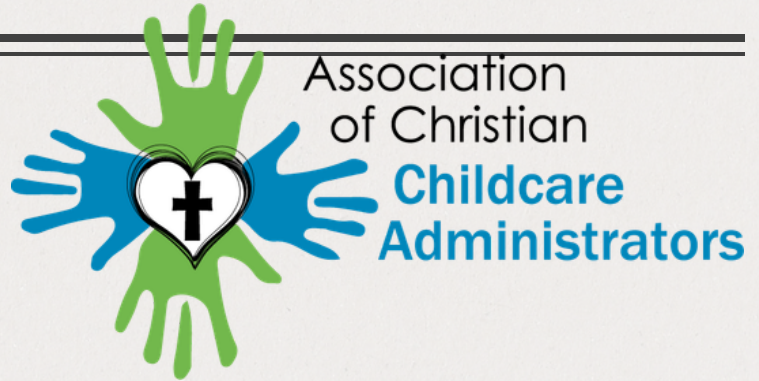


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## Five Things to Know About...

### Executive Director, Stoney Blevins:

1. Married to His Wife Candace for 39 years.
2. Has SIX children that range in ages 11-31 and TWO granddaughters.
3. Lives on a Farmstead named Poplar Creek.
4. Enjoys ATV's and Dirt Bikes.
5. Has been a Stand Up Comedian



Issue Spotlight

## 2026 Leadership Conference

Myrtle Beach provided the perfect backdrop for the "LEADERSHIP REFRESHED" Conference. Dynamic speakers and peer sessions, as well as a relaxed schedule, allowed leaders to rediscover our rhythms while we enjoyed the company of colleagues.

### Distinguished Award Winners



**Thomas E. Roberts Excellence in Direct Care Award**  
*Kaytlyn Lump*  
Christian Children's Home of Ohio

**Excellence in Supportive Service Award**  
*Donald Ray Batchelor*  
Free Will Baptist Children's Home



**Excellence in Leadership Award**  
*Debbie Ripstein Bond*  
Texas Baptist Children's Home



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **ACCA Board Meeting**  
June 16th  
Virtual Meeting
- \* **YLC - Youth Leadership Conf.**  
July 26th-30th  
Shepard of the Ozarks Camp  
Harriet, Arkansas
- \* **ACCA Board Retreat**  
September 9th-11th  
Hosted by the Texas Pythian Home  
Weatherford, Texas
- \* **ACCA Membership Meeting**  
October 22nd  
Virtual Meeting
- \* **ACCA Leadership Retreat**  
March 15th-18th, 2027  
Winthrop Rockefeller Institute  
on Petit Jean Mountain in Arkansas

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Officers:**

**Kurt Heatherington – President**  
James Green & Associates

**Debbie Ripstein – Vice President**  
Texas Baptist Children's Home

**Richard Cuddington – Treasurer**  
Free Will Baptist Children's Home

**Board Members:**

**Mashelle Ancell**  
Ben Richey Boys Ranch & Family Programs

**Jason Charles**  
Sand Springs Home

**Jimmy Harman**  
Black Mountain Children's Home

**Kevin Hewitt**  
Christian Children's Home of Ohio

**Chad Puckett**  
Show-Me Christian Youth Home

**Erin Seabourne**  
Hendrick Home for Children

**Kristin Stansell**  
Texas Pythian Home

**Chad Strike**  
Second Chance Ranch

**News...**

**COMING SOON :**

**Member Directory**

ACCA Members will have exclusive access online through the website to the ACCA Membership Pictorial Directory. You can connect with colleagues, reconnect names with faces, and access contact information. *Be sure to submit your details to Kristin Stansell by replying to her email request!*

**Youth Leadership Conference (YLC)**

An event designed for older residents of childcare agencies who have been identified as current or emerging leaders on their campuses. Set in a camp-like environment, students are given opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills while being encouraged to apply what they've learned within their own communities. The conference is guided by experienced facilitators who engage students in meaningful, relevant ways and foster both personal growth and leadership development.

*When: July 26-30*

*Location: Shepard of the Ozarks Camp  
1343 Shepherd Ln, Harriet AR 72639*

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**NEW ACCA FEATURE:**

**COLLABORATIVES**

Collaborative efforts within ACCA are intended to promote teamwork, transparency, resource sharing, and coordinated action in carrying out the association's objectives and programs.

**Recreation Collaborative:**

Welcome **Stephanie Huyser** as the leader of the new Recreation Collaborative under ACCA

Coming soon: **Family Care Ministry Collaboative**  
*stay tuned for more details...*

**Member Spotlights**

Congratulations **Debbie Ripstein** from **Texas Baptist Children's Home** who received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Waco Area Chamber of Commerce!



Congratulations **Kevin Hewitt** from **Christian Children's Home of Ohio** who received the Leadership Award at the 2025 CORE Conference!

**With Sincere Gratitude:**

**Greg Huskey** recently retired from South Texas Children's Home after 35 years of service. An ACCA member for 30 years, he served as Treasurer for 25 of those years. ACCA is what it is today thanks to his wholehearted devotion. Greg said: "ACCA provided me an opportunity to grow professionally, personally, spiritually, and an opportunity for fellowship with other Christian professionals in campus ministries."

ACCA is an organization where "iron sharpens iron" thru mutual support, collaboration, and leadership training."



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