



Meet Our Board Members!

Sydney Zaldivar came to know Carpenter Place as a young child through the Church in Douglass. She knew it as Maude Carpenter's Children's Home.

Sydney has been on the board for one year and hopes to serve many more! When asked what her duties as a board member are, she responded, "The duties of being a board member are something I learning more about at each meeting. I would love to be more involved as soon as I retire. I am hopeful that I can be a board member that sees all of the positive potential in our programs and strives to do what is needed and necessary to continue the work of Carpenter Place for another 75 years. I am anxious for this pandemic to end so that we can be actively involved in the community."



Outside of being a board member, Sydney is a fulltime middle school counselor at Marvin Sisk Middle School in Douglass, KS. She is married and has two "amazing sons and a beautiful daughter in law." She is an alum of Oklahoma Christian as well as her two sons. She and her husband are empty nesters that enjoy traveling, and spending time with their extended families.

We are so grateful to have Sydney as a part of our team and hope to continue working together for years to come!



This is Michael Jones. He has been on the board for about two weeks now. He found out about Carpenter Place through his church, East Point Church of Christ and their work that they have done for us. He is a preaching minister at East Point Church of Christ.

When we asked why he joined the board he said, "I want to help make a difference in the lives of those served by Carpenter Place." We are incredibly excited to have him as a part of our team and are excited to get to work more with him in the coming year!

Outside of being our board member and a minister, Michael is a husband to Tiffany for 20 years and a father to Brayden (15yr) and Sophie (11yr). In his free time he enjoys hunting, gardening, and woodworking. We are very blessed to have him on our team!



Pickle Ball

Without much to do, we have found that exercise has helped keep us all sane as we are quarantined together! Pickle ball has been a huge hit with the girls and has served as a huge blessing.

We know that we are so blessed to have the resource of our own gym and even more blessed that we have each other during these hard and lonely times. We cannot say thank you enough to those who helped us restore our gym floor!



Happy 75th Anniversary Carpenter Place!

This year we are celebrating our 75th anniversary of serving children at Carpenter Place. What a humbling moment. For Carpenter Place to be able to say that we have served thousands of children at this place deserves reflection, pause, and thanks to God for Him allowing this ministry to continue for so many years. I can't express my thankfulness for each of our supporters, staff, and board members over the years, and to the children and families we have been able to impact. The legacy of the original acts of kindness by those in the very early days of this ministry started something amazing, and for that we are immensely thankful.

To bring some perspective to 75 years, below is a list of some highlights from 1946, the year of our inception.

- WWII had recently ended.
- Our President was Harry S. Truman.
- The first baseball game was televised.
- Vitamin C was introduced in pill form.
- Three former Presidents were born in 1946.
- The electric blanket was invented and sold for \$39.95.
- Gas was \$.21 cents/gallon, and a loaf of bread cost a dime.
- A gallon of milk was \$.67 cents, and a dozen eggs were \$.59 cents.
- Tide laundry soap was launched, and Michelin Tires were patented.
- A movie ticket was \$.55 cents, and a year of tuition to Harvard was \$420.
- A first-class stamp was \$.03, and the average price of a new car was \$1,125.
- You could own your first home for about \$5,000, or a computer for \$486,804!

Much has changed during the past 75 years in this city, state, and country, but one thing has remained the same- Carpenter Place is still committed to restoring hope to the vulnerable, hurting, and marginalized. Whether it was during our earliest of days when we were briefly known as Mid-West Children's Home, or for the many decades we were known as Maude Carpenter Children's Home, or even now as Carpenter Place, our focus continues to be to nurture the deeply hurting to restored relationships with God, family, and community. Thank you for your partnership with our mission, and let's do this for at least another 75 years!

Gratefully,

Ben Zickafoose
President & CEO



Group Photo for the 75th Anniversary

On January 29th, 2021 we got to celebrate our 75th anniversary. It was a small and intimate affair because of COVID but we had a wonderful time celebrating with mashed potatoes, cake, and a photo booth!

We just wanted to give a heartfelt "thank you" because we would not be standing here without your support.

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We Missed You This Year At Ladies Brunch!

We were saddened to cancel the ladies brunch and even more disappointed to be missing out on an opportunity to commune with you. However, we know it is in everyone's best interest and we will be thankful and rejoice in knowing that we will be together again someday. As Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7) While it is difficult to rejoice in times where there is a pandemic and political unrest among your country, we are called to rejoice and have faith in His goodness.

The next part of Paul's letter is even more relatable when he goes on to say, "I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:12-13) Paul is talking about a church that shared in his adversity and how, even when they had no opportunity to help, they showed their concern and prayed for him. While we may still be learning to abound and learning "the secret of facing plenty" let us not lose hope. We still have each other.

We are being tested and pulled apart as a church and prayer is one simple way for us to stay connected. In a time where maybe there is no opportunity to give, to volunteer, to commune with others, we ask that you pray for us and we will do the same for you. While we were not able to gather together as one group this year, let us gather together in His spirit and support one another. This year we are asking that you pray for each of our girls and their families as placement in a children's home is difficult enough without a global pandemic and political unrest surrounding them. Pray for peace and understanding among our girls, their families, and our staff.

Our girls, their families, and our staff need people committed to praying for them and walking alongside them through this journey in order to bring comfort to our girls. Additionally, as we are 100% private in our funding and our placement, we need those willing to help cover the costs of our girls' journey through our program. The true cost of each child's stay on our campus is \$1,800 per month, per girl which is covered by the generous hearts of our donors. The Ladies Brunch typically, generates \$18,000, which is enough to support a girl and her family for an entire year. We ask that, along with prayer, you consider donating to help us support a family and their child. For every gift donated of \$75 or more, we will send a t-shirt back, just put your size in the memo.

God has blessed this work with the right people at the right time who have given generously to continue this transformative work of rebuilding families and restoring lives, and we can't thank you enough for being one of these blessings! We also thank you for prayerfully considering how you can bring comfort to our girls through a monetary blessing to care for their needs.

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