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THE NEST ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN 501C3 NEWSLETTER  
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## **FLETCHER BAPTIST CHURCH 2ND NEST KIDS CAMP**

### **AWESOME IMPACT - KIDS INSPIRING KIDS**

The youth group and youth leaders of Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church led and hosted the 2nd Annual NEST Camp each Monday in July for the children in our NEST Kids Program. Both 2014 and 2015 camps presented excellent programs that combined well-planned outdoor recreational activities, meals prepared by church members, hands-on craft sessions, Bible classes taught by Fletcher Youth, and music that actively involved each child.

NEST Camp continues to have a far-reaching and powerful impact from lasting memories created when older kids share their faith, talents and time with younger kids.



## **Director News**

The NEST Alliance has had a blessed summer. We are grateful for God's abundance! With regret, we had to say goodbye to one of our blessings, Mrs. Kari Truax, a founder, volunteer and board member since 2010. Mrs. Kari moved back to her home state of Michigan. The NEST Alliance is thankful for Kari's consistent service and dedication to children and for her strong desire to do everything to the glory of God. *Jeremiah 33:3*

We happily announce that this vacancy has been filled by Mrs. Pam Payne, who has been an active part of The NEST Alliance as a volunteer and NEST Kids Leader for over four years. We are thankful for her acceptance of this position and for her Godly influence and open heart that is so evident in her service to children. *Ephesians 3:20*

*In His Love, Stephanie Baker, Board President*

The 2nd Annual NEST Alliance Golf Tournament was held Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Mountain Aire Golf Club in West Jefferson, NC. Sixty-nine players participated in a Captain's Choice round of golf with first and second place gross and net winners awarded. Through the generosity of sponsors and donors, prizes were also given for closest to the pin, men's longest drive, women's longest drive, and a putting contest. Proceeds totaling over \$5300.00 will be set aside to bring us one step closer to reaching our long-range goal to establish a Roots and Wings Children's Home in Ashe County. We sin-

cerely appreciate all participants, sponsors, donors, and volunteers who helped make the tournament a successful and blessed event.



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The Department of Social Services is in need of licensed foster families for children in DSS custody. There is a 30 hour, ten-week series where parents can learn more about making decisions regarding foster parenting or adopting, and DSS can learn more about the parents with whom they may potentially be placing a child (Mutual Assessment Process—MAPP). DSS also offers monthly training for licensed foster parents. Please call Ed Hurst at 982-7811 for an application for MAPP Training or to RSVP for the next Tuesday training/support group meeting; this will ensure that they have enough food and childcare. For more information click on orientation for NC foster parents at the following link: <https://www.ncswlearn.org/default.aspx>



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