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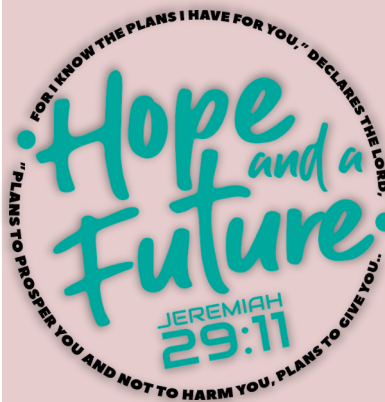
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Blessings to You
in 2022!

GROWING PLANS

- One priority of the Board of Directors is to move forward with a place designed to help reduce the trauma of a child who is being taken into the foster care system in Ashe County.
- Plans are moving forward with ways to make this difficult time less so through the provision of a Nurturing, Establishing, Securing, Trusting, environment that will be an immediate stabilizing place for these children.
- We will depend on your continued alliance with us to complete the work that has begun. If you would like more information, please contact a board member (*listed on page 3*), or email thenestalliance@gmail.com.



NEST Kids Program EXPANDS!



MENTOR RECOGNITION

Gary and Tammy Wheatley, amazing volunteers and mentors, are shown above with NEST Kids in our outdoor 2021 pumpkin decorating activity. They are beyond appreciated!

The NEST Alliance has been given the privilege to unite our NEST Kids Program with the Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church Youth Program, which has led our NEST Camps in the past. (*See 2015-2018 summer editions of our newsletter on our website.*) We witness more and more young lives that are in the process of becoming physically, emotionally and spiritually stronger. This motivates The NEST Kids Program to move forward and inspires

us to keep doing what we do. Regardless of the outreach —local church programs, community engagement, vulnerable youth or foster youth outreach programs, the NEST Alliance seeks the flourishing of all youth and encourages the community to continue to form a strong alliance with us to improve this outreach. As The NEST Alliance works to strengthen the leadership abilities of all youth, we depend

on the leadership abilities, talents and commitment of adult mentors and leaders involved in the program. We have been abundantly blessed this past year to have hearts opening wide to give us the gift of expansion and the addition of more volunteers, mentors and opportunities.

Thank you for giving!

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

— Helen Keller

100% Volunteers

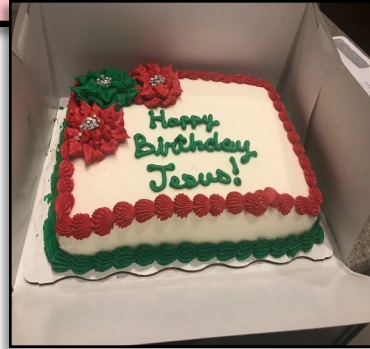
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GIVING & RECEIVING *Highlights* from Christmas Season 2021



The NEST Kids and Fletcher Youth's middle school and high school students participate in the local canned food drive so that local children and families can have food they need.



Our "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Christmas celebration and meal were blessed to have the Fletcher youth and youth leaders unite with us in this annual celebration.



This picture captures the efficient and steady work in progress as the youth come together to help in the canned food drive to make a difference in their community.



Pictured underneath the Christmas tree are the presents for each NEST Kid that were given from The NEST Alliance at the Christmas celebration. Grocery bags of food for the families were again donated by Skyline National Bank. Thank you!



NEST Kids, Fletcher Youth and leaders work together to remove carpeting and tacks from a couple's home so that one of them, who is wheelchair bound, can move the chair across the floors.



Each NEST Kid received a new pair of shoes. Thank you, Shoes for Kids, for your support!



Leaders, Jan Hersher and Pam Payne work alongside the youth to complete the much needed work to remove the carpeting.

Mission accomplished!



Members of the Knights of Columbus (pictured with their spouses) donated a warm, especially chosen coat for each NEST Kid. Thank you for your support!



A gift for each child and youth and t-shirts were given by Fletcher Church for leaders and youth. Thank you!

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JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH



"A mentor is not someone who walks ahead of you to show you how they did it. A mentor walks alongside you to show you what you can do."

Simon Sinek, Author of Better Together

In Ecclesiastes 4:12, the Bible tells us that "though one may be over-powered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

When helping a child, The NEST Alliance has found that we cannot give without receiving or receive without giving. It is a win-win situation.

"Always give without remembering, and always receive without forgetting."

-Brian Tracy

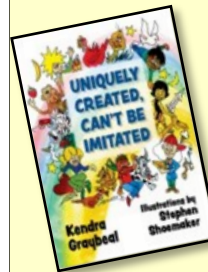
Booth and Book News Updates



2021 Christmas Booth

Our 4th Christmas at The NEST Alliance Resale Booth at Martha Mae's Emporium was successful! We will be changing the items in January.

Thank you for your support for this booth!



Nearly 500 Sold!!

Uniquely Created, Can't Be Imitated, continues to be sold in The NEST Alliance Resale Booth. All profits benefit The NEST Alliance. It can also be ordered online at www.thenestalliance.org or purchased at Steven Shoemaker's Studio.

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