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WORDS FROM HOME

We Are Thankful For You!

As the leaves begin to turn and the air grows cool, our campus is filled with a deep sense of gratitude for God’s faithfulness, the generosity of His people, and the transforming power of His love that continues to change lives here at the Children’s Home.

We are especially thankful for our churches that participated in this year’s Fall Food Roundup. Once again, your generosity has overwhelmed us! Truckloads of canned goods, paper products, cleaning supplies, and pantry staples have poured in from every corner of our state. These gifts fill our shelves and sustain our ministries throughout the entire year. Because of your faithful giving, children and homeless mothers are fed, cared for, and loved every single day.

Every can of soup, every box of cereal, and every jar of peanut butter represents more than food—it represents hope. It means a child sits down to a warm meal surrounded by people who care. It means a mother doesn’t have to choose between paying rent or feeding her children. From all of us, thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus through your generosity in the Fall Food Roundup.

This fall, our hearts are also rejoicing as several of our residents have trusted Christ as their Savior! We have witnessed God’s Spirit moving in the lives of children, teens, and adults who have heard the gospel and responded in faith. There is no greater joy than seeing hearts transformed by God’s grace. Each story is a powerful reminder that your prayers, gifts, and support make an eternal difference. Thank you

for helping create a place where the love of Christ is shared daily and lives are being changed forever.

As Thanksgiving approaches, our campus family looks forward to a special time of worship and fellowship. We will gather for our annual Thanksgiving worship service, lifting our hearts in praise for God’s abundant blessings and sharing testimonies of His goodness. Following the service, our cottages and families will come together for a traditional Thanksgiving meal, complete with turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. This annual celebration is far more than just a meal. It is a beautiful reminder of God’s provision. Scripture tells us that every good and perfect gift come from God. For many of our residents, this will be the first time in a long time that they enjoy Thanksgiving in a safe, loving home, surrounded by staff who love them in the Lord.

As we move through this season of thanksgiving, we are deeply aware that none of this ministry happens without you, our faithful friends, churches, and ministry partners. Your compassion sustains us, your prayers strengthen us, and your gifts allow us to continue providing love, care, and hope in Christ to those who need it most.

I do hope that you and your family enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving. From all of us at the Home, thank you again for meeting needs and changing lives. May God bless you richly for your faithful support.



PRAYER CALENDAR...

Tiffany.....	November 1
Chatterrika.....	November 2
Amenia	November 3
Camoni	November 4
Hannah	November 5
Sana.....	November 6
Selena.....	November 7
Chelsea	November 8
Breahlon.....	November 9
Breahson	November 10
Carietta.....	November 11
Camillia.....	November 12
Bryson.....	November 13
Allison.....	November 14
Jennifer.....	November 15
Anzlei.....	November 16
Kynslee	November 17
Tristan.....	November 18
Carter.....	November 19

Cypress	November 20
Macy.....	November 21
Chelsea	November 22
Keleya	November 23
Lillian	November 24
Asher	November 25
Axl.....	November 26
Sherelle.....	November 27
Bellamie.....	November 28
Keighley	November 29
Jennifer.....	November 30

BIRTHDAYS...

Carter	November 3
Sana	November 5
Camillia	November 11
Lily	November 16
Jennifer	November 19
Allison	November 20
Eriel.....	November 25
Leland	November 29

• 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:

LBCH Cottage Care Manager



Kathy LaCaze — Maggie’s Place - HomePlace

For Kathy LaCaze, serving at Maggie’s Place wasn’t just a job—it was a divine assignment. After stepping away from her full-time role at LifeWay and preparing for what she thought would be a new chapter in Pennsylvania, God redirected her steps in a way she never expected. During the Louisiana Baptist Convention, Dr. Perry Hancock approached her with a simple question: “Have you ever thought about being a relief mom?” In that moment, Kathy knew—this was where the Lord was calling her.

Now, after more than 18 years of faithful service, Kathy continues to pour her heart into the women and children who come through Maggie’s Place, a HomePlace ministry cottage that provides shelter, support, and spiritual guidance to homeless mothers and their children.

Before coming to the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home, Kathy had a long and successful career in retail leadership, serving as a district manager for L’eggs, a co-manager at Hobby Lobby, and eventually as an assistant manager at LifeWay—a role she considered a gift from God. During her time at LifeWay, she and her husband had the opportunity to go on mission trips, including one to LSU. Then, in 2003, tragedy struck when Kathy lost her husband. It was a defining moment that would deepen her faith and prepare her for the next chapter—one that would overflow with purpose and love.

For the first three years at LBCH, Kathy served as a relief mom, which she describes as a gift—especially as someone who had never been able to have children of her own. She split her time between the main campus in Monroe and Seller’s Maternity Home in Baton Rouge, caring for pregnant teenagers. Then, in 2010, she became the manager of Maggie’s Place, where she’s continued her ministry ever since.

Throughout her years of service, Kathy has witnessed the hand of God move in powerful, undeniable ways. She’s seen mothers and children give their hearts to Jesus and lives transformed by the hope and healing only He can bring. And while there are many success stories, her proudest moments are the ones where she’s seen the Lord work through every challenge and every victory.

If she could say one thing to every child she’s cared for, it would be simple and true: “I love you.” Her deepest hope is that every mother and child who leaves Maggie’s Place will always remember two things—that Jesus loves them, and so does she. And they do remember. Kathy still hears from many of her former residents, continuing relationships that began with trust, blossomed with care, and remain rooted in love.

At Maggie’s Place, Kathy LaCaze has created more than a refuge—it’s a home, a sanctuary, and a reminder that even in life’s hardest moments, God’s love never fails. Through her faithful service, Kathy has become not only a guide and mentor, but a living example of what it means to walk in obedience, trust God’s plan, and love like Christ.

Finding Success One Step At A Time

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His mercy is everlasting.” Psalms 107:1.

This semester at the Women’s Learning Center, we began with the idea of “stepping stones.” Each woman took a stone and wrote her name on it. It marked a step in the journey she was on. Some were just starting their journeys; others have been walking this path for two or three years. We talk continually about how each step is one more in the direction God has for us. When we look back, we are amazed at how far each has come, even when the steps seemed so small.

This month, I’d like to celebrate and give thanks to the Lord for some of the steps He has helped these women accomplish since August. One has been praying for months for an answer to a sudden and unexpected financial change. Her answer came. All her bills are paid and caught up! Another woman has just begun her third year with us. She is determined. She recently passed her fourth test. She is now working on her last subject. An online student once came as a speaker. Later, she shared that she needed her high school diploma and joined us online. She is now on her last subject and nearly ready to test. A career student had been searching for a job for nearly a year. This month, she was hired as an administrative assistant.

Our stories could continue. For each and every one, we thank the Lord for His mercy and His direction. No step or stone has been easy, but none has been taken alone. We walk with the Lord, surrounded by each other’s—and your—prayers and encouragement. This Thanksgiving, we pray that you turn each of your steps, whether easy or hard, into an offering of praise.

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Alisha Clark
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HOMEBUILDERS

Matt Coker
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“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever.”

Happy Thanksgiving from your Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home and Family Ministries! As the pecans begin to fall and the temperatures start to cool, we are reminded of God’s provision and faithfulness through His people.

Our Fall Food Roundup is now complete, and we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our Louisiana Baptist churches. Truck after truck was unloaded, filling our pantry shelves with food that will feed our children and families throughout the coming year. Every meal served on our campus is a direct expression of your love and support.

Each fall, I have the privilege of traveling across the state to attend associational meetings and hear reports of how God is working from the bayous to the pine forests. It is a joy to see ministries growing and lives being changed through the faithful service of Louisiana Baptists. At nearly every stop, I meet someone with a connection to the Children’s Home, someone who grew up here, worked here, or knows a family we’ve served. The deep and far-reaching roots of the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home are a testimony to your continued partnership and support.

This fall, we celebrate an incredible story of transformation and new beginnings. Carter, who came to us with his family through our HomePlace ministry and whom many of you met in our Children’s Home Sunday video (available at LBCH.org/offering), responded to the gospel and made the life-changing decision to follow Jesus. His journey is a powerful reminder of how God meets children and families at their point of need, offering hope, healing, and a fresh start. Carter’s commitment to Christ was celebrated by his church family through baptism, marking a public declaration of his faith and a new chapter in his life. Stories like his are the heart of our ministry and a testament to the impact of your prayers,

generosity, and partnership. Every prayer lifted, every gift given, and every act of support have contributed to this moment of transformation, turning hearts toward God and pointing a child like Carter to a life filled with love, care, and eternal hope only found in Jesus.

As we approach the end of the year, there are several ways your giving can continue to change lives:

- **IRA Charitable Rollover** (Age 70 1/2+)
- **Stock Gifts**
- **Recurring Giving** (Monthly Hope Builders)

This Thanksgiving, we echo the words of Psalm 107:1: “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” We give thanks for God’s unfailing goodness and for you, our faithful supporters. Because of your prayers, generosity, and partnership, children and families across Louisiana are experiencing love, care, and hope in Christ.

FALL FOOD ROUNDUP

Thank YOU LOUISIANA BAPTISTS for yet another amazing Fall Food Roundup! Your generosity through this event each year is such a blessing. Our shelves are stocked and hearts are full because of your support!



Thanks ULM Pharmacy

Thank you to the University of Louisiana Monroe College of Pharmacy - Pediatric Pharmacy Association for their generous donation of cleaning supplies! Go Warhawks!



Schedule A Fall 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 or 318.343.2244.



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a Life**



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Donating appreciated securities, including stocks or mutual funds, is an easy and tax-effective way for you to make a gift to your church or other ministries.

RECURRING GIFTS
As the year comes to a close and we prepare for a new beginning, your monthly tax-deductible gift can help ensure that the essential needs impacting the daily lives of the children and families we serve are consistently met. Start the new year with purpose—by starting a recurring gift that makes a lasting difference.

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WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU



Dear Friend of Children,

This Thanksgiving, we're reminded that the smallest moments often carry the greatest meaning. A shared meal. A child's laughter. The simple joy of a favorite breakfast cereal.

During our fall food drive, one of our cottage dads mentioned at breakfast that our drivers were heading out to collect donated groceries. Just then, Matthew, one of our children, poured the last of the Captain Crunch into his bowl and, without missing a beat, grinned and said, "Ask them to get more Captain Crunch!"

It may seem like a simple request. But for a child who has come from a background of neglect and uncertainty, that moment held deeper meaning. It meant stability and safety. The comfort of knowing there will be more tomorrow. It means that here, he can just simply be a child.

Because of you, children like Matthew are experiencing what many of us take for granted:

- A warm, safe home
- Clean clothes and shoes that fit
- Loving cottage parents to guide them
- And yes, even plenty of their favorite cereal

This Thanksgiving, we are filled with gratitude for your kindness. Your gift today will help us to continue meeting the daily needs of children and families who are rebuilding their lives—and rediscovering joy in the little things.

As we gather with loved ones this holiday season, **please know how thankful we are for you.** Your generosity changes lives, one child at a time.

For the children,

Perry Hancock, Ph.D.
President & CEO

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. - Psalm 100:4-5*

**Name changed to protect confidentiality.*

YES, I want to help children in need with my Thanksgiving gift!

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Here's how it works: Go to our website at LBCH.ORG and click on the GIVE NOW button. Set up recurring monthly gifts (\$10 minimum) using Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, Debit Card, or E-Check. Simply put Monthly HopeBuilder in the notes section. You may cancel your monthly donations at any time. It's that easy! You may also give by check. Simply put Monthly HopeBuilder on the memo line and mail to LBCH, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

• LOUISIANA BAPTIST CHILDREN’S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

In its 126th 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 ministry services for over 12,800 children, families, and individuals.

• RESIDENTIAL FOSTER AND FAMILY CARE

Served 204 children and homeless mothers through on-campus and off-campus residential ministries. An additional 330 families received placement referral services.

• GRANBERRY COUNSELING CENTERS

Provided professional Christian counseling for 794 individuals through multiple state-wide locations. Provided counseling for 35 Louisiana Baptist minister families in partnership with the Louisiana Baptist Convention Pastoral Leadership Team.

• WOMEN’S LEARNING CENTER

Provided 37 women with educational and job skills training. Maintained adult education certification as an official HiSET training and testing site. In 2024, the Center offered its first online courses. WLC staff lead students in Bible study and prayer daily.

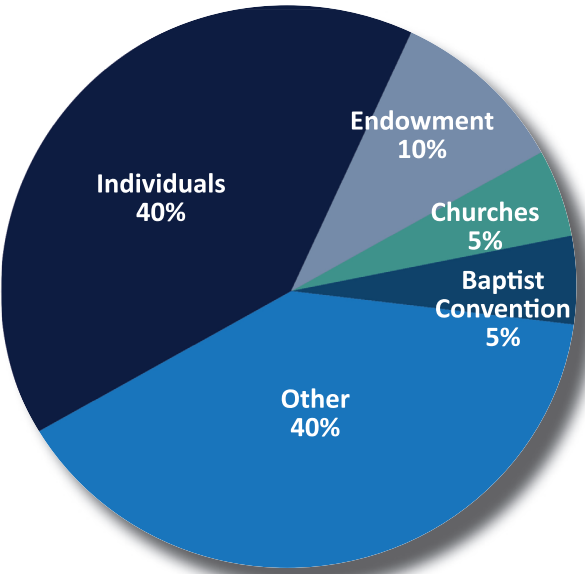
• COMPASSION FOR KIDS - THE COMPASSION CENTER

With the addition of the new Compassion Center in Monroe, the Children’s Home Served over 11,500 economically challenged children and family members. Items provided include diapers, toys, backpacks, school supplies, food, and other life essentials. Hundreds of Bibles and thousands of gospel tracts were distributed.

• INTERNATIONAL ORPHAN CARE — LOUISIANA REACH HAITI

Served 34 children through Louisiana Reach Haiti. The children’s village in Croix-des-Bouquets was relocated to Cap Haitien.

Ministry Funding Source



- We received no state or federal funding for the care of children
- 50% of all funding comes from individuals and churches
- Only 25% of funding goes to administrative costs
- 75% of funding goes directly to ministry services
- 7% of funding comes from payment of services (Granberry Counseling Centers)

Susan Nolan
Director of
Family Services



From Darkness to Light Anna’s Story

Anna’s life is a powerful reminder that God’s grace can reach into even the darkest places and bring healing, hope, and new life.

Born in Louisiana, Anna grew up in a difficult home. Raised by a single mother who struggled with substance abuse and mental health, Anna and her siblings faced years of instability and pain. Her mother was often physically and emotionally abusive . Her words and actions left deep scars. Anna never felt loved or wanted. She longed for someone to see her, to care for her, and to tell her she mattered.

There were moments of real danger and heartbreak. On one occasion, a caregiver’s reckless actions caused injury to Anna and one of her siblings. Anna never received proper medical care, and her wounds went untreated—both physically and emotionally. A family member who made hurtful comments about her skin color added to the rejection Anna already felt. Over time, the weight of it all became unbearable, and Anna was hospitalized after threatening to take her own life.

But even in her darkest moments, God was watching over her. When Anna entered foster care, He placed her with the Thomas family, a home filled with love, kindness, and faith. The Thomases welcomed her as one of their own and introduced her to church for the first time. Surrounded by believers, Anna began to hear about a God who loved her unconditionally and had a purpose for her life.

As she attended church with the Thomases, Anna became active in the children’s ministry and started to experience joy she had never known before. In 2023, while attending Vacation Bible School, Anna gave her heart to Jesus and made a public profession of faith. After many heartfelt conversations with the Thomases about what it means to follow Christ, she decided to be baptized that summer—declaring to the world that she belongs to Him. Today, Anna continues to grow in her faith and walk with the Lord. Her story is a beautiful testimony of God’s redeeming power—turning pain into purpose, and sorrow into joy.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” – Psalm 34:18

LBCH Implements Short-Term Care Initiative



LBCH has launched an expansion of our Foster Care ministries through a program called, Bridges of Hope. Through this program we will work with the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services to provide initial short-term care for children abruptly removed from their homes.

Feazel Cottage, on our Monroe campus, will serve as the first cottage for this initiative. It will be known as Friendship House for the Bridges of Hope program.

Friendship House will be a place of safety where the children brought into care won’t have to worry about the neglect or abuse that many of them have experienced. They will be welcomed with love, kindness, and encouragement during a difficult time. Please be in prayer as we begin this new journey.



Highlights from HomePlace

A change occurred overnight! Pumpkins everywhere! Rocking chairs filled with pumpkin pillows, painted pumpkins displayed on the porches and pumpkin signs on the cottage doors. Fall arrived and the pumpkins rule the day!

The pace of life slows down, days grow shorter, but HomePlace continues her mission. Welcoming and providing for children and their moms. I love this time of the year. I recently read this quote, “let our lives be full of both thanks and giving.” HomePlace embodies this quote.

As families enter HomePlace, gratitude comes from the children and moms. They have a place to call home. The cottage managers experience a thankful heart. Simply because they understand the impact on the family’s life.

Then there is always the “giving” extended to our families. Certainly, this includes the essentials they may need, but it goes beyond that. Staff giving also includes time, intentional listening, and genuine care. In my office, I hear their stories, and the most amazing part is watching these families develop a spirit of giving themselves.

Recently a mom was reunited with her young children. The young mom made changes in her life and discovered the resources of HomePlace. This young mom needed a safe place to call home; She found it here on our campus. Her children experienced first-hand her love for them. I had the opportunity to play with them a few weeks ago at a HomePlace event. I wish you could have seen them running in the gym and laughing.

This same young mom expressed her gratitude to me. “This place has truly changed my life and my kids for the better. I am so blessed to have this opportunity to be the best me I can be all thanks be to God for his grace and mercy.” As you enter this holiday season of “thanks” and “giving” enjoy the moments with family and friends. Pray for our families as they continue their journey to a better life. Thank you for your support of HomePlace. Your prayer support and gifts allow the staff to do life with families. What a blessing to serve in this ministry of “thanks” and “giving.”

For more information on the HomePlace Ministry, please visit www.lbch.org or call us at 318.343.4445.



Blessings...



The Compassion Center — Compassion For Kids Update



2025 has been a monumental, historic year for the ministries of LBCH! With a Grand Opening in April and full operation in mid-May, The Compassion Center and hit the ground running immediately. Compassion For Kids (CFK) has distributed over 8,000 food boxes to clients in our food distribution program since we opened. On average, we are now giving 500 food boxes every week. In August, Compassion For Kids provided 16 ministry partners with 12,000 articles of new clothing and shoes. In September, CFK provided five partners with over 20,000 diapers. The overall impact of this ministry is truly incalculable! The needs surrounding us are being felt more and more as word spreads through the community. Each week, we receive 40-50 new application for food assistance.

One of the many highlights of CFK is certainly our volunteer group. Each week, dozens of volunteers from surrounding churches faithfully come to The Compassion Center to tape boxes, sort new food intake, fill food boxes, and distribute them to our clients. However, our volunteers do much more than that! Most importantly, every single one of our volunteers greets our food distribution clients with a smile and a heart that says, “You are valued here. You are loved.” Each Tuesday and Thursday morning, we gather together as a team to pray over the dear people who will come through our food line, and those cherished people are beginning to understand that we are here for more than providing food. We often encounter those who are in need of prayer, and they trust our team to pray with them, to encourage them...to give them the attention and care they need. We also hear from our ministry partners how these resources are making a difference in the lives of those they minister to. One lady named NeNe was blessed so much by the clothing provided to Grace Place (one of our

ministry partners) that she developed a desire to go to church. Eventually, she and her family were in church, dedicated their lives to Jesus, and were baptized! And as a result of her newfound faith, NeNe has begun to care for others around her in ways that demonstrate a life change that can only be explained by the transformative love of Jesus!

CFK plans to provide an additional 21,000 diapers to partners in November and another 12,000 articles of clothing and shoes to ministry partners in early December ahead of Christmas. We greatly appreciate our generous donors in Texas, Arkansas, Florida, and Louisiana who make this possible. Exciting things are happening every day at The Compassion Center. God is moving in incredible ways, some seen and some unseen. Our team is humbled and thrilled with the opportunities ahead of us. We greatly appreciate your prayers as you pray for the ministry and for those we are blessed to serve!



Above and Left:
Ministry partners receive boxes of clothing and shoes to distribute within their communities.

Above and Right:
Volunteers pack food boxes and load them into recipients' vehicles during distribution day, providing essential support to families in need.



Left:
Ministry partners receive a pallet of diapers — Project 2.5+, Loving Hands Foster Ministry, Grace Place, Life Choices, and The Vine.

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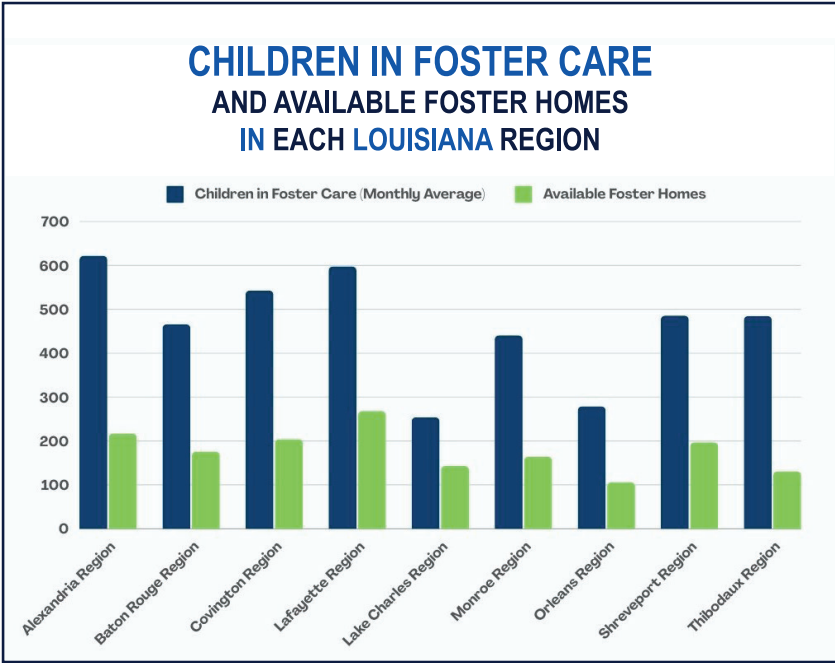
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Granberry Counseling Centers Welcomes New Director



Dr. Kathy Eichelberger



Kevin Richard

*“Trust in the Lord with
all your heart, and lean not
on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.”
Proverbs 3:5–6*

Granberry Counseling Centers is pleased to announce that Kevin Richard, a South Louisiana native, has been named Director, succeeding Dr. Kathy Eichelberger, who has faithfully led the ministry since 2009.

As she looks toward retirement, Dr. Eichelberger is stepping down from her leadership role but will continue seeing clients part-time in the Monroe office.

During her 16 years as director, Dr. Eichelberger expanded Granberry’s reach by adding counselors and satellite offices across Louisiana, ensuring more individuals and families could access Christian counseling close to home. She also prioritized staff development, leading all Granberry counselors to become EMDR trained and earning certification as an EMDR trainer herself.

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, she successfully launched a telehealth program that continues to serve clients statewide.

The Granberry family is deeply grateful for Dr. Eichelberger’s years of service, leadership, and faith—and thankful she will continue serving in Monroe. As Kevin Richard steps into his new role, we look forward to Granberry’s continued growth and impact under his leadership.

MEET KEVIN RICHARD...

Granberry Counseling Centers welcomes Kevin Richard as its new Director. A South Louisiana native, Kevin most recently served 12 years as Counseling Pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles.

Kevin felt called to ministry as a teenager and has served the local church in many roles. Raised on a rice, soybean, and crawfish farm in Branch, Louisiana, he began his journey with humble roots. He later served in the U.S. Air Force at Fort Polk, working alongside the Army as part of the Fire Support Element.

After his military service, Kevin worked in pyrotechnics and maintenance before pursuing ministry training at Leavell College through New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored Emmanuel Baptist Church in Eunice for six years before following God’s call into counseling, earning his master’s degree from Liberty University in 2009.

With a heart for helping others find healing and freedom, Kevin is passionate about seeing people grow in Christ—especially in their relationships. He has a special burden for couples and for pastors and their families, offering encouragement from his own experience in ministry.

Kevin and his wife, Krystal, have been married for 36 years and have four adult children. As Director, Kevin is committed to continuing Granberry’s legacy of hope and healing across Louisiana. He looks forward to meeting ministry partners and will attend the upcoming Louisiana Baptist Convention in Alexandria—be sure to stop by and say hello!

Kevin shared, “It’s my prayer that the Granberry team continues to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus—reaching out with compassion to those in need of encouragement and healing.”

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ALEXANDRIA:

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