

ANNUAL REPORT

Potter Children's Home is celebrating our 110th year of ministering to children and families by laying a foundation of love and hope in Christ.

The mission of Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries is to be a tool in the hands of supporting churches of Christ and individual Christians to deliver God's justice and mercy to children and families in need.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



RALPH BREWER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This July, Ralph marked 20 years as Executive Director—two decades of dedicated leadership for children. Congratulations!



Ralph's wife, Geneva, has served along with him in this ministry and continues to bless the families and children here. Pictured (left) with one of our mothers, Shannon.

The older we get, the faster time seems to pass-like a project that's moving full speed ahead. Another year has come and gone, and now we look ahead to 2025, laying the groundwork for what's to come. I hope 2024 was a year of blessings for you. God certainly built up this home in countless ways, and so many of you were a part of that foundation. If you supported the children here in 2024, thank you. Your generosity is a cornerstone in changing the lives of the children and single-parent families we serve.

I am blessed to work alongside a dedicated team of Christian staff members who serve as strong beams of support for those in need. I also serve with a wonderful Board of Trustees, who help guide the mission of Potter Children's Home with wisdom and faith. They continue to honor the blueprint set forth by Clinton and Mary Potter, who so many years ago dedicated this land to serving children.

At Potter Children's Home, we believe in being open and transparent about our finances. Those of you who regularly support this ministry are part of a compassionate and caring group of believers. I know that many of you give sacrificially, setting aside your own needs or wants to invest in this ministry. *Saying "thank you" hardly seems enough.*

If you weren't involved with us in 2024, I invite you to learn more and consider joining us in 2025 as we continue building a brighter future. There are some important dates coming up in 2025 I want to remind you of:

March 30th Day of Prayer & Giving for Children

Thursday, April 17th Annual Ministers, Elders, and Wives Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, September 20th 23rd Annual Fall Festival

Psalm 82:3 says, "Vindicate the weak and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and destitute." You have been the hands and feet of Christ in 2024, and I pray you will continue to help us build up this ministry in 2025. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. If you've never had the chance to visit our campus, we would love to welcome you and give you a tour of the work being done here. May the Lord continue to bless you as you labor for His kingdom.

Rath E. Brewer

Thank you for blessing the Home with an Estate Gift

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KEYS TO SUCCESS

This year, a generous donor changed a family's future by gifting a vehicle to a single parent in our program. Reliable transportation isn't just a convenience-it's a lifeline. With this car, a hardworking mom has the freedom to get to work, take her children to school, and move toward financial independence. Every donated vehicle is more than just a set of keys-it's a step toward stability and success. We are incredibly grateful for the many ways our donors give, each one creating life-changing opportunities for the families we serve.

2024 FINANCIAL

Figures are based on unaudited account numbers for 2024



INCOME		EXPENSES		
Support		Operations Cost		
Church Donations	\$ 1,011,512	Personnel Costs	\$	1,350,478
Individual Gifts	\$ 1,523,736	Professional Fees	\$	262,033
Organizations & Businesses	\$ 24,025	Office Operations	\$	209,821
Support Sub-total:	\$ 2,559,273	Facilities Costs	\$	322,104
REVENUE		Transportation Costs	\$	54,022
Interest	\$ 2,516	Other Support Costs	\$	190,117
Management Fees	\$ 6,150	Education & Conference Costs	\$	14,276
Rent	\$ 0	Donor Development Costs	\$	36,815
Resale Shop	\$ 350,719	Misc Costs	\$	27,093
Revenue Sub-total:	\$ 359,385	Operations Sub-total:	\$	2,466,759
Total Support & Revenue:	\$ 2,918,658	Total Expenses: \$ Surplus (Deficit): \$	2,466,759 451.899	

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**Donors were extremely generous in 2024. This combined with a shortage of staff created a surplus. A large portion of this surplus is going to be used towards needed upgrades and improvements on campus, due to the age of the buildings and grounds. Any remaining surplus will be transferred to the Potter Children's Home Foundation to serve children here in the future.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF FAMILY SERVICES



Chris Hagan Minister of Family Services

BY THE NUMBERS SEVEN BAPTISMS



5 NEW SPARK FAMILIES



residents served



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Potter Children's Home has been blessed by generous donors, allowing us to improve our campus with a new storage building, a quadplex, and a much-needed gym addition. One safety sign on campus reads "Under Construction," a fitting reminder that building projects can look chaotic, messy, and slow. Yet, a master builder follows a blueprint, knowing the final result.

Our Family Services staff sees each single mom, dad, and foster child as "under construction." Many come from chaotic, messy, and unfinished circumstances, and we work alongside them to build a better today and a brighter tomorrow. In the same way, each of us is God's masterpiece in progress. As Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."

For many of our single parents and children, life feels like a work zone-full of challenges, setbacks, and areas needing shaping. It's easy to get discouraged when focusing on what's unfinished, but Philippians 1:6 reminds us, Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Every day, our staff helps residents make changes, much like building a homehealing broken relationships, pursuing better careers, making wise financial choices, and learning to lean on Christ. At Potter Children's Home, we help them lay a foundation in God's Word and discover Jesus Christ as their cornerstone.



CAMPUS UPDATES



Last year, we shared plans to invest surplus funds into campus upkeep—and we've done just that. Projects like the gym addition for our resale shop, a new maintenance building, and other upgrades have strengthened our campus. We also named a quadplex for single-parent families Mealer House to honor Judy Mealer's lifelong dedication to children. We're grateful for the support that makes this possible!

STRENGTHS BANQUET

The Strengths Banquet is held annually to showcase the residents and their strengths. The theme for this year was Biblical Strength. Skits were performed showing the strength of the characters in the Bible. The care center was turned into a Jerusalem marketplace. To end the evening each person was honored by calling them up to hear what strength the staff sees in them and was presented with a Bible labeled with their name and strength. It was a wonderful night.





Residents and staff alike look forward to the Sojourner visit each summer. This summer the Sojourners were busy in several areas on our campus. They did remodeling work in the dormitory and helped clean out water damage in Riley house. They also worked in the pantry, helped in the resale store and sorted mounds of new clothing items in preparation for Fall Festival. Staff and residents enjoyed group meals with them and were encouraged by the fellowship. Their spirit of service and love is always an inspiration to anyone blessed to work with them.



MISSION TRIPS GIVE TO POTTER

Two mission groups from Tennessee and West Virginia served at Potter in summer 2024. Over 40 teens and adults worked alongside residents, sharing meals and fellowship. They built shelves, organized storage, helped with dorm renovations, prepared clothing for the Fall Festival, and set up for Christmas Cottage. They also worked in the resale store, weeded, mulched, and tackled every task with dedication. Their hard work and servant hearts were a true blessing!

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WAYS TO GIVE

There are many different programs in place for you to help the children and families served at Potter.

Tribute Gifts

Make a difference in a child's life with a gift in honor or memory of a loved one. Memorial Gifts honor those who have passed, while Honor Gifts celebrate special occasions. A letter will be sent to the honoree.

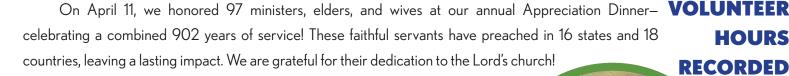
Sponsorships

We welcome all sponsors! Individual sponsors help cover needs like camp fees and equipment, while activity sponsors support outings or campus events for residents and families. Your support makes a big impact!

TREASURES RESALE TUESDAY'S

Tuesday's Treasures, our campus resale store, serves moms and children daily and the public on select Tuesdays. Run by dedicated volunteers, it provides affordable clothing, furniture, and household items while supporting Potter's mission-all proceeds go directly back to the home. More than just a store, it's a ministry that gives volunteers purpose, fosters community, and meets local needs. In 2024, we welcomed new volunteers, formed lasting bonds, and mourned the loss of dear friends. Thanks to thousands of volunteer hours and generous donations, sales reached \$378,996, including \$28,000 from Fall Festival shopping areas.

MINISTERS, ELDERS AND WIVES DINNER



ANNUAL FALL FESTI

The 23rd Annual Fall Festival raised over \$90,000, thanks to generous support! The day featured delicious food, lively auctions, and enthusiastic shoppers. We're grateful for all the donations and help that made the event a success. Save the date for next year-September 20!

Hands of Service

Our primary donor program, Hands of Service, invites you to support children on a regular basis-monthly, guarterly, or annually. Your commitment helps fund their daily needs, just like caring for your own.

Commodities and Silver for Children

Congregations are asked to give cash for perishables and items from a grocery list, along with filling change cans with silver coins and bills for children's education, transportation, and activities. A letter will provide details. Your generosity makes a meaningful impact!

Appeals

reach

19,143

HOURS

RECORDED

Five annual appeal letters highlight specific projects in need of support. Donors can choose to contribute to one or all, based on when they're most able to give. Your help makes a difference!

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MARCH 30TH Annual Day of Prayer and Giving for Children

APRIL 17TH Ministers, Elders & Wives Appreciation Dinner 6:30 PM Potter Children's Home Gymnasium

> SEPTEMBER 20TH Annual Fall Festival

Activities begin at 9:30 AM