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## Greetings and Merry Christmas from All God's Children's staff and from the children we serve

As Christians, this season is meant to celebrate the birth of our Savior. As a country we also celebrate our freedom, blessings and yes, sometimes greed. However, for over 7,500 foster children in the state of Kentucky it is a time of increased sadness and anxiety. A very wise doctor recently referred to this season as "The Christmas Crashes." I love the term because it so describes what I have witnessed over the last twenty-five years while working with children in out-of-home care.

Dr. Patrick Schneider, a great advocate for the unborn, describes the "Christmas Crashes" as a time where, "The happy are happier, the sad are sadder, and the difference between the two is greater ....leading to a pain that is deeper."

I really wanted to make these comments very uplifting and cheerful to reflect the season. But the reality is, I'm very sad as I prepare this article. One of the greatest gifts and strengths God has given me is empathy! I believe He did that so I can actually feel a small part of what these children feel. And it's heartbreaking! To emphasize what I'm saying, allow me to share what occurred the last week of November this year. In less than a week, AGC staff had to seek emergency assessment/counseling for three very distraught children and had three attempt to leave AGC and make it home on foot. These children are not acting out of anger; they're acting out of desperation because they cannot see the "Light" that others see.

In our residential, independent living and foster care programs we have over 32 children

in our care this 2014 Christmas season, the most children ever at one time for our ministry. Please pray for these kiddos during this difficult time.

We thank all of you who help our staff make the kiddos Christmas season a little brighter with gifts, special treats, volunteer hours and unconditional love. You are truly being Jesus' hands and feet to these precious but hurting children.

*May God Richly Bless You  
Merry Christmas*

**Pam Smith**, Founder & Executive Director



### 12th Annual Children's Charity Golf Classic

is back and better than ever! Although the weather caused us to postpone to a later date, everyone moved with us and made September 5th an incredible day. Our infamous Mega Putt started off the round and we had remarkably low scores and a scorecard playoff for 2nd and 3rd place. Many thanks to all our sponsors and those that joined us at Connemara for a Friday afternoon of beautiful sunshine and lots of fun for children in need. Your support allows us to continue our ministry of caring for abused and neglected teen moms and babies. Special Thanks to Sam's Club for being our lead sponsor. Watch your newsletters for the 13th Annual date coming out soon! Hope you can join us on the course for a great day of golf and giving back.



**Foster Care Program** within the last 3 months we have had over **350** referrals for more than **600** children that have needed a foster home. These numbers continue to grow. AGC accepted 25 children and placed 11 of them in our foster homes. We need more families willing to open their hearts and homes to children in need. **YOU** can make a difference! One call could change the life of a hurting child.



Join us Thursday evenings starting January 15th, 6 pm for a 9 week Foster Parent Training class that will change a child's future. Contact Kathryn Maupin (859) 881-5010 or [kmaupin@kyallgodschildren.org](mailto:kmaupin@kyallgodschildren.org) for more information. **Be that chance that every child deserves!**

**In Honor or Memory Of** someone special in your life. What better way to recognize or memorialize those loved ones at Christmas than to make a donation to AGC. A card will be sent on your behalf notifying the family or honoree that you have made a donation in their name. Your donation will help a child in need and make a significant impact on a loved one. Visit our website today to start sharing your love.

### Join Our Team!

Are you looking to make a difference in the life of a child? We are hiring 2nd shift **Youth Care Workers** to provide care to our moms and babies. If you are interested, please visit our website to apply [www.kyallgodschildren.org](http://www.kyallgodschildren.org)

