



Thank you for being the **light** in the life of a child.

WINTER NEWSLETTER

2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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A CANDLE **LIT** TO CELEBRATE 2019 SUPPORT AS WE MOVE INTO 2020—OUR 10TH YEAR!

Roots and Wings
"Hope for Brighter Futures" Fostering Community Initiative

Added support for at-risk children with special needs

Volunteer support throughout the year.

One year anniversary of resale of donated items to raise funds in booth at Martha Mae's Emporium.

Donor support for 5th Annual Stay at Home Benefit

Ongoing support from individuals and local churches

Partnership with Crossnore School & Children's Home and DSS to increase number of foster homes in Ashe County

Annual Golf Tournament Sponsors and Golfers

Support from AEV Employee Donation, Knights of Columbus, Medical Missions Ministry of Ashe, NC Community Foundation Charitable Donation, Shoes for Kids, Sweet and Savory, & Zaloo's Canoes

Added opportunities for extra-curricular school programs and youth group outreach programs

In celebration of you, for being the "Alliance" part of who we are.

Thank You!

Support Highlights from 2019



Accepting a donation from Zaloo's Canoes

100% Volunteers

100% Donor Supported

Your Support: 100% Priceless



SHARING *HIGHLIGHTS* FROM OUR 9TH ANNUAL NEST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Thank you, **Knights of Columbus of Saint Francis of Assisi Church**, for providing coats to each NEST Kid—warm, comfortable coats that provide the Nurturing, Establishing, Securing, Trusting environments so important to every child.



Each NEST Kid received a coat, different for each child yet similar to the one above.



NEST van loaded with food bags for distribution

Thank you, **Skyline National Bank**, for making the community connections that help provide extra food for each family. What a blessing your help, again this year, has been in supplying food to fill kitchen cabinets this Christmas season.



Thank you, **Sweet and Savory**, for all you have done during the past year to help with meals for our NEST Kids Program. Thank you for providing the delicious meal for the NEST Kids' Christmas Celebration and for your amazing love shown to each NEST Kid.



Cake made by Sweet and Savory

Thank you, **Shoes for Kids**, for working with The NEST Alliance to provide shoes at Christmas and the beginning of the school year for each NEST Kid. What a difference a new, comfortable pair of shoes makes to the child who wears them each day.



Boxes of new shoes ready for distribution

"Every child is one caring adult away from being a success story."

*Josh Shipp,
former at-risk foster child & now,
a child advocate*



"One person is all it ever takes to make a difference. One person is all it takes to make someone else see what needs to be done. That person then gets another and that person gets another and so on and so on."

*~Philemon B. Waters
From: The NEST Twig Collection*

To each person who made the AEV donation possible, we thank you. All of you are the one person it takes to make a difference.

The NEST Alliance is Recipient of American Emergency Vehicles (AEV) Donation

On behalf of The NEST Alliance, Jan Hershner, a Founder and Board Member, accepts a \$4,700 contribution from American Emergency Vehicles (AEV) on December 19th. The NEST Alliance is most grateful for this donation that will have a definite impact on planning the budget of The NEST Alliance in 2020.

*Thank you, employees and administration of AEV, for your support.
What a difference you make in our community!*



Jan Hershner, pictured 7th from the left, accepts the donation from American Emergency Vehicles on December 19, 2019 (picture courtesy of Ashe Post and Times and AEV)

SHARE YOUR STORY

January is National Mentoring Month, and The NEST Alliance invites you to share with us a true story, that could be published in one of our future newsletters, of a time when you were a young person and an adult took the time to mentor you or help you in ways that made a positive difference in your life. We ask that you consider sharing your story by emailing it to thenestalliance@gmail.com or by mailing it to The NEST Alliance, PO Box 684, West Jefferson, NC 28694. Your story could be the inspiration for someone to become a mentor or could encourage those who are current mentors to continue to be the caring adult who is a light in a child's life.

When a gift is given to help a child, it becomes an investment in the life of a child. ~Anonymous

From: The NEST Twig Collection

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We welcome ANY donated amount, and on-going donations are greatly appreciated. The NEST Alliance is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Please make checks payable to The NEST Alliance. PayPal is available for donations online at www.thenestalliance.org.

Thank you!