



OPEN ARMS SHELTER

Changing Lives

Changing Hearts

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Changing A Name and A Future

Child Abuse - the mental or physical mistreatment of a child, frequently resulting in serious emotional, mental, physical, and/or sexual injury.

Child Neglect - the failure to provide for the shelter, safety, supervision and nutritional needs of a child. Can be physical, educational or emotional neglect. Child neglect is the most frequently reported form of child abuse and the most lethal, making up 60% of all cases. (MedicineNet.com)



Abandonment - being without anyone or anything else. When parent's identity or whereabouts are unknown and the child has been left by the parent in circumstances in which the child suffers serious harm, or the parent has failed to maintain contact with the child or to provide reasonable support for a specified period of time.

These are the children that come to the shelter. But this Christmas and throughout the year, we intend to change these children's names to **Protected, Nurtured,**

Together, we can make a difference in their lives! Please consider how Christmas accomplish our mission to give these what every child should know and experience. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a holiday full of love.

and Loved. you can help us this amazing children

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“Serving abused and neglected children for 23 years”

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New Board Members Join Open Arms



The Board of Directors is pleased to welcome two new board members and is looking forward to their enthusiasm and commitment to helping children. Mrs. Betty Wilson is a born Jackrabbitt, having lived in Lonoke all her life. She is married to Michael Wilson who is currently the Lonoke Police Chief. They don't have children, but consider their 11-year-old Yorkshire Terrier named Sugar as one of the family. They are members of Lonoke Baptist Church and are owners of the Splash Carwash in Lonoke. Mrs. Betty has worked for the Lonoke School District for 20 years, serving 19 of them in the Elementary computer lab. She is currently working in the Special Education office as an Administrative Assistant. Being around children for so many years has served to increase her concern for children. "Children are a gift from God, and we should treat them as a blessing. Open Arms Shelter does just that and I am proud to be a small part," says Wilson.



Gary Canada Jr. is from England, AR and has lived in this area most of his life. He is married to Angie Canada and they have two children; Seth, 10-years-old, and Jake, 7-years-old. Gary is a director with the Bank of England that has supported the shelter for many years. He recently served on and was chairman of the Open Arms Shelter Advisory Board where he was instrumental in creating awareness and getting people involved with the shelter throughout the community and state. "I can't imagine a more rewarding project to spend my time on than helping out kids through the Open Arms Shelter," says Canada.

Craven Christmas Light Display

Jason Craven from Cabot has been working hard to put together a Christmas light display that has more than 35,000 lights synchronized to music that will play over the speakers in your own vehicle. Even more amazing is this display will be free to the public, but there will be donation boxes for items and cash with 100% of the donations going to the Open Arms Shelter.

To see the Craven Family Christmas fully animated light display, from Hwy. 89 in Cabot take Eastern Ave. to Linda Lane. Please exit by way of Campground Road to help keep traffic going in one direction. The display features over 35,000 lights in three brilliant colors, which are fully synchronized to music by 128 channels of computer controls and simultaneously broadcast on 90.9 FM. The display will begin each night Sunday through Thursday at 5:30 pm till 10 pm, and on Friday and Saturday until 11 pm. The first show starts November 27th and will run through January 3rd.

"My family and I enjoy decorating for Christmas," says Craven. "It is a way for me to give back to our community during this time of the year. It is our sincere wish that you enjoy our display which in some way may brighten your holidays and fill you with the Christmas spirit of goodwill toward the young and young at heart."



Jason Craven and his son Jacob

Youth Paper Towel Drive

Youth at Lonoke Baptist Church sponsored a paper towel drive to support the needs of the shelter. It's about kids helping kids. Thanks for their efforts to make a difference and help the children and staff at the shelter!

Sarah Beeler, left, is a senior at Lonoke Baptist Church, standing with Susan Bransford, OAS Executive Director.



OAS at CabotFest

Pat Hage, Chair of the OAS Board of Directors, and Amy Brantley, OAS Advisory Board member, work at the OAS booth at CabotFest in October helping people learn about the importance of the shelter to the county and state.



Memorials and Honorariums made to the Open Arms Shelter from August 2009 to present:

In Memory of:

- Robert Murray**, by Robert & Kathy Millard
Marjorie Keeton
- Karen Everetts**, by Woody & Sherylon Mason
- Barbara Robertson**, by The Lonoke Middle School Staff
- Todd May**, by The Beech Creek Hunting Club
- John Fettes**, by Mike & Jane Dolan
- James Spradlin**, by Dean & Misti Morris
Mike & Jane Dolan
- T.L. "Junior" Shoemake**, by Curt & Peggy Moody
- Robbie Allen**, by Charlene Hillman Lee
Pat Watkins
Faye Lynne Yarnell & Wendy
Ken & Dixie Harrison
Jake & Wanda Hartz

- Rick & Susan Bransford
- David & Ashley Inman
- Charles & Shirley Johnson
- John & Virginia Brooks
- Mickey & Jerri White
- John & Scottie Simpson
- Jed & David Simpson
- Mrs. Robert Moery
- Jerry & Sandra Cavaneau
- Michael & Annabeth Loeb
- Dennis & Barbara Davidson
- Cecelia Bell
- David & Donna Hoover
- Rob & Kathy Millard
- Jerry & Lois Gehl
- Patricia Jungle
- Robert & Mary Sue Hauck
- Alex Hughes**, by Dean & Misti Morris
- Wayne Bennett, Sr.**, by Dick & Johnnie Bransford
Rick & Susan Bransford
- Stephen Smith**, by Dick & Johnnie Bransford
- Noah Peek, Jr.**, by Mike & Jane Dolan
- Dr. Bob Wilkins**, by Ricky & Margaret Moore
Rick & Susan Bransford
Ginny Barton

- Shannon Hamilton
- Mr. & Mrs. Chub Tester
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Warren
- Jeff Wilkins
- Rob & Kathy Millard
- Lowell & Pam Bentley
- Charles Barton**, by Marie Wilkins
- Susan Perryman**, by Rick & Susan Bransford
- Flossie Nipper**, by Rick & Susan Bransford
- Mildred Woosley**, by Randy & Margaret Gammill
- Gloria Garrich**, by

- Gene & Gladys Holmes
- Ruth DeVinney**, by Gene & Gladys Holmes

In Honor of:

- Tommy & Shelby Hillman**, by Robert & Barbara Shults
- Jim & Donna Rogers**, by Jane Dolan
- LuAnn Ashley**, by Buddy Davenport
- Hannah Murray**, by Marjorie Keeton
- Clara Sims**, by Randy & Margaret Gammill

A Look Ahead
 Make plans now to get your pumpkins next fall at the first annual
Open Arms Pumpkin Patch for A Purpose.
 Specialty pumpkins of all shapes, sizes and colors. All proceeds go to
Open Arms Shelter.
 Coming next October



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Open Arms Shelter Needs and Wish List

Aluminum foil	Kool-Aide
Apple juice	Macaroni & Cheese
BBQ sauce	Napkins
Black eyed peas	Onion flakes
Black pepper	Onion soup mix
Bread	Pam cooking spray
Brown sugar	Paper towels
Canned chicken	Pickles
Canned fruit	Pinto beans
Cereal	Plastic wrap
Chili	Pledge furniture polish
Chips	Pork & Beans
Chocolate chips	Pudding
Clorox bleach	Ranch dressing
Cooking oil	Rotel
Corn (whole kernel)	Salt
Cornmeal	Shampoo
Crackers	Snack foods
Cream of chicken soup	Spaghetti
Cream of mushroom soup	Styrofoam plates & cups
Deodorant	Sugar
Diapers	Sunny Delight
Face wash for teens	Taco shells & seasoning
Fresh onions	Tide laundry detergent
Fresh potatoes	Tilex
Gravy mixes	Tooth sauce & paste
Great Northern beans	Trash bags (large kitchen)
Green beans	Vinegar
Hair brushes	Windex
Hair conditioner	Yeast
Hamburger buns	Ziploc bags (quart & gallon)
Hamburger helper	
Hot dog buns	
Hot dog relish	
Instant potatoes	
Lima beans	
Liquid hand soap	
Lettuce	
Juice boxes	
Lysol spray	

Wish List:

White Towels, Pajama Bottoms (S,M,L),
Food Sealer, Shop Vac,
Movies (CD): *Monster vs. Aliens*,
Hannah Montana, *Hotel for Dogs*,
Race to Witch Mountain, *UP*, *Ice Age* –
Dawn of the Dinosaur, *Tinkerbell & the*
Lost Treasure, *Aliens in the Attic*, and the
Mermaid Movie

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

___ My donation in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed, and is in honor/memory (circle one) of _____

___ Send notification of gift to: _____

Address: _____

___ Please contact me about other opportunities to assist OAS

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