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Becoming Family. Encouraging Potential. Empowering Community.



One of my favorite parts about working at First Glance is that we get to offer students experiences they may have never had the chance to have otherwise. Whether it's something big like our *Rock the Road* trip to Kalahari or something as simple as apple picking or trying a new restaurant for the first time—*these moments matter*. They're fun, yes, but they also serve a much deeper purpose. **They give us extended, meaningful time to build relationships with students outside of the usual programming.**

I'll never forget a particular *Rock the Road* trip I went on a few years ago. **Chatyah**, who had been coming to programming for a while at that point, showed up to check-in—carrying a fake baby from a school assignment that required 24-hour care. Yup, that baby was coming with us! We all laughed and joked, "Looks like we've got a new member on the trip!" Little did we know, that baby would cry through the entire night. None of us slept much, but the memories and laughter from that experience are still with us to this day.

Recently, I had the joy of reconnecting with Chatyah. It was like picking up right where we left off. **Only this time, she's no longer carrying a fake baby, she's a mom, caring deeply and lovingly for her children.** It's been awesome to watch her grow and step into this new season of life with so much love and intention.



Moments like these remind me **that what we do at First Glance goes beyond events and outings.** *It's about relationships, trust, and walking alongside young people as they grow.* Whether we're navigating crying fake babies or catching up years later, I'm reminded again and again why this work matters—and why I'm so grateful to be part of it.

FROM FAKE BABIES TO REAL CONNECTIONS

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR



Every week, students walk through our doors to find belonging—a place where joy is celebrated, sorrow is shared, and where Jesus changes lives. **As a community, you've helped make that possible.** From fake babies on bus rides to real hugs years later, your support creates connection. It keeps programs running, meals served, and leaders present through **every season.**

As we look ahead, we're inviting our entire First Glance family to **join us in**

monthly giving. When many give a little, it makes a lasting difference.

Will you [join us](#) in **sustaining** this work month after month?

With gratitude,
Jessica Swiger
Executive Director



The graphic is split into two main sections. On the left, a red background features a black top hat with a white circle containing '25 YEARS'. Below the hat, the text 'TIP YOUR HAT TO 25 YEARS' is written in white. On the right, a black background contains white text: 'YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR 14th Annual Auction'. Below this, the date '15 NOV 25' is displayed in a stylized font, with 'DAY', 'MONTH', and 'YEAR' labels underneath. The time 'TIME: 6:00PM' and location 'LOCATION: HOUSE THREE THIRTY' are listed. A red button at the bottom says 'RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY'. A small photo of an auction event is visible in the background of the red section.



The graphic features a photo of two men working at a table on the left. The man on the left is older with glasses, and the man on the right is wearing a red and white baseball cap. On the table are a laptop, a Coca-Cola can, and some papers. To the right of the photo, on a black background, is the text 'Volunteer with us *and* be the change!' in white. Below the text is a white button with the text 'FILL OUT THIS FORM'.

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