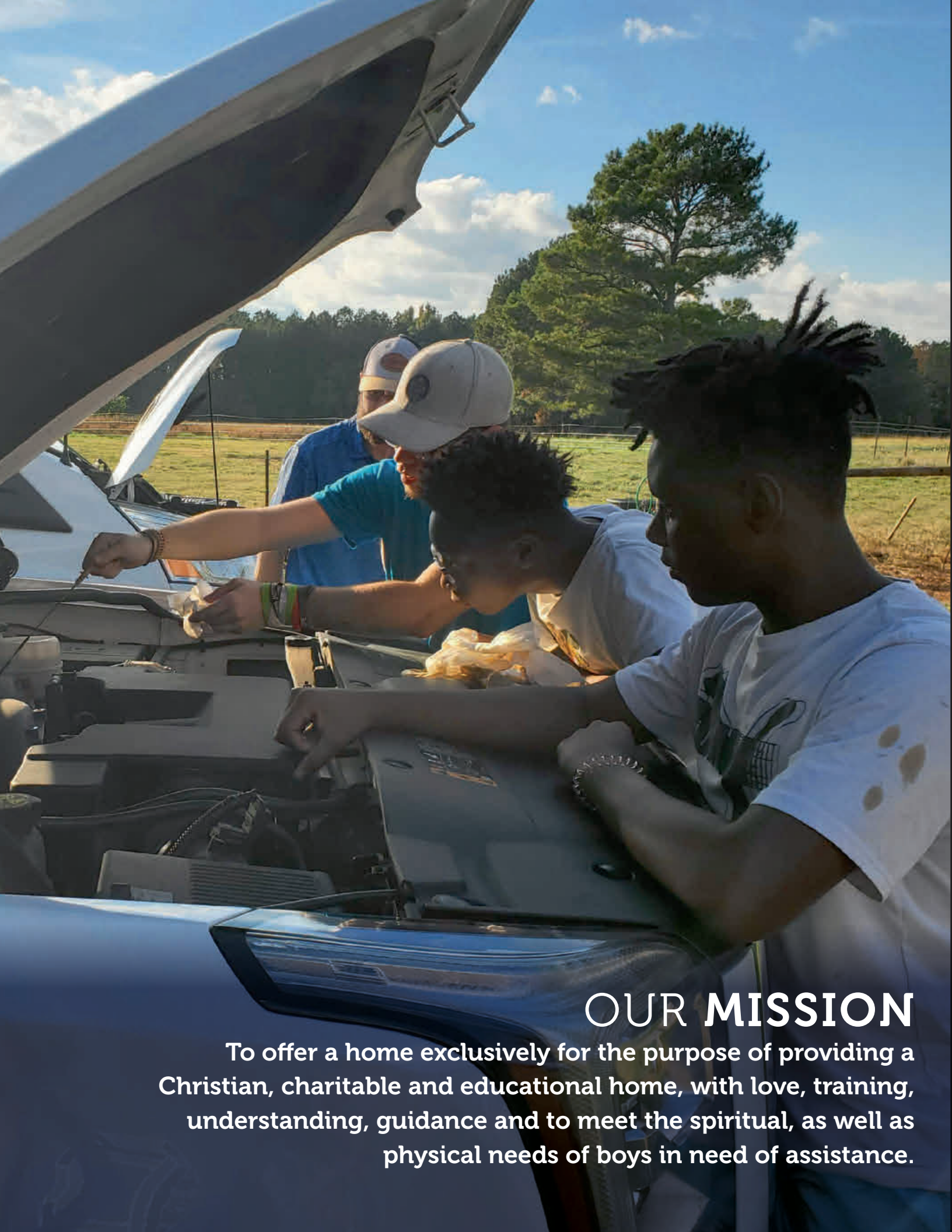




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2023 Annual Profile





OUR MISSION

To offer a home exclusively for the purpose of providing a Christian, charitable and educational home, with love, training, understanding, guidance and to meet the spiritual, as well as physical needs of boys in need of assistance.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

We are excited to be celebrating our 63rd year! We wake up every morning thanking God for life itself and the opportunity we have to serve Him in the Boys Farm ministry and for the support that He has provided through you and your family.

Our mission was originally and still is today to provide for the physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs of boys who come to Boys Farm. We want to positively influence their lives so they become good Christian men and fathers and positive contributors to society.

The world we find ourselves in today is much different than that of our parents. Today we find our Judeo-Christian beliefs, principles, traditional family structure and values under attack. For many children in America today, including many of our boys, the traditional family structure is foreign to them. At Boys Farm they live with one of our Home Missionary couples and their biological children.

Here, they see how a Christian family works. They see how a man should treat his wife, how a wife should treat her husband and how parents should treat their children. From these examples and experiences, we believe our boys will now have a frame of reference from which they draw on to become better men, fathers and citizens in the future.

We have seen the results and success as our boys mature and make the decision to stay at Boys Farm and complete their education. Over the last four years we have had 13 children on campus who graduated high school and went on to college or, in one case, into the military.

Despite our success Boys Farm is destined to face many challenges in the coming years.

Our founders, Mom & Pop Shealy, worked tirelessly on the task at hand every day and night, always keeping the faith that God would provide that which was needed. They had a long-term vision of what Boys Farm could become and what it could accomplish in the lives of young boys.

This vision has been passed on to us. It is now our responsibility to address the current needs of Boys Farm and prepare for the long-term future including succession planning for our board, and management of the ministry and the financial capacity to navigate the ever-changing political landscape.

In regards thereto I ask you to consider joining me as a Guardian of Boys Farm's long-term future. You can do so by designating Boys Farm a beneficiary of your estate or perhaps of a life insurance policy. Together I believe we can help ensure the continuation of the Boys Farm ministry of "Building Boys rather than mending men."

May God bless you and your family for all that you do!

Sincerely,
Walter D. Shealy III
Chairman



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Mrs. Celia S Shealy

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'" Romans 10:13-15



A recent study from the Children's Defense Fund determined that South Carolina ranks 15th in the country in having the most underprivileged children. The same study showed that we rank 6th in the nation in Single-Parent Families. How might it be possible to change this? The study points out that the starting point to changing the outcomes of these children is to provide quality education, year-around food assistance and housing... These are all the very things that Boys Farm has the ability to provide, but with one additional important element: we also provide a structured and stable family environment.

We have been blessed by the vision of our Founders Mama and Pop Shealy who had the foresight to establish a nurturing Christian home environment where Christian couples live in the home with these children and ensure such basic needs are met. We have a solid and committed Board of Directors that provides continued guidance as we grow in our mission. We have been blessed by amazing partners in this ministry who pray for us, financially support us, and come out to Boys Farm and work alongside us, giving of their time and talents to encourage us and build us up. But the biggest transformation in the lives of the children comes from them seeing and hearing the Good News of the Gospel lived out day by day through our houseparents.

In my almost 13 years at Boys Farm, I have seen so many lives be transformed as children who have come from the most disruptive backgrounds are being transformed by the Gospel. Children who have not had a stable home environment leave Boys Farm having learned how to provide for and care for their families. I have seen children go on to achieve their own dreams by overcoming the difficult challenges they faced. This is only possible because of the amazing work our houseparents do day in and day out! These houseparents who have come from such diverse backgrounds, sometimes leaving higher paying jobs to work in this ministry, have always been an encouragement to me.

Have you felt called to share the Gospel with children? Sharing the Good News of the Gospel can be as easy as sharing your life with a needy child. Perhaps God has placed a desire in your heart to share your life with children, as imperfect as it may be while still being molded by the Potter. We who have been redeemed can be used by God as His vessels to bring the Good News to the lost.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message," Colossians 4:2-3a.

André Jennings
Executive Director





2023 Calendar of Events

Founders Day

April 15

ISE/Kiswire Golf Tournament

June 6

The Wilds

June 19-24

Fishing with Hank Parker

June 27

Garden City Retreat

July 16 – 21

Newberry Fall Festival

October 14

Catherine Dixon Volunteer Day

November 4

Newberry Boys Farm & Area Children Toy Drive

December TBD





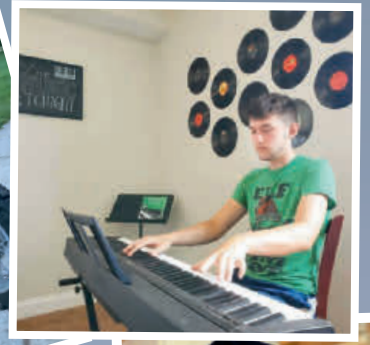
Class of 2023

Tanner Thurber

How long have you lived at Boys Farm? 4 years

What are some of your favorite memories during this time?

The beach retreat at Garden City Chapel is one of my favorite times. It is really fun getting to know the house parents, especially over a vacation because it is really easy to get to know everyone better when you are spending so much close time together with them every day.



What are your plans after high school graduation?

I recently enlisted in the South Carolina Army National Guard and will begin my training this summer. Once my training is completed, I will begin school in January of 2024. I have been accepted into Lander University and will pursue a major in Computer Science, and a minor in Music.

What are some life changing lessons you have learned while at Boys Farm?

Patience is a virtue – if you are not patient for the things you want to work for then it's going to end up controlling how you act. Doing whatever it takes (the wrong way) doesn't get you there any faster. Working hard is the only way to get by, because if you don't work hard no one else is going to pick up the slack and do it for you. Also – early is on time, on time is late, and late is unacceptable.

What advice would you give to the younger boys at Boys Farm?

Life gets hard, but you have to trust the process and more importantly you have to trust God. Not everything is going to be a cake-walk, but if you work hard you will look back and see "that wasn't that bad". Nothing is ever as bad as you first think.

I arrived at Boys Farm in the spring of 2019, and I was a little overwhelmed! I had no clue what to do or how to act, having so many people who were willing to help out and care for me. It was strange to me that people I was just getting to know would be so willing to help me.

In my new environment at Boys Farm, I quickly learned skills and lessons that probably would have taken me a lot longer to learn and have led me on a more painful journey. I learned how to trust people, how to be respectful and how to work hard. These valuable skills have propelled me forward and shown me the potential that I have to become successful as I move on to the next phase in life.

The staff at Boys Farm have been instrumental in helping me plan for my future. They have encouraged me to work hard in school in order to get scholarships for college and they have also guided me through the process of enlisting in the South Carolina Army National Guard. Growing up has not been an easy journey, but I would not trade any of the hardships or experiences during my journey! I am grateful to Boys Farm for how they have invested in me and loved and cared for me.

-Tanner Thurber

Congratulations
Class of 2023!

Genuine Relationships Producing Lasting Life Change



Proverbs 22:6, ESV Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Financial Stewardship

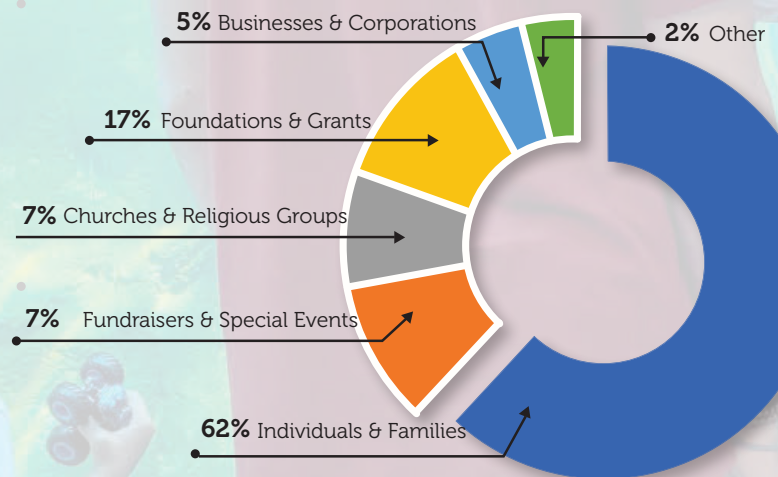
Oversight

Boys Farm begins its budgeting process from scratch and every line-item is evaluated by the board of directors, prior to budget approval. Our financial records are also audited by an independent accounting firm.

Why your Contribution Matters:

- Crisis intervention & support
- Housing & food
- On-campus academic support
- Christian based guidance
- 24 hour care by trained houseparents
- Athletic & Recreation
- Agriculture & Environment
- Leadership skill training
- Family Events & Activities
- Community service performed by the children and staff.

SOURCE OF FUNDS



Low Overhead

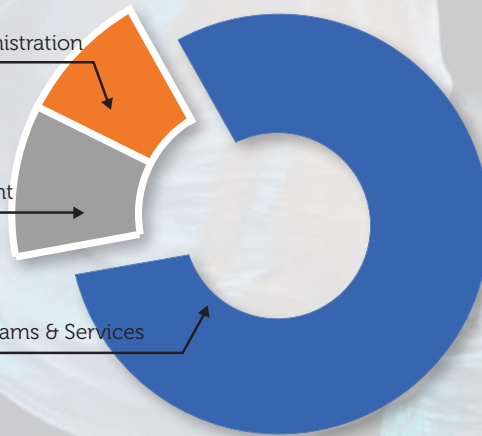
Children at Boys Farm always come first. 81% of your gift goes directly to the care of our children and programs that help them reach their full potential. This far exceeds the 65% standards set forth under national ethics guidelines for U.S. charities.

USE OF FUNDS

10% Support & Administration

9% Fundraising & Development

81% Children's Programs & Services



Think of the Impact



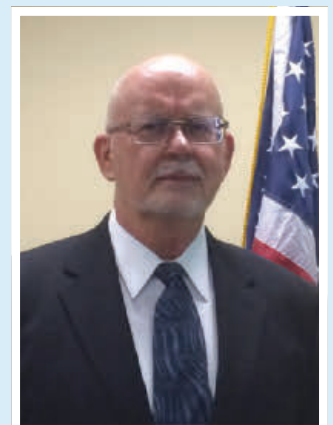
Mom and Pop Shealy were founders and entrepreneurs. They had successfully operated an ice cream business along the South Carolina coast that allowed them to live a comfortable lifestyle. The Shealys brought a sense of frugality and public relations to Boys Farm that laid much of the foundation we enjoy today. They both knew the importance of sharing the ministry with others who could help with the mission.

I remember getting in late at night and dropping by their room for a good night hug and conversation about how the day had gone. At that time, Mom and Pop still occupied the master bedroom in what is now called Shealy Cottage, which is now housing for our college-bound graduates. In the late evening, Mom Shealy would often be trying to get to sleep since she already had her agenda for an early rise to fix breakfast, get everyone off to school, and work on the books. Pop Shealy would be propped up in bed with a pen/highlighter marking the names of people to add to the tiny but growing mailing list. Back then, Mom and Pop would drive to Hannahan, SC to print the letters, pamphlets and other appeals that were sent out in a desperate attempt to bring in funds before their own dwindling funds ran out. I still remember Pop Shealy hand signing each letter as we folded, stuffed, and bundled the envelopes for mailing, and the faithful prayers that went out with each mailing.

Mom and Pop Shealy were passionate about getting the word out about Boys Farm, and that legacy continues today. I am especially proud of the Annual Profile we have developed over the years. This colorful brochure has proven to be a great tool to promote the vision of Boys Farm. I always share copies with neighbors, co-workers, and businesses when appropriate.

Think of the impact if every person reading this article would share their Annual Report with someone else and encourage them to pass it on. I want to challenge you to consider ways to act as a "Boys Farm Ambassador" to spread the good news of this continuing miracle of "building boys rather than mending men." We never know when a reader will be led to support this ministry, and you can follow in Mom and Pop's footsteps by introducing others to the ministry of Boys Farm.

Thank you for your generosity and support over the years. What you do is very important to the future of Boys Farm. You are making a difference in the lives of young men who simply want a better life. May God bless you for all you do to support Boys Farm and share the vision of this life-transforming ministry.



Mickey Crowe,

Boys Farm Inc. Alumni Group



Building a Lasting Legacy

There are many opportunities to be involved with Boys Farm from praying for our staff and children to volunteering to offering financial support. We invite you to stand with us, building a lasting legacy through the critical work of "Building Boys Rather Than Mending Men"



Volunteering

Our volunteers are a blessing, and a crucial part of the work that takes place at Boys Farm. Whether individuals or families, church groups, civic organizations or businesses, we are eternally grateful for every one of our incredible community of supporters.



Serving

Our community of houseparent families and direct care staff are the ambassadors of the Gospel for the children in our care as we work together to transform lives and build brighter futures. If you feel the Lord's leading to serve children in need, contact us to learn more about opportunities to join us in this mission.



Giving

There are many ways to financially support the mission of Boys Farm in addition to regular giving. Whether through the gifting of stock or real estate, contributions to the Boys Farm Growth Endowment, or honoring a loved one with a Founders' Park Legacy Brick, we invite you to call our office for more information about unique ways you can help us continue the work the Lord is doing at Boys Farm.

Leaving a Living Legacy

No legacy could be as living and lasting as one that guarantees a safe, stable, and supportive Christian home that consistently meets the physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs of children in crisis. This Living Legacy continues to speak the Word of Life to children hurting and in need of healing, holding out the hope and promise the Lord offers of a bright and fruitful future for children for years to come.



The Boys Farm Guardian Society is a noble group of benevolent individuals who desire to leave a Legacy or Bequest to Boys Farm to help ensure that each child who the Lord entrusts to our care has every opportunity to experience the childhood they deserve as they learn and grow at Boys Farm. Guardians are faithful providers for the future of every child who calls Boys Farm "home", leaving a Living Legacy of God's grace.



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