

ALEXANDER CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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LETTERS FROM LYNN: AUGUST 2025

As summer winds down and the air becomes cooler, kids across the country are transitioning from the joy filled days of summer back into the rhythm of school life.

For the children in our residential program, this time of year is more than just a return to the school routine, it's a time of personal transformation. Our kiddos are not only getting ready to master math problems and reading comprehension, but also build on the coping

skills they learned during their summer camp experiences. They're learning to navigate challenges with resilience, embrace new skills with confidence, and set goals to go from surviving to thriving.

To our incredible donors: thank you. Your generosity, whether through financial contributions, purchases from our Amazon Wish Lists, or the gift of your time, has made this summer unforgettable. You gave our kids the chance to explore, play, and simply be kids. From enriching camp activities to quiet moments of connection or a listening ear, your support this summer created lasting memories and meaningful growth.

The kids in our residential program will soon be back to their Monday through Friday school routine, the daily summer camps full of new and exciting activities set aside until next summer. For many of us, weekends will soon be filled with college football games, cozy sweaters, and sports activities, but for our kids we hope it will be filled with volunteers hosting a fall carnival, doing arts and crafts, and playing games outside. As we prepare for the school year ahead, we invite you to walk alongside us to help with tutoring sessions or serving as a lunch buddy during the weekdays or hosting group activities on the weekends. These opportunities to connect with volunteers gives our kids an opportunity to practice their coping skills in an environment that ensures they are well prepared to thrive in their future outside of Alexander Youth Network.

We hope you will join us on campus this fall! Together, we can ensure every child feels equipped, supported, and inspired to succeed.

Here's to a season of learning, laughter, and limitless potential. Thank you for being part of their journey and your continued and steadfast support of the mission of Alexander Youth Network.

Gratefully,
Lynn

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Do you have free time during the weekday to volunteer? Consider becoming a tutor for our Charlotte Day Treatment program! Located on our main campus in Charlotte, 6220 Thermal Road, our Charlotte Day Treatment serves children in Grades K-8.

Tutors provide a valuable service to the children we serve. They invest time with a child, working on academic skills in a one-on-one setting during the school year. This could be as simple as reading aloud with a child or assisting them with their worksheets in math, reading comprehension, or writing.

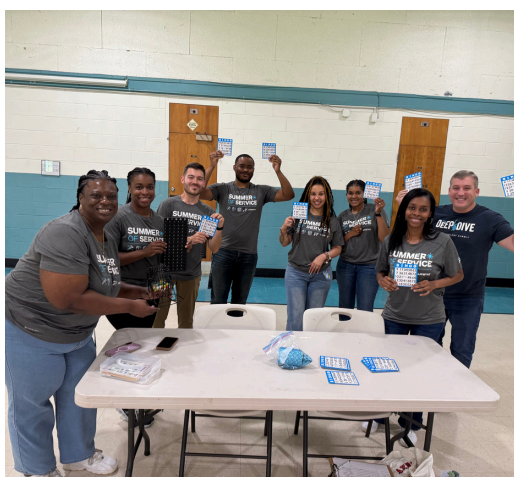
We are looking for tutors who can commit to a weekly 30 minute visit, Monday-Thursday, between 12-2 pm to work with a child, or multiple children in back-to-back 30 minute visits, starting in September. Tutors will need to complete the Direct Service Volunteer application and attend New Volunteer Orientation before starting.

If you are interested in tutoring, please reach out to our Volunteer Engagement Officer, Ashley Nieves, at anieves@aynkids.org

We have had so many wonderful volunteer groups join us on our main campus this month. Thank you for spending time and connecting with our children! We are so honored to highlight our recent volunteer groups from August:



**Keys for Kids
Larson Shull**



Amwins



**Guest Reader
Mikayla**

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

School is back in session at Alexander Youth Network! 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 proud to recognize Marsh as a valued and steadfast partner in our mission to support children's mental and behavioral health! Over the years, Marsh and their incredible team of employees have shown unwavering commitment through a wide range of volunteer efforts and advocacy.

From stringing holiday lights to bring magic to our annual Tree Lighting, to spending long spring days mulching, planting flowers, and clearing trails to beautify our campus—Marsh has consistently gone above and beyond to create a welcoming and nurturing environment for our kids.

Recently, Marsh had a back-to-school donation drive to pack backpacks for the children in our services. Their generosity will help our students start the school year off prepared and ready to learn! During their backpack stuffing event, they held a “Lunch & Learn” to educate employees about the work of Alexander Youth Network and raise awareness about children's mental health.

Beyond organized efforts, individual Marsh employees have taken initiative to raise awareness, invite others to events, and foster deeper engagement with Alexander. Their passion and personal investment have made a lasting difference. We are truly grateful for Marsh's partnership and the compassion they continue to share with our community!



“It has been a joy to partner with Alexander Youth Network. Personally, I have gained a deeper understanding of the challenges children in the Greater Charlotte area face after experiencing trauma. We are honored to have a relationship with this organization and support its mission to care for children in need.” – Danielle C.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Alexander Youth Network is incredibly grateful for the support of companies that believe in our mission and choose to partner with us in meaningful ways. One such partner is Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC (Blue Cross NC), whose generosity has made a lasting impact on the children and families we serve.

In addition to being a sponsor at our annual fundraiser, Celebrating Our Kids, Blue Cross NC has been a big supporter of our Therapeutic Foster Care program. In 2022, they partnered with Alexander to recruit and train therapeutic foster parents to support LGBTQ+ youth in foster care, providing them with stability and mental health resources. By providing a safe and inclusive environment within therapeutic foster homes, Alexander strives to create a supportive space where these young individuals can thrive, heal, and develop their full potential.

Blue Cross NC has also provided backpacks filled with essential items for children in our TFC program. When entering a new TFC home, they often have no or minimal personal belongings and don't have a way to carry their items with them. The backpacks provided by Blue Cross NC help ensure they feel cared for and supported.

Thank you to Blue Cross NC for being an amazing partner to Alexander Youth Network and the children in our care! We are excited about continuing to collaborate with Blue Cross NC to better serve the children of North Carolina who need mental health services.

If you're interested in learning more about how your organization can partner with Alexander Youth Network through sponsorship or other opportunities, please contact Crissy Humble, Director of Development, at chumble@aynkids.org.

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.

