

## Loving Kids and Changing Lives



It has been 2 years since our vision of a Foster Program was turned into a reality. In those two years we have certified 14

wonderful foster homes in Lexington, Nicholasville, Wilmore, Berea, Richmond and Versailles. We have had the privilege of serving 27 children. Some days are hard, discouraging and down-right frustrating. But some days are full of promise and the joy that comes along with knowing we are providing compassion, shelter, safety and the love of Christ to children and their families. The vision is not complete! We are currently working on adding to our license the provision to complete adoptions and provide adoptive services to families and children. This will not make us an adoption agency, but we will soon be able to serve the children who are in need of 'forever families.'

For more information on the work that God is doing through AGC Foster Care, contact Kathryn Maupin at (859) 881-5010 or [kmaupin@kysallgodchildren.org](mailto:kmaupin@kysallgodchildren.org)



**Join Our Team!** Are you looking to make a difference in the life of a child?? We are hiring 2nd & 3rd shift **Youth Care Workers** to provide care to our moms and babies. If you are interested, please visit our website [www.kysallgodchildren.org](http://www.kysallgodchildren.org)

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# Celebrating



# Years



## Following God's Lead.....

Fifteen years have past since we opened the doors of All God's Children. The experience has confirmed in me the fact that God should always be the one with the reigns in our lives and we need to just hold on for the ride. Each time Karl or I came up with a fabulous idea and tried to implement it.....it failed miserably. However, the exciting part is.....God continues to lead in new directions.

I am thrilled about one unexpected direction for AGC.....and that is the hiring of our newest staff member. This face around the office will be new to many of our current staff, but not for those of you who have been on this AGC journey with us from the beginning. All God's Children's very first resident, Edna Roberts, joined our staff this week!



Edna was sixteen when she and her 4-month old daughter came to live with our family. She had already been through so much trauma in her life and had scars, both physical and emotional to prove it. When Edna was 7-years-old, her family was in a fire. Her mother, father and younger brother got out safely; but Edna had not made it. When her father realized she was not out of their home, he rushed back in to save

his daughter. After finding and grabbing her...he broke through a window and jumped to safety. Unfortunately, it was not before serious injuries to both of them.

After being air-lifted to the nearest children's burn unit, Edna was placed in a drug -induced coma to try and help her through the early days of intense pain and skin grafting. Unfortunately, not only did Edna have to endure months and months of physical pain and over 20 surgeries; she had to go through it without her father. This brave man succumbed to his burns/injuries and gave his life to save his daughter.

With that legacy, is it any wonder Edna accepted the same gift of life from her Heavenly Father? During the time Edna lived in our home we saw her blossom as a young Christian woman. She was active in our church; taught Sunday School and even went on a mission trip to Russian.

This story could go on and on but I will skip to present day as God has shown Edna and her family it is time to come back home to Kentucky from Texas. Edna brings with her Branch, her husband, five daughters, her niece they have been raising since the death of her parents, and one of her daughter's friends who had no home.

For the last ten years, Edna and Branch have been serving God in Texas and reaching out to youth in their area who were not being cared for by their families. In essence, Edna continued the work of All God's Children reaching out to hurting children in Jesus' name.



I could not be more proud of this fine young lady who our family claimed so long ago as our own. Edna and her infant daughter, Olivia, were a vital part of our family history. Now this family of nine will be an integral part of the on-going story of All God's Children.

*Pam Smith*, Founder & Executive Director



**Rebecca A. (Becky) Mackey** **Childcare Center** named in honor of long time board member on Friday, August 8, 2014.

Becky led the effort in 1999 of a Lexington Women's Bible Study class to completely furnish the All God's Children facility (room by room) before opening in April. This took designing and implementing a program whereby individuals would donate specific items to "fill the house." Every room was filled and operational by opening day.

Not satisfied with just "furnishing" the house, Becky also assumed the role of Volunteer Coordinator and supervised up to 100 individuals who cleaned, prepped and/or painted every wall, floor and ceiling of the pre-Civil War Home before new furnishings arrived.

While with AGC, she taught the young women through Bible studies, served as a Youth Care Worker and Counselor and actively participated in many volunteer roles at almost every fund raising event in the agency's 15-year history.

From the very first day Becky heard of the vision for the All God's Children Mother & Baby Home, she poured her heart and energies into the work of helping at-risk mothers and babies of Central Kentucky. Her fifteen-plus years of volunteer service to this community and to hundreds of children across the state of Kentucky is remarkable and deserves our praise and sincere appreciation.

Becky was also honored by Mayor Russ Meyer with a key to the city and proclamations by Senator Tom Buford and Representative Bob Damron who also serve on the AGC Board.



**In Honor or Memory Of** someone special in your life. What better way to recognize or memorialize those loved ones than to make a donation to AGC. A card can 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 to learn more and start sharing your love with our family and yours.

**Mom Prom 2014** was a fabulous evening of fun, shopping, great food, dancing and crazy pictures. This event dedicated to Ladies Only is the one night that "Just Us Girls" can have tons of fun! From Moms, Daughters, Sisters and Friends we unite to honor and recognize those special ladies in our lives.

Held at the RJ Corman Hangar, the room was filled with laughter, joy and a few tears as a past resident shared her story of triumph over struggle. Get your girlfriends together and join us next year on Friday, April 24, 2015 for an evening to remember!



**6th Annual Chick-fil-A Cruise for Kids**

was a huge success! With over 200 riders and 130 bikes our Cruise claimed the road. The incredible 65 mile scenic tour on a beautiful Saturday morning was a picturesque bikers dream. Ending the ride at Man O'War Harley was the perfect spot for lunch, a demonstration by the Lexington Motor Squad and claiming tons of prizes. We are so thankful for all our sponsors, riders, officers and volunteers that help make this event so memorable. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 13, 2014, it's one event you don't want to miss!



**Christmas in July** what could be better than that! AGC is beyond blessed by the abundance of food that Daybreak Community Church

collects, donates and purchases each year for our moms and babies. Pastor Chuck Cooper has faithfully led this initiative for 15 years. This donation enables AGC to focus funds on other important areas of need for the abused and neglected population that we serve. Thank You Daybreak for your continued support of the AGC ministry.

