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Hendrick Home For Children Newsletter

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Family Care Spotlight



FAMILY CARE PROVIDES FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE

Carol King, also known as Carol Andrews King, is the mother of an adult son, Bible teacher for women's ministry, public speaker, author, and assistant speech language pathologist for Abilene Independent School District. She earned a Master's Degree in speech language pathology.

As a single mom of a teenager, life was challenging. Striving to get out of poverty, acquiring a lot of debt, and living in public housing after our home was burglarized twice, left us overwhelmed, afraid and downcast. The Hendrick Home was the answer to fervent prayers and became the safe haven my son and I desperately needed following completion of my degree in speech pathology at ACU. The Home brought more stability in our lives at a time we needed it most and was instrumental in leading into better days. Although, Hendrick Home wasn't able to guard us from every unforeseen struggle, it was, however, impactful in providing an additional support system in bridging the gap for future success.

Some of the greatest lessons learned from being at the Hendrick Home were opportunity for second chances, acceptance, gratitude, and the importance of giving back and paying blessings forward.

Carol will be presenting at the annual exes reunion on October 22, 2023. She has published two books: [Blessed Not Broken: The Power of Transformation](#) and [Prayer Journal: Transforming Your Prayer Life](#). She has been employed by AISD for 21 years.

To learn more about the Family Care program, visit www.hendrickhome.org/family-care.

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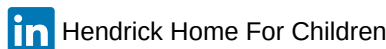
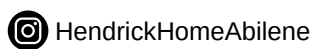
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FILLING HEARTS THROUGH THE STOMACH



Dixie, Jackie, & Lisa

The combined cooking experience of our kitchen staff has resulted in top notch dining at HHC. The team is led by Dixie Bradford, who has been with HHC for 13 years. Previously, she worked 30 years for Abilene Independent School District. She wanted to continue to work with children. Beans, soups and cake are her favorite things to cook. Jackie Hines has been with HHC for ten years. She has a love for cooking and a compassion for others in need. Her favorite dish to cook is chicken and rice. Lisa Carroll joined the kitchen crew in July after retiring as a house parent. She loves baking pies which she says is like creating a work of art. The kitchen crew has a way of filling hearts while filling the stomachs of children, families, staff and visitors.

DONOR GUIDING LIGHT: MARY NELL BAKER PAUL

The lives of Mary Nell Baker and her two sisters, Helen and Vaudine, changed drastically in 1939 when Thomas Hendrick and Thomas Roberts discovered three little motherless girls living in extreme poverty during those years of the American Depression. They brought them into the newly built Hendrick Home for Children. There they were loved, fed, housed, befriended, educated and churched until they graduated from Abilene High School. After Mary Nell met and married her high school sweetheart, Taylor Paul, they raised three children and eventually had grandchildren. When their first granddaughter was born, Mary Nell discovered dolls, mostly the beautiful dolls created by Madame Alexander. Mary's daughter, Carol Adams, has donated the collection of 36 dolls to HHC. They will be displayed in the gymnasium in a custom built glass case for all to admire. A dedication will be held on October 22, 2023.



Presidential First Ladies dolls will be displayed in the gym.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Robert Marshall,
President/CEO

We are beginning our 85th year as a home for children. Each year we invite the alumni of HHC to a reunion luncheon to connect with their friends from the past. This year, we will host it the day before Mr. Hendrick's birthday. This occasion will be marked with a dedication of a collection of Presidential First Lady dolls first created in 1923. The collection belonged to HHC alum, Mary Nell Baker Paul. Her daughter, Carol Adams, wanted the children and families to enjoy the dolls as much as her mother did. We are grateful for our past and appreciate the continued traditions of our legacy. We are a strong organization which successfully carries on the mission of the Hendricks through the support of people like Carol Adams and you.



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