

THE PERENNIAL PATH

Race with Dolly

Dolly the miniature pony
is lacing up for orphans on
Sept. 15 at The Star Barn Village.

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Brittany's
HOPE

www.BrittanysHope.org

From Many, Choose One

A Special Message from our Orphan Care Coordinator

Although I get the chance to visit each of our international programs regularly, there is nowhere at which I laugh or smile more than the Home of Hope, a program we have been supporting for four years through our child sponsorship program. It's a boys' home just outside of Nairobi, Kenya. From the first moment I met these boys, eating lollipops and watching a car chase movie, ***I could just 'feel' something different about them.*** It wasn't just the long conversations I was able to have, it was knowing these kids, above all else, needed someone to be their champion. ***What they really need is a Child Sponsor.***

I always share with our supporters that Child Sponsorship can be many things, not just a \$35 a month donation. It can be a personal letter on a holiday or a gift for their birthday. It can also be someone to write to when things get hard or a time of sharing an accomplishment. It can be a role model, across the sea, where they receive encouragement and consistency.

Through these meaningful actions, a Child Sponsor can become a family, just as real as those in Kenya.

There is a lot of merit in programs who invest in women and girls for Africa's future, which I absolutely believe in. However, this shouldn't come at the exclusion of investing in boys as well. At first glance, these boys look tough and jaded – but, you quickly realize there is so much more to them than society has given: ***they are bright, hungry for opportunity, and for someone to tell them their lives have worth.***

It breaks my heart knowing they have ***never had an adult role model*** or ever felt compassion from someone standing up for them. I've heard firsthand stories of boys who disappeared, only to find out they've been recruited into Al-Shabab or beaten by police; however, I've also heard laughter when they dance, whispers as they learn something new, and positive affirmations shared from one boy to another.



Carrie, our Orphan Care Coordinator with the boys at the Home of Hope

These boys are the future of Kenya and might one day be husbands and fathers raising their own families.

Unfortunately, 90% of them have never had a positive parenting relationship. The questions I ask myself again and again:

- How can we break this cycle of poverty and violence without positive role models for these boys?
- How can we help these boys before it is too late?

I believe the answer lies in Child Sponsorship. During my last visit to Nairobi, I was once again stunned with

the reality of how these young boys could end up — on the street, hocking food at road stops, and generally doing a lot of nothing. *While cultural and economic factors come into play, my real worry is that **without programs like the Home of Hope**, their futures could be much more dire and filled with the risk of incarceration, the lure of organized crime, or even worse, death.* What these children really need are strong, positive role models and *through Child Sponsorship, you could be just that*

Give a gift of \$35 today and change a life.

End the Wait – Sponsor a Child

For \$35/month, you can provide essentials for the kids at the Home of Hope:



**Food &
Water**



**Shelter &
Clothing**



**Medical
Care**



**Sustainable
Future**

Samuel, 16 Although funny and intelligent, Samuel had a tough start in life. Abandoned by his father, he was left to fend for himself for five years; however, living on the street left Samuel with a heart for helping others. His love for education is contagious, as is his compassion for those around him. His dream is to attend University to learn how to help other children with a background like his. Still having boyhood interests, he loves playing soccer with his friends.



Samuel



Joseph

Joseph, 21 Abandoned by his parents, Joseph spent most of his childhood on the streets. Unable to attend school, Joseph had to work hard to try and catch up to his younger peers. He is now in the 10th grade and in good academic standing. He is an active, athletic young man and in his free time loves playing soccer and dancing. He dreams of attending University and having a career as an engineer.

Dominic, 13 For some boys, it's easy to brush off the trauma of their time on the streets. For Dominic, who lived on the streets for two years, counseling & love have been the key to helping him adapt to a typical life. Now, in the 5th grade at Goshen Fields Academy, he's thoughtful, artistic, and in his down time enjoys playing soccer, reading his favorite book, "The Jungle Book," and drawing pictures of his hero, Superman.



Dominic



A Place of Belonging

Phan enjoying the sunshine

A home is a place to belong. It is a safe space, offering unparalleled security compared to the world outside. **But what happens when there is no safe space for a child?**

In Viet Nam, children with profound disabilities often have nowhere to go — *nowhere that will keep them, and others who love them, safe.* Because of cultural prejudices and economic factors, the stigma toward children with disabilities is strong, causing uncertainty on how to care for one who is suffering.

This is the current reality at Ha Tinh village, a partner orphan care facility located in a rural northern province of Viet Nam, for **children in a special category of being “abandoned,”** those living with mental health issues and physical disabilities.

The children with serious disabilities have very different lives

than those of the orphans who reside in the rest of the home.

The “typical developing” children reside in a warm and friendly atmosphere, while the **children who need the greatest help endure stark, dismal conditions behind a locked door.**

The housing for those with disabilities is completely unequipped for the kind of care they need. It is a sad sight and **the staff who care so much are ashamed, but unable to provide better.**

The dream at Ha Tinh Village is to provide a healthy residence for children with all types of needs — from the neediest who may require 24-hour care, to those who otherwise may live in isolation, to a boy like Phan, who has Cerebral Palsy. **Their hope is to no longer turn away those children with significant needs** because they will have the proper space and resources to care for these children safely.

Fulfilling this need will require a \$150,000 investment. **Brittany's Hope** has pledged \$100,000, with another \$50,000 from our partner organization. These funds will build a residence capable of appropriately caring for children *and welcoming new members who are languishing.*

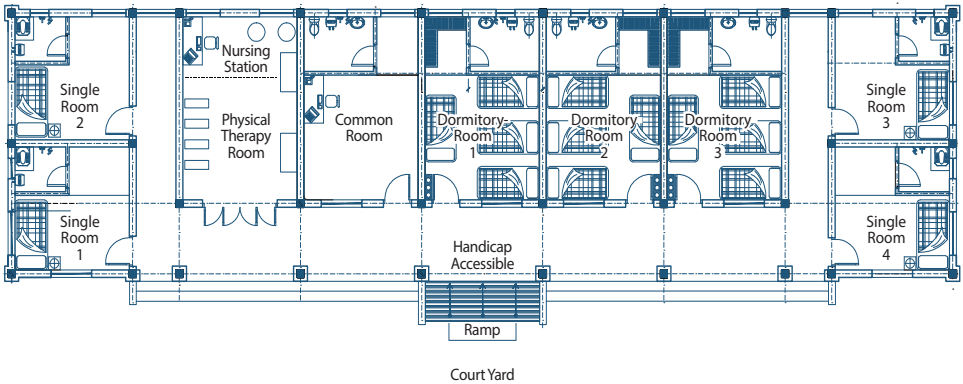
This new residence will:

- Provide safe, modern, clean living space and bedrooms for up to 28 children with special needs
- Have specialized adaptive furniture and bathrooms enabling the children to gain independence
- Have a fully equipped Therapy Room & Common Area for the children to experience the joy of play and movement

- Be staffed by a caregiver 24 hours a day to help develop basic living skills
- Have a Nursing Station with trained medical professionals

In contrast to the very dark prospects for these children can be the brilliant future light of living in healthy surroundings with a recognition that *each child deserves support and care.* Your financial support to our capital campaign will help make this a reality.

Please contribute as your heart moves you by sending a gift, *keeping in mind the profound effect you will have on these children's lives — and the great joy it will bring you.*



Give Them Room to Grow

Your support is extremely important. It lays the foundation which will transform children's lives for years to come.

- ☐ **Stabilization....** Foundation Stones - \$50
- ☐ **Strength.....** Bricks & Mortar - \$100
- ☐ **Growth...** Walls, Windows & Doors - \$250
- ☐ **Safety** Roof - \$500
- ☐ **Dignity - \$3,000**
 - Special recognition on a dedication plaque of the Physical Therapy Room
- ☐ **House Key - \$5,000**
 - Special gift from the staff or child in the room
 - Naming rights of a bedroom

** We realize these are extraordinarily generous amounts, outside the range of most of us. It goes without saying that we recognize with deep gratitude the loving hearts of every one of you.*

Granted Children Home

July 2017 to Present



Lucy Mei

from China

"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
You have changed us all for the better!"



Shivani & Aashish

from India

"Thank you for walking with
us on this journey!"



Through your continued generosity, a total of 1,205 kids have been united with their forever families through adoption grants.

Thank you for removing the financial barriers and helping them come home!



Benjamin & Daniel from Colombia

"Just amazing to work with!
We are so very blessed with
our family of six children!"



Dana Ting from China

"Grateful seems so small of a word, but
we are grateful! Thank you so much for our
precious daughter."



Say Hello to Our Board



David Abel
Co-Founder

Parent of 17 children, entrepreneur & father of Brittany (our organization's inspiration); David is committed to serving the Lord by sharing his time, talent, and resources to make a difference for all God's children.



Billie Jo Devine
Chair

Longtime child sponsor and committed fundraiser, Billie Jo has witnessed firsthand how Brittany's Hope programs can change a life. Billie Jo is passionate about making a lasting impact for children and families.



Andy Klinger
Treasurer

Market President at BB&T Bank and committed community servant; Andy is dedicated to his family, community, and making the world a better place one interaction at a time.



Jena Miller
Secretary

Brittany's Hope grant recipient and advocate for children; Jena is a mother to four (biological and adopted) and passionate about permanency for children either in their first families or adoptive families.



Tierney Foster-Abel
Member

Seasoned professional in real estate and marketing, Tierney is passionate about serving the Lord through the family foundation and charity work.



Naomi Fredlund
Member

Owner of Life Changes Realty Group and mother of two children through inter-country adoption; Naomi is committed to living a life of impact, excellence, and involvement to make a positive difference.



Alyssa Barry
Member

Business Operations Manager at Infor Global and a Vietnamese adoptee; Alyssa is passionate about making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate, especially children.



Denisha Kline
Member

Brittany's Hope grant recipient & physical therapist at Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center, Denisha is devoted to family, and making sure children around the world reach their full potential while feeling valued & loved.

Interested in volunteering or joining our board?
Email info@brittanyshope.org for more information.

Celebrating Paula

It's true what they say — time does fly when you're having fun. Just ask Paula Tobias, who is celebrating her **10 year anniversary with Brittany's Hope**. As the Adoption Grant Coordinator, she has the privilege of being one piece of the puzzle that enables children to meet their forever families. Paula is never shy about sharing one of the uplifting notes or pictures that families send her, thanking her for being part of their journey. Paula's natural talent for detail and commitment to service is an immeasurable asset to the Brittany's Hope team. When not advocating for children, she spends her time with her husband, two children, and cheering on her beloved Pittsburgh Steelers.

Thank you Paula for being a part of so many children's journeys.

Celebrate with Paula and donate \$10 toward the adoption grant program.



Paula Tobias Adoption Grant Coordinator

A Big Thank You to our 2018 Walk of Love Sponsors!





Dolly and Carl

A Special Girl & Her Award Winning Trainer

Never before have we had such an honored guest, who's come all the way from Texas, attend our Walk of Love! Her name is Dolly, she is one of seven adoptees, and has a huge heart for kids. She's already begun her training, being highly motivated to run her first 5K, keeping her diet strictly regimented to carrots and hay, making sure she is in top physical shape. **We've even clocked her top speed at 5mph**, but she's still working on her form – she wants to make sure her long, blonde hair flows just right in the wind.

Her stature might be small and compact, but don't let her appearance lull you to sleep, as she'll run right past you, leaving a cloud of dust in her wake. As you might have guessed, **Dolly is one of the miniature ponies residing at the iconic Star Barn Village.** Dolly will be running the cross

country 5K with Carl, her **international award winning trainer, to raise funds for kids with special needs.**

Carl has been teaching Dolly the proper galloping techniques so she will be well-prepared for the day's event. To be honest, we think she has a strong chance of winning the **overall first place prize of \$300 cash** – which she'll probably spend on alfalfa grass and apples!

What are you waiting for? Come out and challenge or cheer Dolly on to win the 5K race and join in the family fun activities on Saturday, September 15th! Already have plans? No problem! You can help Dolly & Carl reach their fundraising goal by donating through their campaign page, walkoflove2018.causevox.com/carldolly

Time's a tickin' - Dolly is ready, are you?



Zach, a Vietnamese Adoptee

2018 Walk of Love

Cross Country 5K & Fun Walk

8:30am
Sept. 15
Elizabethtown

2018 Walk of Love

Cross Country 5K & Fun Walk

Register & Fundraise Online at
www.WalkOfLove.org

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Gender: _____

*Event: ☐ 5K (\$30) ☐ Walk (\$15)

**Shirt: (Free) / Tech (\$15) Size: _____
Ages 12 & under (\$5) Size: _____

Register Family & Friends

Name: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

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Ages 12 & under (\$5) Size: _____

September 15, Registration at 8:30am
1 Hollinger Lane, 17022

* Children 12 & under participate for free under the supervision of a legal guardian. Brittany's Hope grant recipients participate for free.

Please send **this form** and a **check** payable to **Brittany's Hope** in the enclosed envelope.



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