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Children's Village is a Christian home that provides hope and healing for abused and neglected children.

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God's Provisions Through Uncertain Times

These past few years have certainly brought much apprehension and discernment in our world. People are more hesitant to go out in public, they are less trusting, prices on just about everything have increased and life is just different than it was just a few short years ago.

One thing we are certain of is this: Our God is good, and He is faithful. We have certainly seen that at Children's Village over these trying times. We have had a difficult time finding married couples to live in our homes. Yet, God still provided a way for us to serve children. One day this spring, we received a call from Child Protective Services to ask if they could use one of our homes to help children who they could not find a permanent place for them to stay. These children were sleeping on cots in CPS offices or staying in hotel rooms. We were able to be 'home' to over 70 teenage girls throughout the summer. Some stayed just a day or two, while others stayed for a week or two. We were able to offer them a nice home, beds to sleep in and great outdoor space to spend time until they found a permanent place to live.

All that was good, and we were thankful that we could serve these girls, but we prayed for Cottage Parents and to once again provide a safe and loving home for our little children. Like I said, God is faithful and in September God sent us a married couple, Dan and Kara Cones. They moved to Tyler from Oregon

and truly felt God calling them to work with our young children at Children's Village. They have been a blessing to us and to our boys and girls. It has been fun to hear the squeals and giggles of little children once again. To see them swing as high as they can, go down the slide, play with trucks, ride bikes, blow bubbles or play with sidewalk chalk. They live in a nice home, are eating nutritious meals, are attending Sunday School and church and even more importantly, they feel safe and know they are loved. Yes, God has been faithful to us.

As Christmas approaches, our children learn about the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. They will learn the story of Mary and Joseph and their journey to the small town of Bethlehem where they found a stable for the night. They will learn about the Wise Men and how they followed a bright star to Bethlehem bringing the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to baby Jesus. And they will learn their future is in the hope of Jesus. As they learn to pray at mealtime and at bedtime, they learn to give thanks for God's gifts and provisions.

We will put up a Christmas tree, sing Christmas carols, make cookies and gifts for parents and teachers, and, yes, Santa will come on Christmas morning. Our little children are so excited! The Christmas season brings such excitement and anticipation. We will always be thankful for God's faithfulness to us. We are so very thankful that, at Children's Village,

we keep 'Christ' in Christmas and teach our children the real meaning of this joyous season.





Dan & Kara Cones



It takes a special couple to be Cottage Parents and work with abused and neglected children. It is a calling, a mission, and a commitment to a lifestyle like no other. Being a Cottage Parent is just like being a parent—without the legal rights to the children. Our mission at Children's Village is that we are a, "... Christian home that provides hope and healing for abused and neglected children." We were founded on traditional Christian values where the family unit is a priority. We want our children to see and live in a family setting where they have a 'mom and dad.' Where they eat together, do family activities together, pray together, solve problems together, attend church and Sunday school as a family.

The COVID Pandemic made it a challenge for us to find married couples to live with our young children and we continued to pray

for God to send us the right couple. In July, He answered that prayer when we received a call from Dan and Kara Cones, expressing an interest in being Cottage Parents at Children's Village. Dan has his degree in Pastoral Ministries and Biblical Studies. Kara has her bachelor's in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministries with emphasis on Youth and Education Ministries and her Master's in Biblical and Theological Studies. We first did a Zoom call so we could 'meet' and talk in depth about the job. Dan and Kara knew that God was calling them to work with younger abused and neglected children and felt that Children's Village was the exact spot where God wanted them to be. They flew down for an interview, to see our campus and spend a few days in Tyler. This felt like home to them. They went home, gave notice on their jobs, packed their belongings, and in September moved to Children's Village to begin a new chapter in their lives. It has been a wonderful match! The children quickly bonded with them. They really are a family, doing family activities, praying together, talking about situations that come up in their family, going

to school functions together, and attending church and Sunday school. Children know they are safe with Dan and Kara; they know they are loved and that they can trust them. We are so thankful to have Dan and Kara become part of our Children's Village family. They were definitely worth the wait!



Amazon Smile helps Children's Village
There are many ways to support our boys and girls at Children's Village. One easy way is to use AmazonSmile when you order from Amazon. If you use AmazonSmile for your purchases, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Children's Village. So, the next time you click to order on Amazon, just go to the settings tab and tap on AmazonSmile. Click Children's Village as your Charity of Choice. This is a great way to help us with one easy click on your computer.

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With Heartfelt Gratitude

By the time you get our newsletter, Christmas will be right around the corner, but as I write this it is not yet Thanksgiving. Every day I am in awe of the blessings we receive at Children's Village. I can look back over the years and think of hundreds of blessings, love that was



shared, people's unbelievable generosity, and thousands of prayers said for our staff and children. You make a better life for our young boys and girls. You are a difference maker. It is hard to imagine the trauma our children have endured in their short lives and our goal is to give them a life that is full of love, consistency, stability and for them to know what a family is really like. So many people help us make this happen.

We have fundraisers throughout the year. The Tyler Azalea 10K has been a benefit for



our children for over 20 years. We cannot thank the organizers, volunteers, and sponsors enough. It is such a fun event, and we all leave there with hearts of gratitude. This year was our Third Annual Children's Village Golf Tournament. Again, what a fun event! We

have over 20 teams play every year and have some wonderful prizes. But the golfers do not come for the prizes...they come for the cause. And we are so grateful to each one of them. Jersey Mike's has a Month of Giving and for the past 4 years they have chosen Children's Village as their Community Partner. That is a huge success, and we are thankful for Jersey Mike's and for all the people who have supported us by going by to grab a tray of sandwiches for a meeting, a sandwich for lunch, a salad, a drink, or a cookie to support our boys and girls.

We cannot forget all the volunteers that come to help us at Children's Village. We have Sunday school classes, businesses, students, and community service groups who come to



help with yard work, maintenance, come do a craft with our children, host their birthday party or just read to them. What a blessing you are! Our hearts really are overflowing with gratitude.



"Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference."

Kathy Calvin

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Children's Village does not receive any state or federal funds, but relies solely upon contributions from individuals and organizations. If you would like to help us provide for the daily care and needs of our children please contact Kathy Steinocher at 903-592-3421. Your generosity and compassion can positively impact a child for a lifetime.



Find Your Living Memorial

Give Gifts That Keep On Giving

Do you have a friend or loved one you wish to honor in a special way? Children's Village can help honor that person through our Memorial Program or our Tribute and Remembrance Program. The funds you provide in this manner are used for food, clothing, shelter, and education for our boys and girls. At the same time, it is a thoughtful way to say to a friend, relative or bereaved family that you care.

Here's How It Works

Memorial Gifts are acknowledged immediately by a personal card to the bereaved family. No mention is made of the gift amount. Many find this "living memorial" more meaningful than flowers.

Tribute and Remembrance Gifts can be sent in honor of a birth, birthday, anniversary, graduation, illness, recovery or occasions such as Mother's Day or Father's Day. They are promptly acknowledged. The amount is not mentioned.

Three Ways to Give Through Your Will

1 Specific Amount

I give the sum of \$ _____ to Children's Village and Family Service Agency, Inc., a Texas not-for-profit corporation with its principal office located in Tyler, Texas, to be used for its general purposes.

2 Percent of Residue

I give _____% of the residue and remainder of my estate to Children's Village and Family Service Agency, Inc., a Texas not-for-profit corporation with its principal office located in Tyler, Texas, to be used for its general purposes.

3 Entire Estate

I give my entire estate to Children's Village and Family Service Agency, Inc., a Texas not-for-profit corporation with its principal office located in Tyler, Texas, to be used for its general purposes.

These samples are only suggestions. Legal forms should always be prepared by our attorney.

The enclosed gift of:

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In Honor Of: _____

Please send an appropriate card to:

Name _____

Address _____

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Thank you for your gift! It will help make a difference in the life of a child.

Please send this form to:

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