

# News from Home

Hendrick Home For Children Newsletter



## RESIDENTS CREATE CHRISTMAS CARDS

*For this Christmas season, we engaged the youth residents at Hendrick Home in designing the Christmas cards to be shared with supporters and family members. Youth in all three programs participated in the art activity resulting in more than 70 pieces to choose from. Staff helped to select the top four drawings. We presented each child and single-parent family with a set of cards to share with others.*

The main Christmas card is titled: “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.”

About the artist: Appiel was a youth in the Basic Care Program. Her favorite thing about Christmas is being with family and hot cocoa. Her favorite thing about living in Hendrick Home was everyone saw each other as family no matter what you do or what you’ve gone through.



### “A Hendrick’s Christmas”

About the artist: Bentley resides in the Basic Care Program. His favorite thing about Christmas is gifts and presents. His favorite thing about living at Hendrick home is “just being here.”



### “Christmas Angel”

About the artist: Marie was in the Basic Care Program and graduated to the After Care Program. She is a full-time student at the University of North Texas. Her favorite thing about Christmas is the quality time with my family. Her favorite thing about living at Hendrick Home is the abundance of community and the special relationships created.



### “Frosty in Texas”

About the artist: Vera resided with her mother, Samantha, in the Family Care Program. Her favorite thing about Christmas is the Christmas cookies. Her favorite thing about living at Hendrick Home is playing with all her friends.

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## Thankful for the Memories



Stephanie & Doug Moore

In January 2024, we will be wishing our House Parents, Stephanie and Doug Moore, farewell. After five years of service to the children at Hendrick Home, the Moore's will be traveling the states in their fifth wheel and expanding their business, Rockin Open 9 Farms. "We have enjoyed working with kids," said Doug Moore. They wanted to make a difference in the lives of kids, and that they have done. They have many great memories at Hendrick Home, but "seeing kids truly become thankful, loving and trusting of others is the best thing." We wish Stephanie and Doug happiness in their adventures and know that they are always welcomed home.

## DONOR GUIDING LIGHT: DYESS WE CARE TEAM

Donors give financially and personally with time. The Dyess We Care Team has provided many volunteer hours to Hendrick Home for Children. The Team was founded by then-installation commander, now-retired Major General Joseph P. Stein, and now-retired Master Sergeant Gordon Storey, over 22 years ago. According to Storey, this program is very unique and "uses community service to build leadership, create opportunities for mentors, and enhance comradery and strengthen resiliency." Storey's goal was to provide an outlet for younger airmen to serve their greater community and form a connection with it in the process. Nick Goodman, one of the airmen volunteers, reflected on his time volunteering with the Hendrick Home and with Dyess We Care, and remarked that being a part of this team will be the highlight of his time at Dyess. You can sign up to be a volunteer by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHCVolunteers>.



Dyess We Care Team surprised residents and staff with a new popcorn machine.

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Robert Marshall,  
President/CEO

Christmas is a special time at Hendrick Home for Children. It is a time when we focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Each year we place a nail on the Christmas tree. This nail is a symbol of the sacrifices that Christ made for us and for us to remember why we celebrate this Christian holiday. At our Christmas party, we hang a stocking. This stocking is for our youth to pledge being of service to others during the season. We want to thank you for all you have done for our children and families, for supporting our work, and ask that you continue to pray for the blessings on our children, families and staff. We wish you the Merriest Christmas and may blessings continue for you in the coming year.



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