



WRIGHT'S HOUSE OF HOPE, INC.

Where Healing and Opportunities Happen

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Dear Friends ~

The Board of Directors for **Wright's House of Hope (WHOH)** and I would like to say thank you for your continued support of our organization. We are committed to helping kids in SC in many ways but especially by being the Lord's hands and feet on the earth. **Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the ministry that God has blessed us to share.** We wish you and your families a very blessed Merry Christmas!

Best regards,
Beverly Caligaris and the WHOH Board of Directors

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

WHOH continues serving at the Columbia, SC Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) monthly and the Greenville County Juvenile Detention Facility (GCJF) twice a month.

Columbia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ): It is our great joy to be able to bless the young women who are incarcerated in Columbia with a Christmas party each December. It is an opportunity for the young women to have some fun and celebrate the Christmas season. Each year the party includes food, fun (they love craft projects), and gifts. We give each girl a gift bag with a pair of pajamas and toiletries. Having some nice personal care items may not seem like a big deal but to the girls (who live with everything "institutional" including their soap and deodorant) it helps affirm that they are cared about and worthy. Our thanks to Boulevard Baptist Church in Anderson for donating the pajamas and Anderson Baptist Missionaries for donating the toiletries! WHOH is blessed to have such wonderful support.



The photo top center is Nickela Poitier, Director of Chaplaincy for SC DJJ, with Beverly Caligaris. We thank Chaplain Poitier for her continued support for WHOH.

The center photo shows the girls enjoying the art project. The other photos show the gift bags for the girls and the party food platters to help celebrate Christmas.

Greenville County Juvenile Facility (GCJF) Update: Art therapy continues to be an amazing time with the kids in Greenville. The photo shows some of the kids at the GCJF work on making Christmas ornaments (the faces of the kids are covered for privacy).



Columbia Flood Victims: Art Teacher Patty Stewart continues to minister to the kids at the Greenville County Juvenile Facility with art therapy projects. Patty was contacted by some of her former students in Columbia, SC, whose homes were damaged by the recent flooding. Patty asked if WHOH could donate funds to provide these kids with backpacks and school supplies. Our answer? We'd love to help! WHOH donated just under \$200 which purchased backpacks and school supplies for 13 children.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our thanks to all of you who purchased raffle tickets to help make our Fall 2015 fundraiser a success! The raffle winners won a 7" Samsung Tab4 Tablet, a Bluetooth speaker, a \$100 Amazon gift card, and a \$100 Lowe's gift card.

PRAISE REPORT

We are very happy to report the safe arrival of Anthony Joseph O'Neil Westbrooks, born 11/12/2015 to WHOH Board member Wes Westbrooks and his wife Jenny. Baby AJ joins big sister Bella.

OPPORTUNITIES

There are a variety of ways that you can help WHOH. Most importantly, we ask for your continued prayers for the ministry and for the young people that we serve. Please check the WHOH web page (www.whoh.org → Make a Donation) for additional ways you can support and donate to WHOH. We are thankful for the donations received via United Way payroll deductions as well as Amazon Smile.

Literacy Program: Both the Greenville County Juvenile Facility (GCJF) and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in Columbia are working to expand their libraries as a resource to help improve the literacy skills of the young people. A major initiative for 2015-2016 is increasing the quality and quantity of books in their libraries. With the help of a Greenville County Librarian, GCJF has developed a "want list" of books. If you would like to donate to these libraries (paperback books only) or sponsor a book, please contact Beverly.

If you have any donations or questions, please contact Beverly at 864-325-9163 or via email. **Please note that Beverly has a new email address: beverly.caligaris@whoh.org.**