competitions, and even completed the ropes course. That was more physically challenging and she suffered a little rope burn, but she was proud of her accomplishments. Now that Breanna has experienced traveling and summer camps, she's ready for more! The vacation location is always a last-minute reveal for the girls. Breanna smiles and confides that wondering where they might be going next summer "is already making me antsy." But, she knows that wherever they go, "it will be worth the wait!"

The Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office Youth Cadet Academy was another fun, summer activity where Breanna learned more about the justice system. A recent aptitude test suggested that she would do well as a lawyer, cardiothoracic surgeon or a biological criminologist. Through her experiences at the Academy, she decided the latter was of special interest to her. She adds that while she wants to go to college, there's another part of her that doesn't want life to change. "I don't really want to go to high school. I want to stay a kid forever because adults have a lot of adult problems and kids can be carefree."

In her spare time, Breanna loves reading. "I read a lot—a million words—the highest number at my school, and I tested at a college level." When she's not studying, she enjoys reading teen novels and futuristic stories.



At 13, Breanna is the next to the youngest of the girls in the cottage. She describes herself as a "little quiet" when she first arrived, but her new family immediately helped her feel welcome. "Nesa is fun to talk to. Gracie is goofy (in a good way!) and like a little sister to me. Jessica is my best friend." Her brother Javen (featured in a previous issue of the HomeNews) lives in Joy Cottage, so she likes having him close by. Breanna loves her cottage parents, Shawn and Scott Bradshaw. "Mr. Scott likes to play jokes on us; Mrs. Shawn is fun. We all get along!" She loves the special times that Mrs. Shawn and the girls have sleepover parties in the living room, staying up late to watch TV or just hanging out together. She adds that the Bradshaws are very thoughtful about including her brother in some of the activities, such as her birthday party at Altitude.

Breanna laughs as she shares, "I have an obsession with Sharpies. That's really random..." She has a collection of Sharpies of all different colors as well as gel pens and glitter pens. "I love art," she explains, an interest she shares with her brother. In the past, Breanna has been part of the talented art class. This year's class schedule didn't allow for that, unfortunately, but she's looking forward to returning to the gifted classes next year.

As far as campus and cottage life, Breanna's opinion is, "It's a good place where you can get support. You can be yourself and just be a kid. You don't have to deal with extra problems that life throws at you. It's really cool here. It's fun to have other girls to talk to and kids to play with during rec." She loves the family meals together and says the food "is the best I have ever had." She enjoys having a room of her own, which she's decorated with black chevron. She's hoping that her Christmas gifts will include some Star Wars-themed accessories. Breanna is also very excited about her church family at North Monroe. "The church is huge. I'd never seen such a big church. The praise and worship is awesome, and there are really good sermons."

The holidays will be here soon, and Breanna and Javen are looking forward to a visit with their grandparents. They anticipate it will be Christmas when they return to South Louisiana to see their family. Breanna and Javen both describe their grandfather as "Cool! He rides a motorcycle and is always making us laugh!" Their grandmother takes them for ice cream and finds other ways to spend special time with the twosome. Breanna says their grandparents are fixing up a room for her and Javen, complete with bunk beds, an Xbox, and Wii so they'll have a space of their own when they come to visit.

On this beautiful Saturday afternoon, Breanna and Mrs. Shawn are excited about their plans for the evening and the opportunity to experience the Monroe Symphony Orchestra. It's a special Halloween performance and another first for Breanna and her family. As they gather one-by-one on the front porch, the hot topic is where to have dinner before the concert. Breanna wants her favorite, Dairy Queen, but there are several differing opinions about the best places to go. For Breanna—having her family gathered around her, wondering what the evening will be like, negotiating dinner plans—she's enjoying being a part of LBCH and just being a kid.

PRAYER CALENDAR

Craig	November 10
Bobby	November 11
Hana	November 12
Nicholas	November 13
Brylee	November 14
LaQuita	November 15
Remy	November 16
Mae	November 17
Matthew	November 18
Sharon	November 19
Andrew	November 20
Nikki	November 21
Bryson	November 22
Stephanie	November 23
Parker	November 24
Randal	November 25
Brady	November 26
Jayden	November 27
Javen	November 28
Christian	November 29
Colter	November 30
Noah	December 1
De'Orris	December 2
De'Orriea	December 3
Emily	December 4
Ellory	December 5
Nesa	December 6
Breanna	December 7
Gracie	December 8
Jessica	December 9
Stephen	December 10
Hunter	December 11
Dillon	December 12
Leodis	December 13
Jade	December 14
Lilly	December 15
Starla	December 16
Smaya	December 17
Farren	December 18

Happy Birthday!

Demasha	November 11
Jade	November 16
Hunter	November 23
Candace	November 24
Joel	November 25
Javen	November 30
LaQuita	December 23
Bryson	December 30

Breanna... "At LBCH, you can be yourself!"



HomeBuilders

by Marc Eichelberger
Vice President of Development & Public Relations

Thankful for Changed Lives!

Question: Is God still in the life-changing business? Answer: Yes He is! God places a desire—a passion in the hearts of those who serve Him to see lives changed—people transformed by the love and grace of Christ.

Jesus expressed this desire and passion for life change when He launched His public ministry in Luke 4:16-21. Quoting from Isaiah 61, Jesus declared:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’ He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on Him. He began by saying to them, ‘Today as you listen, this Scripture has been fulfilled.’”

Did Jesus do what He said He would do and achieve what He set out to achieve? The Gospels give overwhelming evidence that the accountability report He gave to His Father in John 17:4 is accurate: “I have glorified You on the earth by completing the work You gave Me to do.”

Jesus changed countless lives during His three-year earthly ministry. Many more lives have been changed as the Spirit of Christ has worked through the lives of His disciples throughout history until the present.

As servants of the Servant, with gratitude for His life-changing grace, we continue to focus on the mission of serving others in Jesus’ name. Needs are met and lives are changed every day through the Christ-centered ministries of your Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home! Neglected, abused, and abandoned children find a refuge of safety and unconditional love on our campus. They hear the Gospel and see it lived out through the lives of our committed staff. Over time, they learn to trust again and open their hearts to the saving grace of Christ.

Homeless children and their mothers are given the opportunity for a fresh start in life. Many of these moms are experiencing Christ’s love for the first time. Their children are going to Sunday School and church for the first time. Their physical and emotional needs are being addressed and their hearts are opening to the Gospel.

God is working through our Granberry counselors to heal broken hearts and to redeem fractured relationships. Couples are seeing their marriages restored. Individuals and families are learning how to apply biblical truths and follow Jesus as a way of life.

Some of the poorest and most destitute children in the world are receiving food, clothing, and medical care in Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Haiti. Louisiana Baptist volunteer missionaries are sharing the love and compassion of Christ with “the least of these” and their lives are being changed.

As I enter into this Thanksgiving season, I am thankful to be a part of such a life-changing ministry. I am especially thankful for our many friends who pray so fervently and give so generously to help make this ministry possible.

In 2016, you helped our Children’s Home provide Christ-centered ministries that served over 4,400 children, families, and individuals. Over 180 of those served came to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. God is still in the life-changing business!

Thank you! And I pray you and your family will have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

• Obituary •

FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Harold Worsham



Mark Your Calendar!

**LBCH
Alumni Reunion**

June 2-3, 2017!



Memorial Baptist Church and Christian School in Metairie did another amazing job this year collecting items for our Fall Food Roundup. Thank you for your incredible generosity to the children in our care!



Thanks to Grace Episcopal Church and School in Monroe for collecting a big load of wonderful school supplies for our children.

Your End-of-the-Year Gift Can Make A Difference To A Child In 2017

Remember... gifts made to
Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home
& Family Ministries
by December 31st
are deductible in 2016.

Mobile Pregnancy Care Center Ministry Back on the Road

The MPCC travels the state offering free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, pro-life literature, and a positive Christian witness.

Upcoming Events:

October 12-15
Rapides Parish Fair - Alexandria

October 19-22
TBA - Franklinton

November 13
Philadelphia Baptist Church - Deville

November 14-15
LBC Annual Meeting - Alexandria

December 8
First Baptist Church - Chalmette

December 10
Dream Center - New Orleans

For information on scheduling the Mobile Pregnancy Care Center in your area, call 318.816.3462 or email mobilepcc@lbch.org



November and December Dates Available!

Bequests

The following friends of children remembered the Home in their wills:

Irene Brandon

James M. Gilbert

Lou Ann Weatherly Hancock

National Junior Beta Club



Congratulations to Mobley-Martin resident, Jade, and Joy Cottage resident, Javen, on being inducted into the National Junior Beta Club! We are proud of you!

Tips for Busy Families

Fall is a fun but busy time of year: school, projects, church activities, football practice. Staying on schedule without getting stressed can be difficult! Here are some ideas to help get your family into a routine and still enjoy life amidst the busyness.

1. Plan ahead for the next day. This takes a little extra effort and time but it does reduce stress and saves time in the long run. Make lunches the night before, lay out school clothes for the next day, be sure the backpacks are packed and ready.
2. Menu plan. This may seem overwhelming but it doesn't have to be- keep it simple. Look at your week and see what nights you will be home to eat dinner. Pick simple and easy recipes- ones that will have leftovers are great- no need to cook every night of the week. Also, use a crock pot- quick and easy!
3. Make use of "pockets of time"- especially while waiting. Waiting in the car line? Use this time to make a list of things that you need to get done for the week. Waiting at football practice? Pay your bills online or use this time to catch up on filling out papers for school.
4. Plan for fun. Don't get so overwhelmed by the busy schedule that you and your family forget to have fun. Make Friday night a family night- order pizza, pick out your favorite snacks and play your favorite board game or watch a favorite movie.



The weather was near perfect as 150 golfers gathered at the Links on the Bayou and Oakwing Golf Clubs in Alexandria for the 12th annual Brenda Hall Abney Fall Golf Classic held on September 26. Hosted by RoyOMartin Lumber Company, the event is greatly anticipated every year.

RoyOMartin Chairman & CEO, Jonathan E. Martin, established the tournament in September 2005 to honor the memory of former Children's Home resident, Brenda Hall Abney. Brenda passed away after a brief illness in January 2005. While Brenda was a student at Louisiana College in Pineville, Mr. Martin and his wife, Maggie, unofficially "adopted" her into their family. Upon her passing, the Martins launched the golf tournament in an effort to help other children through the ministries of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home.

Mr. Martin welcomed everyone to this year's event. Dr. Perry Hancock, LBCH President & CEO, thanked the golfers for making it possible to complete Maggie's Place this spring, the first of three new cottages for HomePlace, a ministry that provides a safe, stable home and a new start for homeless children and their mothers.

Nikki Miller, a current HomePlace resident, with her son, Bryson, shared a powerful testimony of how God has changed her life and given her hope and a future through this ministry. The total for this year's tournament has reached \$166,000.00! Since the Brenda Hall Abney Fall Golf Classic began, the tournament has raised over \$1.9 million for the Children's Home.

In addition to supporting HomePlace ministry and building Maggie's Place, past tournament funds have built the Brenda Hall Abney Learning Center and provided a perimeter fence around the Children's Home campus in Monroe.

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to Jonathan Martin, RoyOMartin Lumber Company, and all the participants who make this event possible. Thank you for making such an incredible difference in the lives of children and families in need through your generosity to the Children's Home!



**RoyOMartin 12th Annual Brenda Hall Abney
Fall Golf Classic a Great Success!**

Fall Festival Fun!



The boys of Joy Cottage enjoyed a little fall "alligator hunting" at Black Bayou Wildlife Refuge.



Louisiana College Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipients



Former Louisiana Baptist Children's home resident, Mrs. Joanne Hamby, along with our own, LBCH President and CEO, Dr. Perry Hancock, were recognized as Distinguished Alumni for 2016-2017 during Louisiana College's October Homecoming celebration. In addition to a reception held in their honor, the two were recognized for their achievements at a special chapel service.

Nancy Calhoun Leaves a Legacy of Helping Others

Nancy Kathryn Harris Calhoun, committed Christian Bible teacher, philanthropist, publisher, wife, mother, and grandmother passed away on October 8, after a brief illness. She leaves a legacy of Christian love, service, and ministry.

A longtime resident of New Orleans, Mrs. Calhoun, along with her husband Dr. Milburn Calhoun, who preceded her in death, were longtime friends and supporters of LBCH. The Calhouns funded the Mary and Darrell Calhoun Recreational Center on the Children's Home campus. The center includes a climbing tower and foam pit for the little ones, a game room and aerobics room. The couple have also provided renovations to the swimming pool and gym.

The Calhoun's legacy of love and generosity will touch the lives of children and families in need for many years to come.



Nancy Kathryn Harris Calhoun
1932-2016

Thank You Louisiana Baptists for a successful Fall Food Roundup!

FAMILY FUN DAY!



On September 17, 2016, foster-families all across the Monroe Region came to the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home for Family Fun Day. Louisiana Baptist Children's Home hosted the event in the gym and rec area on campus. There was an obstacle course, games, and tons of food for the children and their families to enjoy. We also had 88.7FM at the event to play family-friendly music while the children played their games.

This event gave the Children's Home the opportunity to love on and encourage foster-families across our area. During the event, many parents came up to children's home staff telling us how much the children enjoyed the event. A chance encounter also occurred at the fun day where sisters that haven't seen each other for over five years were able to reconnect. It was a blessing for all of us at the Children's Home to see!

The Children's Home also used this event to kick off our foster-parent support group for the Monroe Region. This group is hosted every month in churches across our area. During this group, childcare and food is provided. This gives the parents time to establish relationships with other foster-parents as well as receive needed training hours. The Louisiana Baptist Children's Home is very excited about the opportunity that we had to love on and encourage foster-families in our area, and we look forward to the opportunities to continue to do that through the foster-parent support group.



Foster/Adoptive Parent Informational Meetings

There is a tremendous need for foster and adoptive families in Louisiana. Join us for an informational meeting in your area to learn how you can open your heart and home to a child in need!

BATON ROUGE:

Thursday, November 10, 2016 • 6:00-7:30 PM

Florida Boulevard Baptist Church, 10915 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70815
For more information, contact marissa@lbch.org or 618.520.2979

RUSTON

Thursday, November 10, 2016 • 6:00 -7:30 PM

Temple Baptist Church, 1515 S. Service Rd., Ruston, LA 71270
For more information, contact beth@lbch.org or 318.343.2244

SHREVEPORT:

Sunday, November 13, 2016 • 12 PM (lunch will be served)

Norris Ferry Community Church, 10509 Norris Ferry Rd., Shreveport, LA 71106
For more information, contact ashley@lbch.org or 318.372.9021

NORTHSHORE:

Thursday, November 17, 2016 • 6:00-7:30 PM

First Baptist Mandeville, 1895 Highway 190, Mandeville, LA 70448
For more information, contact dru@crossroadsnola.org or 504.482.9135



Connect 1:27, a ministry of LBCH, is helping families and churches across Louisiana to answer God's call to minister to orphans through Foster Care, Adoption, and Orphan Care ministries.

www.connect127.org

HOPE BUILDERS

• *Monthly Sponsors* •

Hope Builders are meeting needs and changing lives at your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. These monthly gifts help to rebuild the foundation of trust and hope in the lives of children and families by demonstrating God's unconditional love and care. If you would like more information about becoming a Hope Builder, call 318.343.2244.

Right Thinking Essential to Relieve Holiday Stress

By Dr. Kathy Eichelberger, Director of Granberry Counseling Centers



We are finally getting some relief from the hot days of summer. The cool, brisk morning air is refreshing. The leaves are beginning to change colors and drop gracefully from their branches. Hunting season, football, and the holidays make this an exciting time for many. For others, the approaching holidays bring up painful memories and feelings of anxiety, sadness and loss.

God created each of us with a vast array of emotions—both positive and negative. He also gives us wise counsel in how to handle our negative emotions. God loves us and wants us to know what to do when we struggle with uncomfortable feelings. Philippians 4:6 says, "Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." We can apply this truth in our lives and relieve the feelings of anxiety and sadness.

As counselors, we know that our thoughts influence our behavior and emotions (feelings). Many times, we let our emotions impact our thinking, which in turn impacts our behavior. When we are anxious, God tells us to talk to Him and tell Him everything we are feeling and thinking. Then we are to focus on the things for which we are thankful. As we "give thanks in everything" (1 Thessalonians 5:18), our anxiety begins to diminish. A heart filled with thanksgiving cannot co-exist with anxiety. We will either be thankful or anxious. God wants us to choose to have a heart of gratitude.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are times to be thankful for everything God has provided us. A good place to begin is thanking Him for the gift of salvation He has graciously provided us in Christ. When I think of where I could be today if it were not for God's saving grace in my life, my heart overflows with thanksgiving!

Philippians 4:7 says, "And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." God's promises support the wisdom of gratitude. Dr. John McArthur says, "Inner calm or tranquility is promised to the believer who has a thankful attitude based on unwavering confidence that God is able and willing to do what is best for His children."

We become worried, anxious, and fearful when we do not trust in God's wisdom, power, or goodness. Thankful prayer brings release from fear and anxiety, because it affirms God's sovereign control over every life circumstance, and that His purpose is for our good (Romans 8:28-29).

When we know that we have made "peace with God" through trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord (Romans 5:1), we can enjoy the "peace of God" through confident trust in His wisdom, power, and goodness. As a Christian counselor, I believe the peace of God is what brings real comfort to the human heart.

I pray that you will have a "thankful" and "peaceful" holiday season filled with the wonder of God's love for you.

Toll Free 1.877.345.7411

www.granberrycounseling.org



By Susan C. Clark, Director

HOMEPLACE HIGHLIGHTS

Washington D.C. just released their latest statistics ... “LOUISIANA RANKS SECOND AMONG DEADLIEST STATES FOR WOMEN”. The 2016 report ranks Louisiana 2nd in the nation, up from 4th the year before. If you are interested, the full report can be seen at www.vpc.org.

One of the driving factors that contributes to Louisiana’s problem is the significant lack of safety resources for victims of domestic violence.

HomePlace has had numerous women and children who have walked through its doors that have been victims of domestic violence. In fact, this is one of the top reasons that causes homelessness among mothers and their children. I am so thankful that HomePlace is made available for women and children that come from hard places. The Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home is a safe place! It is an encouragement and a comfort that even in these hard places that the Lord reminds us “Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Psalm 91:1-2.

We are also privileged to have a wonderful resource in Northeast Louisiana that we can call at any time for assistance. If you know of anyone who is a victim, please contact The Wellspring at www.wellspringofnela.org. or their Domestic Violence Hotline at 318.323.1505.

On a different note, let me do a little bragging. Three more families have moved in at HomePlace in the last month. Three more women have obtained employment. One of our children was inducted into the National Honor Society and we have celebrated the life of children and moms on their birthdays. Everyone at HomePlace is excited about the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and activities. Continue to keep our families in your thoughts and prayers.



**“Whoever dwells in the shelter
of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD,
He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”
Psalm 91:1-2**



**Happy
Birthday!**



HomePlace residents, staff and mentors enjoy HomePlace together, an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

memorials • 9/9/16-10/27/16

Memorial gifts are received by the Children's Home in thoughtful tribute to the memory of a relative, friend or loved one. Names of deceased persons are printed in all caps followed by the names of those making gifts to the Home in their memory.

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Freddy, Tracy & Piper
Frantom
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