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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2024

Winter 2024

2010-2023

- ◆ Over 530 weekly NEST Kids programs
- ◆ Over 9,800 individual meals served
- ◆ Over 260 book bags, school supplies, clothing, & pairs of shoes for children
- ◆ Over 260 gifts of clothing and food for children and their families at Christmas
- ◆ Over 260 birthday presents
- ◆ Over 530 trips made to transport children to and from activities
- ◆ Over 8,200 hours of volunteer time spent as adult mentors for children
- ◆ Funds to help meet immediate needs as they arise for children and their families, including extra curricular activities and funds for children with special needs
- ◆ Funds for needs of foster children and resources for foster parents
- ◆ Sponsorship Support for 9 Annual Golf Tournaments
- ◆ The realization of the establishment of The NEST Center, a long term goal of our Roots and Wings mission

Dear Supporter,

On the left are ways your support has impacted our missions during the past 13 years. Thanks to your support, we are entering 2024 with an updated, late modeled van, a NEST Center for those entering the foster care system, support for children and youth through the NEST Kids Program outreach and resources to promote additional support through the NEST Net mission. Without the ongoing support of donors and volunteers, none of these things would have been or continue to be possible. We are grateful for you.

May 2024 be blessed "beyond all you could ever hope for or imagine" is our prayer for each of you.

The NEST Alliance Board

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

VOLUNTEERS

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*Thank
You*

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

John Bunyan

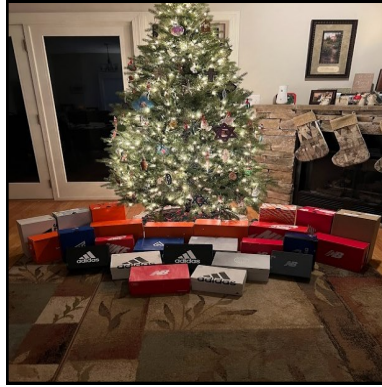
100% Volunteers

100% Donor Supported

Your Support: 100% Priceless

NEST KIDS' CHRISTMAS 2023

Gifts, Shoes, and Food Delivered During Christmas



This Christmas, the best way to reach families in our NEST Kids Program was to deliver the gift bags (top left) filled with presents and a pair of new shoes (top middle) for 26 children and youth. In addition, a bag of food items (top right) and gift certificates to a local restaurant were given for families to use during the holiday season. Our prayer is for all gifts to bring the *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* that builds stability for families.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

Our gratitude to the following who gave support specifically to cover Christmas needs:

ASHE COUNTY CAR CARE CENTER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16838

VOLUNTEERS WHO DONATED FOOD BAG ITEMS

MMMA (Medical Missions Ministry of Ashe)

SHOES FOR KIDS

SOME RECENT NEEDS MET BY OUR MISSIONS

On the right, clothes were provided for 3 young sisters and are shown here, in bags ready for delivery.



On the left, donated new and like-new clothing, sized and placed on hangers, was taken to 13 school aged youth.

Basic needs, including household supplies and clothing requested for a family with 3 children, who were moving into a much needed, better housing situation, were provided.



Those items are shown here on the left, packed and ready for the DSS social worker to pick up from The NEST Center and deliver to this family.

HIGHLIGHTING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THAT HELP CHILDREN

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

We are the voice for children in our community. Volunteers are trained advocates for abused and neglected children working with attorneys in court to promote safe permanent homes for children.

Call: 336-219-1421

volunteer
 noun | vol-un'teer | /vā-lən-'tir/
 a person who does something, especially for other people or for an organization, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it

THANK YOU

North Carolina
GUARDIAN AD LITEM
 A CHILD'S ADVOCATE IN COURT

MENTOR

Seven Best Qualities of Mentors

1. *They provide support.*
2. *They are good listeners.*
3. *They know that words have the power to encourage.*
4. *They have a true interest in the child or youth.*
5. *They give perspective to help youth make good decisions.*
6. *They limit judgment.*
7. *They are patient in adding help and hope when needed.*



**Check with schools or local child help organizations for qualifications to become a mentor or tutor.*

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

*"...it is only possible to lead by being an encourager to others."
 from Silver Boxes*

Update on The NEST Alliance Resale Booth at Martha Mae's

For over 5 years, from October 3, 2018 to the end of the year 2023, The NEST Resale Booth has been a source of support for our missions. The building that housed Martha Mae's Emporium has been sold, and the last day for vendors to close out booths was December 31st. We want to thank our donors of items for the booth, those who purchased items and the Uniquely Created, Can't Be Imitated book, from our booth. To purchase a book, please email the author, kendra.graybeal@gmail.com, for information on how to purchase a book. All proceeds from the sale of the book go to support our missions. Approximately 500 books have sold to date. We are grateful to the staff and owners of Martha Mae's for the opportunity to have had the benefit of an ongoing resale booth for the past five years - a blessing, indeed!



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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. Secure eGiving is available for donations online at www.thenestalliance.org. Automated bank drafts are also available upon request.

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will run and not grow weary...
 Isaiah 40:31

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