

## MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES SUMMARY



### Name of ministry - Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes – ABC Homes

#### **Describe who your ministry serves:**

350 children in crisis are served by ABC Homes annually from birth through college age. 2,500 Arkansas children, families and individuals receive counseling each year.

#### **Describe what your ministry does to help people:**

Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the mission of ABC Homes is to accept, believe in and care for children and families in crisis.

Care is provided through emergency shelters in West Fork, Judsonia and Paragould.

Long term residential care is provided in Monticello, Harrison & maternity care in Little Rock.

Children attend public schools and local churches and live in family style cottages.

Counseling is provided on a sliding scale based on ability to pay. No one is turned away.

60 ABC Homes missionaries serve as house parents, caseworkers and support staff to meet the needs of children and families.

ABC Homes places a high priority on ministering to each person physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

About 70 children in our care accept Jesus Christ as their Savior every year.

#### **List specific needs your ministry has:**

1. SPONSORS for individual children at our Home for Children in Monticello, ages K - 18 or our Boys Ranch in Harrison, ages 12 - 18. Sponsors commit to send any amount of money up to \$200 monthly to help with educational expenses, allowance, clothing, camp & retreat fees, music or art lessons, medical and dental, personal grooming items, sports uniforms & equipment, special events, recreation and bedroom furnishings. Personal updates are sent to sponsors monthly from the campus where their child lives.

2. FAMILY FRIENDS - After the interview and application process, a police check is required before this long term personal relationship of friendship is established with a specific child. The child spends holidays, school breaks and other special days in their home and participates in family outings and trips. Family Friends are needed for children in Monticello and Harrison.

3. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES or other groups who will PRAY monthly for our children and send items listed on the SMILEmaker Monthly Mission Guide available on our web site at: [www.abchomes.org](http://www.abchomes.org)

4. INDIVIDUALS or COUPLES who will remember our children in their wills or trusts.

5. VOLUNTEERS who will bring their own supplies to serve on work crews to paint or repair buildings or help with landscaping or maintenance projects.

6. CARS, TRUCKS, VANS and FARM or RANCH EQUIPMENT in good condition.

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40 Days Of Purpose participants may also go to [absc.org](http://absc.org) for other mission options.