



# Around the Ranch

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## Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

- Save Best Choice UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for 3¢ each.
- Link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to Alpha's Charity number—XU454.
- Save General Mills Box Tops—Scan Receipts with Box Tops App! Each Box Top credits 10¢ to Alpha's school via the App. This helps purchase school curriculum for the kids.

## Art Pieces From The Children With Love



"Polar Bear"  
By Emmie, Age 9

Emmie said, "When I was drawing this picture, it made me think of the North Pole!"



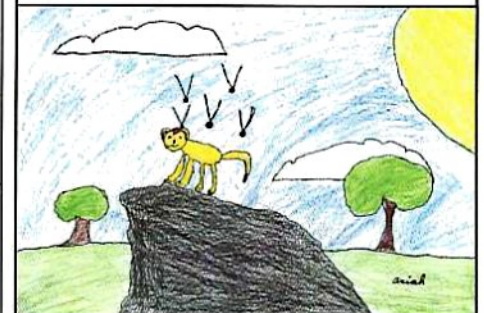
"Colorful Forest" By Mae, Age 16  
Mae said, "I wanted to make a colorful forest scene. Try to find the four-leaf clover!"

"Pretty Bouquet"  
By Ava, Age 16

Ava said, "I was learning that you can use the shape of a circle as a guideline for drawing flower petals."

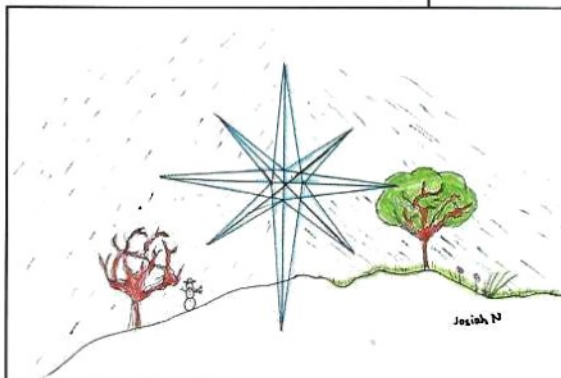


"Lion Pride" By Ariaah, Age 11  
Ariaah said, "I drew a lion standing on a rock."



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"Change" By Josiah, Age 12  
Josiah said, "I was thinking of the change that happens from Winter to Spring!" He is experiencing his second winter in Kansas after having moved here from Uganda.



# Celebrating the Kids



We were so blessed to be able to take the kids on a road trip to Branson, Missouri, right before Christmas to see the play "David" at the Sight & Sound Theaters, and to enjoy the Christmas lights



and amusement activities at Silver Dollar City for a couple of days! This trip was sponsored by the Burden Baptist Church in Kansas, Southwest Christian Church in



Topeka, KS, and the Dewey Christian Church in Oklahoma. This was such a great memory-making holiday trip for the kids, and we are so grateful!!



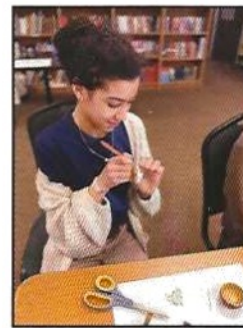
Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Matt Riegel who allowed Jayden to come in and observe while he performed surgeries on animals where he practices! Jayden has expressed interest in surgery as a career, so it was such a blessing for him to be able to see firsthand what surgery is like for a day. Thank you, Dr. Matt!!



Mrs. Sims arranged a craft day with the kids at school recently. She took the opportunity to share the following lesson on unity with the kids:



Collages, mosaics, and decoupage all start out with a base and a variety of bits of paper, fabric, rocks, or glass ... pieces that make

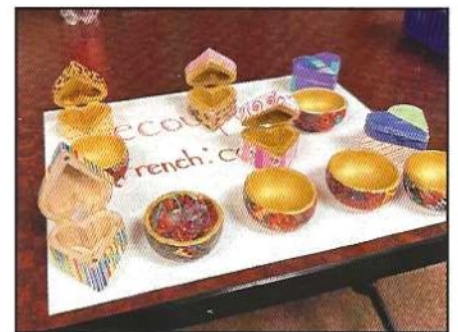


no sense when compared to each other. When the pieces are carefully paired together, they make a cohesive whole, a

complete pattern or picture. This is an example of God's plans for His people. Through God we have



common ground, and our differences and talents, when joined together, can make something beautiful for the glory of God.



## Learning Center Activity Room Remodel Needs



Alpha's Snavely Education Center has a large room on the lower level that has hosted various activities over the years, including an art class center, recreation area, and more recently, music and physical education areas. Our dear friend, and board member, Jay Sharp, comes out weekly on Tuesday afternoons to teach a band

class in this room, and he and his wife, Allison, also teach a general music class together on Friday afternoons for which we are so grateful!

We began a remodel process for this activity room last summer with the installation of a drop ceiling and better lighting that was installed by our friends from the Campers on Mission group in August after some necessary HVAC work was completed.

Our friends from the Bethel Baptist Church of Ord, NE, will be coming soon to take care of putting a fresh coat of paint on these old walls, too!



After this, we'd like to install a special flooring system on this large room's bare concrete floor that will better finish the room for the children's music and indoor physical education activities.

The materials for the flooring will cost \$4,200. If we can pull this off, it will allow the kids to have a finished floor surface in their activity room for the first time ever!

***Let us know if you can help with the purchase of flooring materials! Any gift, small or large, will combine with others to make it happen for the kids!***

## Now Accepting Admissions Applications!



We are now accepting applications for admission to our home and school program for children to join our Alpha House family! Children who are eligible are those who are NOT in need of a treatment or therapeutic setting, but just simply

needing a safe place to go, either on a short-term or long-term basis.

***Please pray that those who need a safe place to go will connect with us successfully!***

**Share this with anyone in need!**

## Memorial Gifts

### Given In Memory Of:

#### Dan & Sarah Ensley

By: Marilyn Aikins  
Springfield MO

#### Lila Genevieve Frazier

By: Stephanie Smith  
Fort Wayne IN

#### Wayne & Elinor Hays

By: Marilyn Aikins  
Springfield MO

#### Bonnie Kaser

By: Ronald Kaser  
Osborne KS

#### Don Kentzler

By: Beverly Kentzler  
Troy KS

#### Joyce K Rumbaugh

By: Stan Rumbaugh  
Minneola KS

#### Dorothy Wirtz Wilkes

By: Karen Garner  
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### Mission Pantry Needs

- Butter, 2% Milk
- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Shredded, Block, & Sliced Cheeses, String Cheese Sticks
- Snack Packs, Fruit-Cups, Juice Boxes, Ramen
- Sandwich Crackers & Snack Crackers
- Great Northern Beans in Cans, Mild Green Chilies
- Mild Salsa, Black Beans
- Instant Brown Rice
- Gluten Free Pasta, Sauces, Breads, Mixes
- Pancake Mix
- Chocolate Chips
- 10" Paper Plates
- Kitchen Size Trash Bags & Contractor Size Bags
- Clorox Wipes
- Gain Original Laundry Detergent (good for those at Alpha with allergies to detergents)
- OxiClean Powder
- Garnier Fructis Sleek & Shine Shampoo & Cond.
- Cantu Kids Curl Cream Shampoo & Conditioner
- Zyrtec Allergy Medicine



### Special Needs

- Music Room Flooring System—\$4,200
- 200 Tons of Gravel for Campus Driveways—\$7,000
- Horses No-Climb Panels—\$115 each, 10 Needed
- Goats No-Climb Panels—\$82.99 each, 10 Needed
- Merit Store Items

NOTE: If we should have any amount of funding left over from your support for a particular project, we will absolutely use it toward the many other needs of the children.

Give us a call to find out how to connect with Alpha's mission!  
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