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# WORDS FROM HOME

## Honored and Humbled



It is both an honor and a humbling responsibility to begin serving as the new President and CEO of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to join this ministry and to continue the important work that has impacted so many children and families across our state. For more than 126 years, this ministry has faithfully served vulnerable children and families across Louisiana, building a legacy of compassion, faith, and hope. I am honored to follow the outstanding leadership of Dr. Hancock, whose faithful service has strengthened and expanded this mission, and I look forward to building on the strong foundation he and so many others have laid.

At the heart of everything we do is our mission: Providing LOVE, CARE, and HOPE in Christ to children and families in need. This mission is not simply a statement—it is a calling that guides every program, every relationship, and every act of service carried out through this ministry.

My family and I are grateful for the opportunity to be part of this important work. My wife, Stephanie, and I have been blessed with a wonderful family who continually remind us of the importance of faith, love, and strong homes. Our children are Aaron and his wife Emily, Gary and his wife Peyton, Kyle, and Ellie. We are also the proud grandparents of three beautiful granddaughters—Amelia, Remi, and Caroline. Family is a gift from God, and that personal understanding of the value of family deepens our passion for the ministry of caring for children and strengthening families.

I am especially thankful for the incredible staff who faithfully serve each day with compassion, professionalism, and Christ-centered dedication. Their commitment to the children and families entrusted to our care is inspiring. I am equally grateful for the many volunteers and supporters who give their time, resources, and prayers to make this ministry possible. Your partnership allows us to extend the love of Christ in meaningful and life-changing ways.

I also want to express appreciation for the continued partnership through the Cooperative Program through the Louisiana Baptist Convention. The support and vision of Louisiana Baptists help sustain and strengthen this ministry as we work together to care for vulnerable children and strengthen families throughout our state.

As we look to the future, I am excited about the opportunities God has before us. Together—with our staff, volunteers, supporters, and churches—we will continue to expand the reach of this ministry so that more children and families can experience hope, healing, and the transforming love of Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and your faithful support. I look forward to serving alongside you as we continue this important mission.

### PRAYER CALENDAR...

- Axl.....April 1
- Tristan.....April 2
- Carter.....April 3
- Cypress.....April 4
- Macy.....April 5
- Jennifer.....April 6
- Kayson.....April 7
- My'Angel.....April 8
- Makinlee.....April 9
- Allen.....April 10
- Faith.....April 11
- Lily.....April 12
- Raiden.....April 13
- Michael.....April 14
- Miyana.....April 15
- Tiffany.....April 16
- Sana.....April 17
- Selena.....April 18
- Florene.....April 19
- Elysia.....April 20
- Edrick.....April 21

- Eyan.....April 22
- Cassie.....April 23
- Carietta.....April 24
- Camillia.....April 25
- Bryson.....April 26
- Chelsea.....April 27
- Keleya.....April 28
- Lillian.....April 29
- Asher.....April 30



### BIRTHDAYS...

- Macy..... March 21
- Selena..... March 29
- Faith.....April 28

#### • 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 •

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

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# CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT:

## Meet Our New President, Dr. David Jeffreys



Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries is pleased to welcome Dr. David Jeffreys as its new President and CEO. With more than three decades of ministry and executive leadership experience, Dr. Jeffreys brings a deep passion for serving others and a strong commitment to strengthening families and churches across Louisiana.

Dr. Jeffreys has devoted much of his life to Christian leadership, focusing on equipping churches, developing leaders, and ministering to families in need. His heart for ministry and his vision for caring for children and families uniquely prepare him to lead Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries into the future.

Prior to joining the Children's Home, Dr. Jeffreys served in key leadership roles at Louisiana Christian University, including Acting President, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Vice President of Denominational & Church Relations. In these positions, he worked closely with Louisiana Baptist churches and leaders, strengthening partnerships and advancing the mission of Christian higher education.

Before his time in higher education, Dr. Jeffreys faithfully served for twenty years as Associate Pastor of Highland Baptist Church in New Iberia, Louisiana, where he ministered to families and helped lead the church in outreach and discipleship. He has also served in earlier ministry roles in both Louisiana and Mississippi.

Ordained to the gospel ministry in 1995, Dr. Jeffreys has been actively involved in denominational leadership throughout his career. His service includes roles as First Vice President of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, Chairman of the Louisiana Christian University Board of Trustees, and various associational leadership positions. Through these roles, he has built strong relationships across the state and demonstrated a lifelong commitment to serving Louisiana churches.

Dr. Jeffreys is deeply committed to answering God's call to provide love, care, and hope in Christ to children and families facing crisis and hardship. He believes every child deserves a safe home, compassionate support, and the opportunity to experience the transforming power of the Gospel.

That calling is also reflected in his own family. Dr. Jeffreys and his wife, Stephanie, were married in 1992 and have four children and three grandchildren. Their family includes both biological and adopted children,



**David and Stephanie Jeffreys**

reflecting their personal commitment to caring for children in need.

As he begins this new role, Dr. Jeffreys looks forward to working alongside staff, supporters, and Louisiana Baptist churches to continue the Children's Home's long legacy of ministry. Together, they will seek to expand opportunities to serve vulnerable children and families and to share the hope found in Jesus Christ.

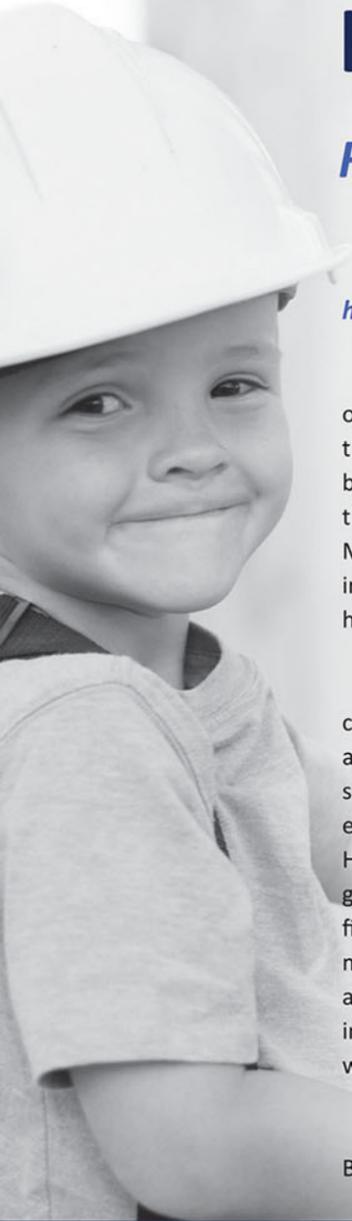
We look forward to the days ahead with gratitude and anticipation for the leadership Dr. Jeffreys will bring as he continues the mission of providing love, care, and hope in Christ to children and families in need. Please be in prayer for Dr. Jeffreys and his family as they begin this new chapter.

## CHILDREN'S HOME SUNDAY ANNUAL OFFERING

**FATHER'S DAY-JUNE 21, 2026**

*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
is God in His holy dwelling.*  
—Psalm 68:5

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# HOMEBUILDERS

## Resurrection Means New Life

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

The weather is warming each day as we move closer to spring. Here on campus, the rose bushes are sprouting fresh leaves, and the pecan trees are releasing their pollen, covering everything in sight. Spring is a beautiful reminder of new life, trees, plants, and animals waking from their winter rest. At the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home and Family Ministries, everything we do is focused on giving new life in Christ to children and families who have faced the harsh realities of this fallen world.

Picture for a moment a child or a mother coming to us, feeling like their life is falling apart. They may have no family to serve as a safety net, no friends to turn to, and nowhere else to go. Then they hear about the Children’s Home. As they arrive on campus, they are greeted with a kind voice and a warm smile. Their first thought might be, “Maybe I can find hope here... maybe I can start over.” We have seen this happen time and again, women and children stepping out of the cold realities of the world into the life-giving joy found in the resurrection of Christ. This is where winter turns to spring, and new life blooms from the inside out.

You are part of this transformation through your prayers and gifts. Because of your support, we can meet physical needs, which opens the



door to address the spiritual needs of children and families longing for hope. Because of you, our residents don’t have to worry about their next meal or if they have a safe place to rest. While they are here, they can also receive an education through our Women’s Learning Center, giving them the tools to build a career and a future for themselves and their children.

As we celebrate the hope of Easter, let us remember that just as Christ was raised from the dead, bringing new life and joy to the world, He continues to bring new life to the children and families here at Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home and Family Ministries. Every smile, every step forward, every life transformed is a living testament to His resurrection power. Your prayers, gifts, and visits help sow seeds of hope that blossom into bright futures. Together, we are witnessing winter give way to spring, darkness giving way to light, and lives renewed from the inside out. Come see the beauty of God’s work in action and be inspired by the promise of new beginnings!

As the weather warms and roses begin to bloom, this is the perfect time to bring your church group—or your family—to visit our historic, beautiful campus. We have been serving Monroe for over 100 years, and we would love to show you firsthand all that God is doing through your Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home! Reach out to me at [mcoker@lbch.org](mailto:mcoker@lbch.org) or call the office at 318.343.2244, and I will be happy to schedule your campus tour.



**Matt Coker**  
Vice President of  
PR & Development

## Local Sorority Donates Needed Items

A heartfelt thank you to the Monroe Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, led by President Dr. Latina Johnson, for the generous donation of items from our needs list.

We are also deeply grateful to sorority member Temika Cooks for graciously delivering the items. Your continued support and commitment to service truly make a difference in our community!



## Schedule A Children’s Home Tour!

We’re always excited to invite friends to tour our campus! Tours are available for groups or individuals by appointment. We would love to show you around and let you see first-hand what God is doing at your Children’s Home!



To schedule a tour contact Matt at [mcoker@lbch.org](mailto:mcoker@lbch.org) or 318.343.2244



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# Because Jesus Lives...



March 2026

Dear Friend of Children,

As we approach Easter, we are reminded that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only a moment in history—it is a promise of new life that continues to transform hearts today.

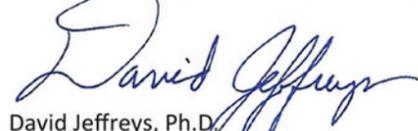
Recently, one of our children, Kinley, returned from a church retreat filled with excitement and wonder. As soon as she came home, she began asking all kinds of questions about Jesus—Who He is, why He died, and what it means that He is alive. Her curiosity turned into heartfelt conversations with her house parents about faith, forgiveness, and hope. Watching Kinley wrestle with these truths and begin to understand God’s love has been a powerful reminder of the life-changing impact of the Gospel.

This Easter, we celebrate that same resurrection power at work in children like Kinley. Because Jesus lives, children who have experienced uncertainty, loss, or hardship can discover healing, purpose, and a future filled with hope. New life in Christ is not just a theological truth—it is something we see unfolding in real time in the lives of the children and families we serve every day.

Your faithful generosity helps provide safe homes, loving caregivers, and Christ-centered guidance that allows children to ask big questions, encounter God’s truth, and grow in faith. You are part of every conversation about Jesus, every bedtime prayer, and every step toward healing and wholeness.

Thank you for helping Kinley and so many others experience the new life that comes through the risen Savior. Your support is more than a gift—it is an investment in changed lives and eternal impact.

Because He lives, there is hope for every child.

  
David Jeffreys, Ph.D.  
President & CEO

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# HANCOCK RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Friends, family members, colleagues, and ministry partners gathered to celebrate a remarkable milestone in the life of Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries—the retirement of President and CEO Dr. Perry Hancock after 22 years of faithful leadership.

The afternoon was filled with laughter, memories, and heartfelt gratitude as guests from many seasons of Dr. Hancock's life and ministry came together for a special reception honoring him and his wife, Tonya. Stories highlighted not only his steady leadership and vision but also his deep compassion for children and families in need.

Several special presentations recognized the lasting legacy the Hancocks have created. In honor of their love for serving through the Compassion Center, a room within the center was officially named the Hancock Volunteer Center. The space will stand as a reminder of their heart for meeting the needs of children and families.

Another highlight was the announcement of a scholarship established in honor of Tonya Hancock, recognizing her encouragement, service, and the many ways she has invested in the lives of women through The Women's Learning Center and HomePlace.

Dr. Hancock expressed heartfelt gratitude for the many people who have supported and walked alongside the ministry over the years. Reflecting on the relationships that have shaped his journey, he quoted Philippians: "I thank my God every time I think of you," and closed with his familiar sign-off: "Thank you, thank you, thank you. God bless."

Though this chapter of leadership has come to a close, the Hancocks' connection to the ministry is far from over. They plan to continue serving by volunteering at the Compassion Center—a place especially close to their hearts.



*Thank You, Thank You, Thank you, Dr. Hancock. God Bless.*

## The Beauty of a Guided Journey: Megan's Story

We often hear that "life is a journey." One step leads to another until, one day, you look back and see just how far you've traveled. At the Women's Learning Center, we believe those steps are best taken when they are ordered by the Lord.

This semester, our guiding light has been Isaiah 30:21: "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" This promise assures us that God cares for every step of each woman who walks through our doors.

### A Path of Perseverance

We are so proud to introduce you to Megan. Her journey with us began in 2017 as a high school equivalency student. With hard work and dedication, she crossed the stage with her diploma in 2019. Megan didn't stop there. She immediately began working toward her Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. She completed her coursework and built her professional portfolio when the world changed in 2020. Due to the pandemic, her daycare closed, and our classes were put on hold.

### Developing Skills in the Quiet Moments

While it may have seemed like Megan's path had hit a dead end, God was moving her in a different direction. She spent the next few years caring for her great-grandmother. Though it wasn't the career she planned, God used that season to deepen her heart for service. Last summer, after her great grandmother's passing, Megan returned to the Center seeking direction. With courage and honesty, she told us, "I can't keep living this way. What can I do next?"

### Leading by Example

Since re enrolling this past fall, Megan has become a source of encouragement for her classmates. Having navigated lean times, she stepped into a leadership role by teaching our class how to steward resources wisely. She has shared her budgeting

expertise, demonstrated how to make homemade products to stretch a dollar, and taught others how to find the best sales. Her practical wisdom has empowered the women in our program to make their own resources go further.

### A New Chapter

Megan has been unstoppable. She has:

- Completed Paraprofessional training
- Passed the Paraprofessional Praxis exam
- Mastered North Star Digital Literacy training
- Polished her résumé and completed mock interviews

The path hasn't always been easy, but the Lord has been with her for every step. As Megan begins applying for jobs to start her new career in education, we ask that you join us in prayer.

Please pray for an "open door" for Megan—that she finds the perfect place to share the many gifts God has grown within her.

**Alisha Clark**  
Executive Director,  
Women's Learning Center



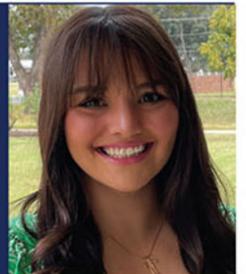
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# AROUND CAMPUS...



## An Answered Prayer: Bringing Hope On and Off Campus In Monroe

**Kameron May**  
Foster Care and Adoption  
Specialist



There are moments in ministry when the Lord's work is so clear that all we can say is, "This is an answered prayer." Recently, we experienced one of those moments—beautifully reflecting our heart through both on campus residential care and off campus foster care.

### A LANDING PLACE IN A TIME OF NEED

In September 2025, we launched a short term residential program on our Monroe campus to serve as a temporary landing place for children entering care. When the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) faces an influx of children and immediate foster homes are unavailable, our campus provides a safe, nurturing environment until a permanent placement is identified. Psalm 68:6 reminds us that "God sets the lonely in families." Our desire is to live out that truth by ensuring no child spends a night without safety, stability, and compassionate care while awaiting the home God has prepared for them.

### CONNECTING FAMILIES TO THE CALL

Through our Connect1Child foster care and adoption ministry, we partner with DCFS to help certify foster homes across the state. We walk with families through the certification process and continue supporting them long after approval. Recently, while awaiting final approval on a home study for a wonderful family, we learned a young man in our short term residential program had been matched for placement. Shortly afterward, that same Connect1Child family received a call about their first placement.

What we discovered next felt like divine orchestration: the young man from our Bridges of Hope program was being placed with that very family.

### THE BEAUTY OF CONTINUITY AND CARE

Transitions in child welfare can be difficult. Often, when children leave our campus, we don't know where they are going or who will care for them next. We pray for them and trust God with their future, but rarely do we remain connected.

This time was different. Because of the connection between our on campus program and off campus ministry, we were able to prepare this young man for his transition with confidence. We knew the family, their heart, and their commitment to providing a Christ centered, loving home. Instead of uncertainty, we could speak hope and excitement into what could have been a challenging move. Proverbs 16:9 tells us, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Watching this placement unfold reminded us that while we work diligently to serve children and families, it is ultimately the Lord who weaves the details together.

### A CHRIST-CENTERED HOME

Perhaps the greatest comfort in this story is knowing the kind of home this young man entered—one grounded in faith and led by parents who feel genuinely called to foster care. As a ministry, we celebrate this placement and continue supporting the family as they begin their journey. Our mission is not only to help place children in homes, but to ensure those homes are prepared, supported, and rooted in Christ.

### AN INVITATION TO BE PART OF THE STORY

The work happening on our Monroe campus and through Connect1Child across the state demonstrates what can happen when the Body of Christ says "yes" to caring for vulnerable children. James 1:27 teaches us that true religion is "to look after orphans and widows in their distress." Foster care is one of the ways we live out that calling today.

If you are a foster family seeking support, or if you are exploring to become certified, we would be honored to walk alongside you. Our Connect1Child Specialists serve families statewide, guiding them through each step of the process and helping them discern how they might faithfully step into the calling of foster care. To learn more, visit [lbch.org](http://lbch.org) and explore the Connect1Child page to connect with a specialist in your region.

Your "yes" could become the answered prayer for a child waiting for a home.

# Compassion for Kids Update

*God Is Just Getting Started!*

**Matt Hancock**  
Executive Director  
Compassion for Kids



Lives continue to be impacted through the ministry of Compassion For Kids! 2026 has started off with a BANG! In just the first two months, we have given out over 3,500 food boxes to impoverished families. For a bit of context, each and every one of those boxes is filled with about 20 lbs of food, including dry goods, non-perishables, fruits, vegetables, bread, and meat. We do our best to make sure that each family receives generous portions of food!

In 2026, we have also handed out over 800 Bibles to clients (thanks to generous donations from Louisiana Baptists!), 21,000 diapers, hundreds of pairs of children's shoes, clothing, and other life essentials. We have also recently crossed over a few milestones: over ONE MILLION LBS. OF FOOD...and over 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FOOD! These are incredible numbers that all point to three undeniable proofs – God LOVES these dear people. He has NOT forgotten or abandoned them. He is providing their needs DAILY.



Our staff and volunteers are humbled that He has chosen US and our ministry partners around the state at this time to help meet these needs, and to change lives. One lady who recently received a brand new Bible put it to her lips, kissed it, and excitedly said, "This is even better than the food!" As believers, we know Jesus is the Bread of Life...and now impoverished families are not only hearing that message...the proof of it is being placed in their hands.

Thank you Louisiana Baptists for your prayers and support! If you haven't already, please come visit The Compassion Center to see with your own eyes what God is doing! We would love to give you a tour and we would love to get you plugged in as volunteers! God is doing powerful work here...and HE IS JUST GETTING STARTED!

## One Cold Day Does Not Cancel Spring

**Kevin Richard**  
Director  
Granberry Counseling  
Centers



The transition from winter to spring in Louisiana grows more elusive each year. Daily shifts between warmth and chill, drought and downpour—even the occasional ice storm—leave us wondering whether we've made any real progress toward spring. Farmers and gardeners hesitate, unsure whether to plow, plant, or wait. Without a calendar marking the first official day of spring, the season might pass us by. At times, we may feel entrenched in winter's grip, yet the calendar reassures us that steady movement toward a blossoming spring is underway. Thank God for calendars that faithfully track our progress when our senses cannot.

The journey of personal change and behavioral transformation often unfolds in a similar fashion. Progress rarely moves in a straight line; rather, fluctuation often marks the journey—warmth followed by chill, clarity followed by confusion.

Rodney and Joyce sat across from me during their sixth counseling session. Both were devoted Christians who served faithfully in their church. Known for their compassion, steadiness, and generosity, they carried others' burdens with grace. Ironically, behind closed doors, those strengths seemed to vanish. Sharp words replaced tenderness, and criticism became habitual. When confronted, each denied the intensity or intent of their behavior. Even so, both sincerely desired the Lord to change them from the inside out. They struggled to understand how they could show such patience and kindness to others yet respond to one another—the person they loved most—with impatience and insensitivity.

After several sessions, clarity began to dawn. The "light bulb" moment arrived, and with it came noticeable shifts in behavior. Over the following weeks, both acknowledged meaningful change. Then came session six. They entered visibly tense and distant, having just argued over their differences in driving styles. Rodney sank into his chair, threw up his hands, and declared, "You see? Right back to square one already. That didn't take long!" Joyce quickly echoed his frustration: "All that mushy niceness for nothing. I knew I should have stood my ground!" In that moment, they genuinely believed they had made no progress at all. At times like this, it is important to remember: our feelings are real, but they may be inaccurate.

After guiding them through a calming conversation, I invited them to reflect on the tangible changes they had experienced over the previous six weeks. Using the Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy framework as a kind of therapeutic map and calendar, we traced their journey together—from patterns marked by relational

coldness toward increasing warmth and responsiveness. Yes, they had experienced a setback. But it was one frigid day, not a complete return to winter. Viewed against the larger landscape of their progress, it became clear they were not back at the beginning. They were six weeks healthier, six weeks more aware, and significantly further from relational fracture than when they first entered counseling.

One of the essential roles of our Granberry therapists is helping clients identify and challenge cognitive distortions—the mistaken belief that a single misstep erases meaningful growth. When discouragement overshadows progress, we gently guide clients back to truth. John wrote in John 16:13 that the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. With His help, our Christian counselors seek to do the same, assisting clients in discerning what is accurate rather than what merely feels true in the moment.

Jesus came to give us new birth—a transition from a season of death to a season of eternal life. At times, though, we may feel we have returned to square one or even to our season of lostness. Christ, however, is the one who keeps us in our season of eternal life because of His death and resurrection. It is His gift of salvation that makes us righteous. Our prayer as Granberry counselors is that the Holy Spirit would work through us, empowering clients to embrace the Lord's truth. For His truth heals, restores, and leads us—and our relationships—out of winter's death into His beautiful, blossoming springtime.

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Jonann Byargeon  
Director of HomePlace



## Highlights from HomePlace

HomePlace survived the ice storm! Everyone was very creative and worked extremely hard to provide continuous care for our families. The days were difficult, but everyone remained faithful to the ministry.

The campus has many large live oak trees. A small fern grows on these trees, commonly called the resurrection fern. The resurrection fern does not damage the trees in any way. When there is rain or moisture in the atmosphere, it becomes a beautiful green color. But when there is a lack of moisture, it turns brown. The resurrection fern is revived after rain or extreme humidity.

The campus trees are still standing after losing limbs due to the ice storm. On the branches are the resurrection ferns as well. It is a simple picture of the ministry of HomePlace. Families enter HomePlace hoping for a chance to thrive. The staff stand ready to assist them as they begin to rebuild their lives. Here are some comments from our residents when asked, "What is your life like now that you are in HomePlace?"

### Women's Responses:

**Tiffany:** "Since coming, my life feels safe. I'm able to start building on a firm foundation; I'm able to breathe now. I have gotten a fresh start. I feel the love of Christ from everyone who is involved in this program. I can now see a hope and a future that I know comes from following Christ. I'm learning how to be an independent woman with help from my cottage manager and my case worker. They pour into me on a daily basis. I'm beyond thankful."

**Sana:** "HomePlace has given me structure, support, and accountability, and it's helped me grow into a stronger, more stable mother while creating a fresh start for our future."

**Chelsea:** "Stress-free and weights lifted as I continue to meet all of my goals!"

**Macy:** "My life now has more peace since coming to HomePlace! I'm able to spend more time growing my relationship with Christ. I have been able to save for my future without financial stress and am currently working towards my goals! This place has been one of my biggest blessings!"

### Children's Responses:

**Elysia:** "I have a roof over my head, and I have love from my mom and Ms. Toni (cottage manager)."

**Edrick:** "I have my own bed and I made new friends." **Kayson:** I'm happy and safe now.

Ironically, the ice storm that hit north Louisiana was named "Fern." It is a great reminder that God is still in control during ice storms and all the storms we encounter. If He provides for simple ferns growing on trees, how much more He provides for His children.

*For more information on the HomePlace Ministry, please visit [www.lbch.org](http://www.lbch.org) or call us at 318.343.4445.*



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