

ALEXANDER CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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LETTERS FROM LYNN: JULY 2025

As the longer days of summer settle in, there's a special kind of energy at Alexander. There is sunshine shining down on our programs, the joyful sounds of children playing, and the sweet scent of cotton candy lingering from our recent carnival. It's a restful season, and here on our Charlotte campus, we're embracing every moment of it.

Thanks to generous support from our donors, our summer kicked off with a vibrant carnival filled with bounce houses, water slides, snow cones, and laughter. Our kids are in full summer camp mode, diving into weekly themes like science, arts and crafts, and fun and games—each day brimming with creativity, exploration, and joy. The children we serve aren't often given the opportunity to learn a new skill, play freely outside in a sprinkler or sit quietly and read a new book. Our summer camp curriculum does just that for these children. Gone is the rigid academic schedule of the school year and a new, more relaxed summer schedule is ushered in.

There's also a buzz of excitement around two transformative projects underway. In the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility hallway, our new sensory wall is coming to life, offering calming activities that support self-regulation and relaxation. The pavilion on our Charlotte campus is being converted into a dynamic indoor/outdoor space—complete with a basketball goal and roll-up garage doors—designed to foster connection, movement, and play in every season. These two projects will make our spaces more therapeutic and enjoyable for the children we serve as well as our staff.

These moments of joy, growth, and transformation are possible because of you. Your continued generosity fuels our mission and fills our campus with hope and possibility. As we soak in the sounds and smells of summer, we're deeply grateful for your partnership in creating a space where every child can thrive.

To learn more about how you can make an impact on the children of Alexander, [please visit our website.](#)

Gratefully,
Lynn

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We have been so blessed to have so many wonderful volunteer groups join us on our main campus this spring and summer. Thank you for connecting with our children and enriching their summer experience. We are so honored to highlight our recent volunteer groups:



**Young Men's
Service League**



**ACF Board
Ice Cream Social**



Amwins

Thank you to Robby Bowers for hosting our end of the school year carnival for all of the kids on our Charlotte campus! Robby has been a lunch buddy, donor and friend to Alexander Youth Network for many years, and we are so grateful for his dedication to our mission.



A special thank you to Brad and Leigh Boland for bringing Chick-fil-A lunch to all of our kids! It was a fun surprise and treat for them.

If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Ashley Nieves at anieves@aynkids.org or [visit our website](#).

Summer will be over before we know it! Please consider purchasing items off our Amazon Wish List as we prepare to head back to school. Having the supplies they need at the start of the school year sets our kids up for success! [Shop our Amazon Wish List](#)

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

We are truly grateful for our amazing partnership with EverBank and their team members! Over the last couple of years, they have spent countless hours volunteering at Alexander Youth Network. Recently they've joined us for a few "behind the scenes" activities and created inspiring bulletin boards in our Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility and Transition House. They've also worked directly with our kids during monthly birthday parties, building gingerbread houses, and playing BINGO. We are so thankful to EverBank and their wonderful employees for choosing Alexander to spend their time with. Thank you for helping bring joy to the children in our care!



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AGENCY



Do you or someone you know need help? We'd like to introduce you to our Referral Development Manager.

Whether you're a parent or a community partner, connecting a child to the right mental or behavioral health treatment can feel overwhelming. That's why we're proud to have Erika Moss, our Referral Development Manager, here to help. Erika brings extensive knowledge of Alexander's programs and is available to provide personalized guidance and support as you explore the best treatment options for the children and families you serve.

At Alexander, we follow a "no wrong door" approach to care - meaning no matter where you start, we'll help you find the right path forward.

Have questions about our services, the locations we serve, or how to start the referral process? Send Erika an email to get started today!

Connect with us this summer to learn more about our services:

- Saturday, August 2nd - 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Movin' & Groovin' Back to School Event, Cleveland Mall, 2001 E. Dixon Blvd., Shelby, NC
- Wednesday, August 6th - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Mind the Gap - NAMI, 1930 Abbott St., Charlotte, NC
- Saturday, August 9th - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Back to School Community Health Fair, C.W. Williams Community Health Center, 3333 Wilkinson Blvd., Charlotte, NC
- Saturday, August 16th - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Hope Encounter, Edward Mendoza Municipal Park, 1774 Little River Rd., Spring Lake, NC

CELEBRATING OUR KIDS

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. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a sponsor for Celebrating Our Kids 2026, please reach out to our Director of Development, Crissy Humble.

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CAMPUS TOURS

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. You can sign up for a tour by visiting our website.

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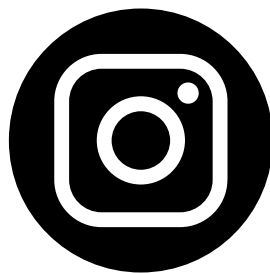
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