

# ALEXANDER CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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## LETTERS FROM LYNN: APRIL 2025

As we transition from the cold days of winter to the vibrant days of spring, I am reminded of the many changes and growth we experience both in nature and within our organization. This season of transformation is not only a time to witness the blooming flowers and longer days, but also a moment to reflect on transitions within Alexander Youth Network and those of the children we serve as well as the exciting path ahead.

I am excited to welcome our new CEO, Brennon Graham, who brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to our agency. Brennon's leadership marks a new chapter for us, one that promises innovation, dedication, and a continued commitment to our mission. We are confident that under Brennon's guidance, we will build on our successes and reach new heights.

Transitions, whether seasonal or organizational, are opportunities to create connections and build bridges of healing. Our work with the children we serve is a testament to the power of these connections. Every day, we strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment where they can grow, learn, and thrive. This would not be possible without the unwavering support of our donors.

To our generous donors, thank you. Your contributions ensure that these transitions are healthy and strong, providing the resources needed to support our programs and initiatives. Your shared passion for our mission and your dedication to our cause make a profound difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

As we move forward, let us embrace the spirit of spring - renewal, growth, and hope. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact, fostering a community where every child can flourish. If you are interested in making an impact on the lives of the children we serve, [please visit our website here.](#)

Gratefully,  
Lynn

# VOLUNTEER CORNER

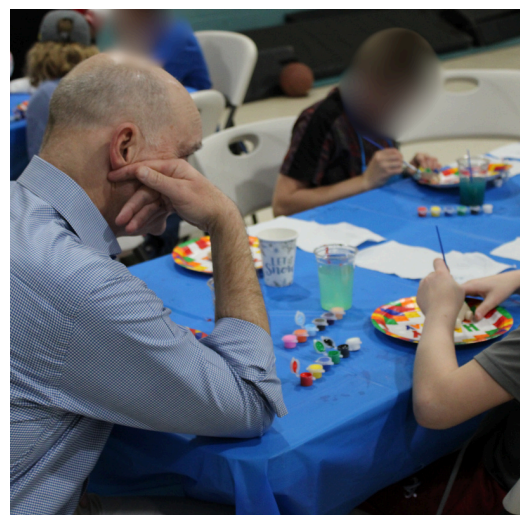
This month we honor our Alexander Children's Foundation board members who go above and beyond to raise awareness about the work Alexander Youth Network is doing to help children with mental and behavioral health challenges develop the coping skills they need to better manage their emotions.

Thanks to Jon Goldberg, Olivia Summerford, Lucy Butler, Elizabeth McMillan and Matt Greer for hosting Sip for a Cause. They brought together a group of commercial real estate attorneys, developers, and bankers to share in fellowship and learn more about the work of Alexander Youth Network.

Thank you to Anne Payne, Anne Schleusner, Kate Fletcher, Rob Carter, and Chris Adams for hosting several special volunteer activities on our campus. Giving the children we serve the opportunity to be engaged with adults in playful and fun ways. They have introduced numerous new people to our beautiful Charlotte campus over the past few weeks.

We have many opportunities for volunteers to come out and interact with the children we serve. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Ashley Nieves at [anieves@aynkids.org](mailto:anieves@aynkids.org) or [visit our website](#).

If you'd like to contribute to our Angel Network program, please visit our Amazon wish lists:  
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# COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

We want to extend a huge thank you to our community partners, Tri Pointe Homes and Pace Development Group, for bringing the children we serve on our Charlotte campus a new playground! On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our new playground with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Members of Tri Pointe, Pace Development, and Alexander Youth Network were on hand to thank our partners and officially open the playground. Our partners were greeted with smiling faces, a thank you banner, popsicles, and loads of excitement as we unveiled the beautiful new structure that will bring lots of fun and memorable play time for the children in our Charlotte Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility and Day Treatment programs. Thank you, Tri Pointe and Pace Development Group, for your tremendous support of Alexander Youth Network!



## CELEBRATING OUR KIDS

Alexander Youth Network's annual fundraiser, Celebrating Our Kids, is returning to a luncheon for the first time since 2019! This year's event will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm at Bank of America Stadium in the Panther's Den. Celebrating Our Kids is an opportunity for us to engage with and educate our supporters and the Charlotte community on the wonderful work that Alexander Youth Network is doing for children across the state of North Carolina.

With our theme, "Building Bridges: Connecting Hearts to Healing," we want to emphasize the important part we all play for the children we serve and their journey to healing. From the team at Alexander to our donors and volunteers, everyone plays a

significant role for our children and their care. With the support of our donors, we can provide children with the high quality, trauma-informed care all children deserve. This allows us to continue to provide these essential programs and services to our most vulnerable youth. Our volunteers provide an opportunity for the children in our services to experience a positive relationship with caring adults. These powerful, positive interactions are a critical part of the healing process for children with trauma.

At Celebrating Our Kids we are looking forward to sharing more stories of hope and healing that we have been able to accomplish with the support of our community. If you are interested in joining us this year, we would love to have you. Please RSVP to Lynn Crutchfield at [lcrutchfield@aynkids.org](mailto:lcrutchfield@aynkids.org).

A special shout-out to our generous event sponsors – your commitment to our cause is the cornerstone of our success. Your support empowers us to continue our vital work, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

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Join us for a tour of Alexander Youth Network. We offer personalized, guided tours allowing you to ask questions and speak directly to a member of our team.

All tours of Alexander will take place on the Charlotte campus, located at 6220 Thermal Road, Charlotte, NC. Campus tours last approximately 30 minutes and are led by a member of the Alexander Children's Foundation team or board member.

To learn more about tours, contact Crissy Humble at [chumble@aynkids.org](mailto:chumble@aynkids.org). You can sign up for a tour by visiting our website.

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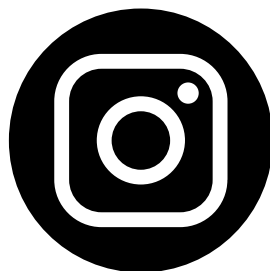
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