

# The HOME JOURNAL



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To nurture deeply hurting girls to restored relationships with God, family, and community.

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## Pomp and Circumstance

We were honored to help celebrate the end of the 2022-2023 school year recently. The day was especially special because we were also able to celebrate Alliyah graduating from high school.

Throughout the year every girl successfully completed their individual academic goals in the Shellee Morrison Learning Center. Having school on campus provides an environment free of distractions and allows each girl to work on her own level and speed. Many are able to catch up and even work ahead in their schooling.

Our Director of Education, Teresa Worman, is instrumental in helping the girls achieve their goals each year. She does a fantastic job and we appreciate her dedication to the girls and their education.

We would also like to thank housemom Kayti Allen. She works hard each week, teaching the girls music. This is an important supplement to their main courses and the girls love her lessons. They have grown into a fantastic singing group and have entertained many at the Daughters of the King Ladies Brunch this past February. They also sang at Alliyah's graduation as well!

The girls have earned a much deserved summer break and are looking forward to some amazing summer activities, including Girls Retreat, Summer Camps, and just relaxing!



# *How It All Began*

Before there was Carpenter Place, there was Maude Carpenter Children's Home. Before that, was Midwest Children's Home. And before that, there was a family. A family in need who was hurting and grieving.

Sometimes great things come from hard circumstances and Carpenter Place is no exception. Out of one family's tragedy, Carpenter Place is now able to help deeply hurting girls to restored relationship to God, family, and community.

We were recently blessed to meet Shirley Baldridge Porch. She and six of her siblings were the original children placed with Ruth Garthwaite and her family. That small group quickly grew into Midwest Children's Home.

Ms. Porch is the only surviving child who was originally placed in Midwest Children's Home. As we visited, she reflected on her years at Midwest Children's Home and later Maude Carpenter Children's Home. She remembered her childhood home. It was very simple with dirt floors, no running water, and an outhouse. She said there were two mattresses on the floor, one for the boys and one for the girls. When her mother died in childbirth, her father reached out to a family member who knew the Garthwaites and asked them to take in 7 of his 9 children. The Garthwaite's example of love and service is amazing and humbling. Ms. Porch said the new home was so nice. They had bedrooms and a nice area in the basement for playing. They were well provided for. Eventually, she and two other siblings were adopted and moved with their new family to New Mexico.

Ms. Porch now lives near two of her sons. She has four grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild on the way. She credits living in "the home" with shaping her life and leaving a legacy of faith to her and her family. She said numerous times if it wasn't for being at Maude Carpenter Children's Home, she wouldn't have attended Bible class, been brought up in the church, and would not know the Lord.

"What we do in life echoes in eternity." This quote from the movie, *Gladiator*, has been used for years, but it rings true for us. The work being done every day at Carpenter Place will be felt for all eternity. Your support is what allows us to continue our mission.

Ms. Porch and her siblings are just one of countless families who have been touched by Carpenter Place. What started small has grown into an amazing ministry of helping the helpless and changing lives for all eternity. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support.



Ms. Porch with Director of Development, Tiffany Jones.



Pictures of Ms. Porch's father, mother, and siblings. Ms. Porch is pictured in the top row, middle picture



These pictures are from the original house of Midwest Children's Home

# Around Campus



Fruit Art with Chef Steve Brown



End of Year Field Trip to the Sedgwick County Zoo

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June 12, 2023

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**Join us for the annual Carpenter Place Golf Classic!**

This year's tournament is being held at the new TopGolf location in Wichita. Sign up online today to register. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tiffany Jones at 316-942-3221 ext. 3.

<https://cpgolfclassic.cbo.io>

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## Needs List...

Items in red are especially  
needed at this time

- Tomato Paste
- Individually wrapped chips
- Little Debbie snack cakes
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Individual juice pouches/boxes
- Chicken/Beef Broth
- Crackers/Chex Mix/Garden of Eatin'/Pretzels
- Wide egg noodle Pasta, Oven ready lasagna noodles
- 100% juice any kind – Sunny Delight
- Condiments: Mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, Hidden Valley Ranch, Italian dressing, honey mustard, BBQ sauce, dill pickle chips/spears
- Peanut Butter
- Velveeta cheese
- Cereal
- Brown sugar, powdered sugar, white sugar, flour
- Sweetened condensed milk
- Canned vegetables – corn, green beans, peas, carrots
- Canned fruit
- Pork-n-beans
- Rotel
- Lysol/Clorox wipes
- Tampons (plastic applicator), Pads
- Acne Face Wash/Make-up wipes
- Small hand soaps
- Mouthwash – no Cinnamon
- Shaving cream (no razors please)
- Toilet paper & paper towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Plates
- Plastic utensils
- Ziploc bags – all sizes
- Trash Bags – Kitchen (13 gal) & Bathroom sizes