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25th Annual

MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

APRIL 24, 2021

MOUNTAIN AIRE GOLF CLUB

WEST JEFFERSON, NC

Proceeds to Benefit



*****NO SHOTGUN STARTS*****

Make Your Own Tee Time through the Pro Shop (336-877-4716)

\$80 per player (Includes green fee, cart fee, lunch, 1 Red Tee & 1 Mulligan per player)

Captain's Choice

Tournament, Team, Hole & Prize Sponsorships available

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*Thank you to all golfers
and sponsors for your
support!*

100% Volunteers

100% Donor Supported

Your Support: 100% Priceless

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him."

Psalm 127:8

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." Elizabeth Andrews

A Letter to Our Supporters

Dear Supporter:

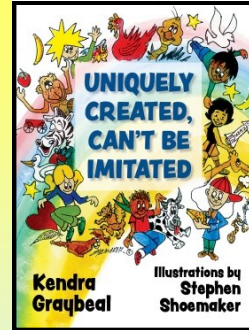
Thank you for being "the wind beneath the wings" of The NEST Alliance. We have often used the analogy of the wind in describing what our missions seek to do. As we read in John 3:8a *NIV*, "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going." As we continue into our 11th year, we choose to remain steadfast in the belief that our organization should be like the wind in that the wind is invisible as well as independent. Our work, as a 100% volunteer organization, is often done invisibly or anonymously because maintaining the dignity of those we serve is paramount. We have found that the quiet invisibility that seeks only to provide direct and efficient help and the independence that allows us, as a faith-based organization, to place an anchor of a life-strengthening faith in action in difficult circumstances has resulted in:

- United strength from like-minded hearts who give time, caring, and resources again and again
- The understanding that simple, yet powerful, things done to establish consistency again and again are crucial and that solutions are answers that haven't been thought of YET
- The ability not to retreat but to move forward into a new day with a spirit of courage and hope that continues to allow us to choose to remember to do for one child in need what we pray we could do for all children in need. Simple, yet powerful math: One plus one more again and again....

In gratitude for you,

The NEST Alliance Board of Directors

SPOTLIGHT ON



**OVER
275 Books
HAVE SOLD!**

***Uniquely Created,
Can't Be Imitated***

has now gone over 275 in book sales! All profits from the sale of this book benefit the missions of The NEST Alliance. Order online at www.thenestalliance.org (click on the picture of the book), or purchase at Martha Mae's Emporium, Stephen Shoemaker's Studio, Carrington Design, McB's Mercantile, and Boone Drug at Greenway in Boone. Enjoy sharing it with a special child in your life!

"It. Won't. Be. Easy. But love never is. We are broken. We are hurt. But love is all we needed."
from a foster child



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month (see page 3) and May is National Foster Care Month. Both focus on the goal to create a better future for children through awareness. Thank you

Foster Parents of Ashe! We encourage all who are interested in fostering a child to contact Ashe County DSS at 336-846-5719.

WE LIVE IN A WORLD IN WHICH WE NEED TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY.
IT'S EASY TO SAY, "IT'S NOT MY CHILD, NOT MY COMMUNITY, NOT MY WORLD, NOT MY PROBLEM."
THEN THERE ARE THOSE WHO SEE THE NEED AND RESPOND.
I CONSIDER THOSE PEOPLE MY HEROES.
FRED ROGERS

Missions: NEST Kids, NEST Net, Roots and Wings Children's Homes



APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

All Children Deserve to Be Loved, Nurtured and Safe

The NEST Alliance is aware that this is a very hard time for many families. The added stress and isolation can place a child at risk. Extended family members and the community are the first line of defense for child protection. We seek to continue to raise awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, The NEST

Alliance encourages every individual and organization to play a role in making Ashe County a safe and nurturing place where all children, youth and families can be strong and thrive in our communities. Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways

to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. According to the cdc.gov website, these factors include:

- Supportive family environment and social networks
- Concrete support for basic needs
- Nurturing parenting skills
- Stable family relationships and

child monitoring

- Parental employment
- Adequate housing
- Access to health care and social services
- Caring adults outside the family who can serve as role models or mentors

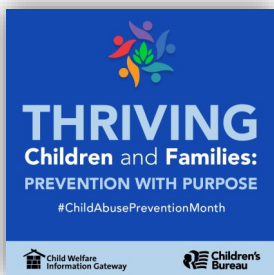
"Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and all levels of education. A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds. Wear blue and become involved for kids." #wearblue4kids.

"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work."

C.S. Lewis

"We can always make the choice to be moved by compassion."

*from The NEST Alliance
Twig Collection*



Why blue ribbons and the color blue?

In 1989, the **Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse** had its early beginnings as a Virginia grandmother's tribute to her 3 year-old grandson who died as a result of **abuse**. She tied a **blue ribbon** to the antenna of her car as a way to remember him and to alert her community to the tragedy of **child abuse**.

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"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

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