

Winter 2018 Newsletter

THIS ISSUE'S FOCUS:
DOING WHAT'S NEEDED



501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

www.thenestalliance.org

*Let's raise children who
won't have to recover
from their childhoods.
-Pam Leo*



NEST NET MISSION OUTREACH EXPANDS

Volunteers and Supporters from the West Jefferson United Methodist Church
Create and Provide Much Needed Beds for Children



**A YOUNG CHILD WILL
SLEEP WELL**



**ADDING NEEDED
BEDDING**



THE FINISHED BED



**WORKING TOGETHER TO
BUILD BUNK BEDS...**



STRONG AND STURDY



**SANDING & RESTORING A
DRESSER FOR 2 SISTERS**

"Doing what's needed" to make a better night's sleep happen for children is immeasurable.

100% Volunteers

100% Donor Supported

Your Support: 100% Priceless

2017 NEST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

STORY OF OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS

Once upon a real time in our beginning, before The NEST Alliance officially became a 501(c)(3) organization, we planned our first Christmas celebration for the very first NEST Kids. We were not sure how many would come since we had not celebrated Christmas with them before. We put up balloons, "Happy Birthday Jesus" decorations, and had food and a birthday cake ready. The song, "Happy Birthday, Jesus" played in the background.

We were in the simplest and most humble of surroundings, brightened only by our decorations, but when those kids came, our hearts filled with joy and that joy was like the star of Bethlehem, lighting that room so that it was no longer a shack, but a beautiful, joyful place.

That was a night of nights that we love to feel recaptured in all Christmases since.

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

Dale Evans
American Actress

QUOTEHD.COM

God's Love in Action:

Time with NEST Kids and their families

West Jefferson United Methodist Church's beautiful setting

Rosie Bolac's wonderful meal and all who helped serve

Dru and Linda Thompson's music and songs

The reminder to go back to
"The Heart of Christmas" in message and song

The giving hearts of volunteers & donors "doing what's needed"



Michelle Dix walks through the beautiful setting for the buffet meal prepared for 80 in Hensley Hall of the West Jefferson United Methodist Church.



A "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake (above) and song (lyrics excerpt below) have been the theme in all NEST Christmas celebrations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!
I'm so glad it's Christmas.
All the tinsel and lights
and the presents are nice.
But the real gift is You.

From lyrics for Happy Birthday, Jesus
by Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir



Gifts of clothing, a new pair of shoes, and a special toy or gift for each NEST Kid.



WHY MENTOR A CHILD?

Young Adults Who Were At-Risk for Falling Off Track But Had a Mentor Are:

55% more likely to enroll in college

78% more likely to volunteer regularly

90% are interested in becoming a mentor

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

www.mentoring.org



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

John 1:5

NEST NET EXPANDS CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN

Our Clothes Closet is now filled with clothing for children from infants through the teenage years. We have expanded to provide clothing for children who are taken into DSS Custody in Ashe County and are in need of clothing. For almost eight years, we have provided clothing needed by children we serve in our outreach programs that include biological, foster and adoptive children. We are grateful to be able to extend that outreach to include immediate needs of children who are removed from their homes.

We have been most fortunate to receive donations of gently used and sometimes new clothing for children to use to supply the clothes closet. A donor installed the necessary racks, and in addition, we have had the volunteer help of the Laurel Knob Baptist Church youth group and their leaders who have given generously

Clothes Closet

"I needed clothes and you clothed me."

Matthew 25:38

of their time to organize the clothes closet by sizes making it much easier for clothing to be quickly located for a child in need. The distribution process for the clothing is by DSS request or a request made to The NEST Alliance for a particular child in need, or for children who are a part of our outreach programs.

Thank you donors and volunteers for "doing what's needed" for children.

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Thank you!

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

-Corrie ten Boom