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WINTER 2023



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"A time to remember...Christmas was like this. A mix of the happy times from Decembers gone by. Hope for those yet to come." -Karen Kingsbury

2023 happy new year

The NEST Alliance is gratefully celebrating 13 New Years since the beginning of the formation of our organization. A most memorable and special Christmas celebration in December of 2010 was the beginning of our first outreach.

The NEST Kids Program, which began then, is now in its 13th year.

The year 2022 was important for our Roots and Wings Mission to provide safe and nurturing environments for children. Thanks to the continued work of the Board of Directors, volunteers, and the support of time, money, and resources from donors throughout the year, the following has happened:

- The house and grounds purchased by The NEST Alliance is officially named The NEST Center. It will provide an environment that centers around support for the immediate needs of children taken into DSS custody.
- A new front porch deck, privacy fencing, storage building, interior renovations, furniture, and supplies for children's needs are in place.
- A meeting with DSS officials has taken place with members of The NEST Alliance Board of Directors and the procedures for use of The NEST Center are in progress.
- Plans and work are ongoing to complete the interior work in the garage and storage building to provide additional areas for use.



100% Volunteers

100% Donor Supported

Your Support: 100% Priceless

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS 2022

Faith

Love

Hope

The
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CONNECTED

Faith, Hope and Love connected in an amazing way for the NEST Kids Christmas 2022 Celebration on December 14th. These connections are demonstrated throughout the year to kids and youth, making Christmas an extra special blessing to all involved.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13b



All NEST Kids were given a first time opportunity for many of them to join with the Fletcher Youth as they presented a wonderful Christmas play. **Thank you Tonya Halsey and Fletcher Memorial Church!**



New pairs of shoes for 24 NEST Kids were furnished through our ongoing connection with Shoes for Kids. **Thank you, Melody Rector and Shoes For Kids!**



Thank you to Medical Ministry Missions of Ashe (MMA) for generously donating funds for supplies for the NEST Kids Christmas meal.

In Gratitude to Pastor Doug and Tonya Halsey and Pastor Cory and Amanda Halsey and to all members of Fletcher Memorial Church for the love shown throughout the year for each NEST Kid and for the Christmas gifts given to each NEST Kid.

Appreciation to all NEST Kids Volunteers for their ongoing commitment of caring love in action.



Board Members were given \$400 from **Knights of Columbus Council 16839** that was used for warm hooded shirts for 24 NEST Kids. **Thank you Knights of Columbus!**



Christmas gifts were ready for all NEST Kids. We were able to supply needs, as well as wishes, for 24 children and youth because of wonderful donors. **Thank you, Donors!**

"In our hearts we know that a gift to a child done with great care and love - explains itself." -From The NEST Twig Collection

Missions: NEST Kids, NEST Net, Roots and Wings Children's Homes

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

"How often one single happy moment when you are a child comes back to you when you are an adult."

From The NEST Twig Collection

THE NEST ALLIANCE RESALE BOOTH AT MARTHA MAE'S EMPORIUM

~since 2018~

All proceeds from booth and book sales go to support our missions!

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FOR
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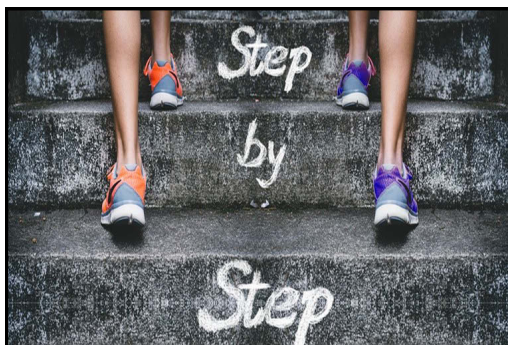
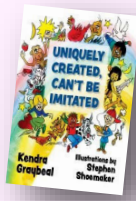
ITEMS
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THANK
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SUPPORT

UNIQUELY CREATED, CAN'T BE IMITATED

books are for sale at the booth and online at
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A book written and illustrated with imagination, laughter, fun, and a message of faith for a child's heart to enjoy and treasure.



One Step at a Time

When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

Proverbs 4:12, NIV

If any phrase describes our NEST Kids Program, it is the phrase "One Step at a Time."

For a NEST leader or volunteer, walking alongside a child means easing burdens when you can, praying for them, and placing set-aside time consistently to mentor or be with them and their peers. It becomes a time when faith, hope and love are demonstrated, both in happy times and in sad times, smiling with them sometimes, consoling them other times. The adult heart enlarges and being there matters, and you continue to take *one step at a time* for a child.

"Children spell love with four letters: T-I-M-E..."

Max Lucado

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"Where there is great love, there are always miracles." *Willa Cather*