

ALEXANDER CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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LETTERS FROM LYNN: JANUARY 2026

January is always a hard month for me. The joy and excitement of the holidays is behind us, the cold and dreary days of winter have set in, and for me, my children have all returned to school or their adult lives. I cherish the time spent with my family over the holidays and have a hard time finding the necessary enthusiasm for the start of a new year. I am left with a sense of emptiness, instead of making meals for a group, it's meals for two. No one is debating what to

watch on TV or whose turn it is to help with the dishes. It's quiet and there are no welcome distractions.

It is also a hard month for the children we serve at Alexander Youth Network. They feel the similar emptiness that January brings. During the holidays their schedules are adapted to make time for special crafts, visits, and activities. The campus is bubbling with volunteers, holiday decorations, and special meals. Then, in January, the quiet sets in. Routines are back to normal, the number of special events has slowed, it's a return to school and our kids must adapt to yet another new normal for them. Learning to adapt to their surroundings and develop the coping skills necessary for change is what we teach these kids while in our care, whether they live on our main campus, or are receiving services in their home, school, or community.

We are so grateful to our donors and staff who make this time of year easier for the children we serve. The lunch and dinner buddies who continue to make meal times special. The tutors who help ease them back into the school day. The generous gifts that were given so we can continue to meet the needs of this vulnerable population.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your continued and steadfast commitment to making a difference is helping to transform the lives of so many across the state of North Carolina.

To learn more about how you can support Alexander Youth Network, [please visit our website.](#)

Gratefully,
Lynn

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Another successful Angel Network is in the books, thanks to our incredible community of supporters who made the holidays truly special for the children in our programs! We are grateful to the continued generosity of returning supporters: Alexander Ricks, Asana Partners, Crescent Communities, Global Endowment Management, and Haynes Boone, to just name a few! We also had several organizations supporting Angel Network for the first time including New City Church, CohnReznick, Billies Buddies, and The Lynn Law Firm.

Thanks to your helping hands, we were able to provide 140 children with their Christmas wishes! These gifts brought smiles to so many faces and helped our children and families enjoy a joyful holiday season. Whether you organized a gift drive, hosted an Angel Tree, sponsored one child or many, or volunteered with gift wrapping, we couldn't have done it without you. A special thank you to Olivia Summerford with Asana Partners, who connected the Angel Network team with Stream Realty and secured a wonderful space for collecting, storing, and wrapping gifts.

Thank you again for making the season brighter for so many children - your generosity truly makes a lasting impact! If you're looking for another way to support Alexander Youth Network, consider [shopping our Amazon wish list](#) for basic items used to support our kids year round. For volunteer opportunities, email our Volunteer Engagement Officer, [Ashley Nieves](#).

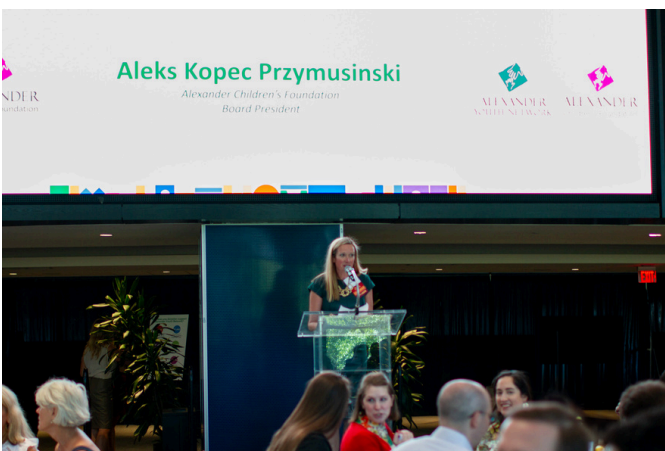


SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Alexander Youth Network is so fortunate to have the support of one of the largest law firms headquartered in the United States. The Charlotte office of Haynes Boone, which has supported Alexander Youth Network since 2023, is home to experienced finance lawyers who focus on complex bilateral and syndicated financial transactions, in the areas of capital commitment subscription finance, commercial middle market lending, leveraged lending, asset-based lending, specialty finance, private equity finance, and real estate lending.

Thanks to attorneys and Alexander Children's Foundation board members, Aleks Kopec and Roland Macher, Alexander has been lucky to have a meaningful partnership with Haynes Boone. They have been a sponsor of our annual fundraising luncheon, as well as a partner providing gifts to our children during the holidays. They have provided many essential items and joy to the children and families served by Alexander Youth Network. Aleks, former board chair, and Roland have provided thoughtful leadership to our board. Their energy and enthusiasm for children who are struggling with mental and behavioral health challenges is unmatched.

When asked why they chose Alexander Youth Network to support, Roland stated: "Haynes Boone is proud to support Alexander Youth Network because their work directly strengthens children, families, and the entire Charlotte community. We recognize that access to quality mental health care for youth is essential to long-term wellbeing, stability, and opportunity, and Alexander Youth Network provides that care with compassion, expertise, and consistency. We believe supporting their mission is an investment in brighter futures, and we are honored to partner with an organization making such a meaningful impact every day."



HAYNES BOONE

CELEBRATING OUR KIDS

We are excited to announce that Celebrating Our Kids will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. Celebrating Our Kids is our annual fundraiser where we share inspiring stories of the transformative work being done at Alexander Youth Network.

We are actively recruiting Table Captains for the event. If you are interested in hosting a table of 10 guests or to learn more about Celebrating Our Kids, please reach out to Brooks Shelley, Director of Development, at bshelley@aynkids.org.

Save The Date For Celebrating Our Kids

Alexander Youth Network's Annual Fundraiser

Building Bridges: Transforming Tomorrow Together

Join us for lunch and a celebration of the kids we serve,
both past and present. And learn how
together we are building bridges to help kids heal.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

NASCAR Hall of Fame
400 E Martin Luther King Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28202

"Approach life as children do: build bridges, not walls,
and stay curious"



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Thank you 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, Brooks Shelley.

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CAMPUS TOURS

Join us for a tour of Alexander Youth Network! Tours are scheduled for the first and third Thursday of the month. This is a great opportunity for a personalized, guided tour where you can ask questions and learn about all the amazing programs and services provided by Alexander Youth Network.

All tours of Alexander will take place on the Charlotte campus, located at 6220 Thermal Road, Charlotte, NC. Campus tours last approximately 30 minutes. You can sign up for a tour by visiting our website. If you would like to come for a tour, but are not able to make one of the scheduled dates, please contact Kaitlyn Dixon at kcoppadge@aynkids.org or 704-227-9159.

Tours in February will take place on the 5th and 19th. March tours will take place on the 5th and 19th.

BIRDIES FOR BETTER



Birdies for Better

Truist Championship

Alexander Youth Network is participating in Birdies for Better! Birdies for Better is a program that invites local nonprofits to leverage the excitement of the Truist Championship to raise funds for their organization.

From November 12, 2025 until May 6, 2026 individuals who make a minimum \$20 donation to Alexander Youth Network have the opportunity to guess the total number of birdies

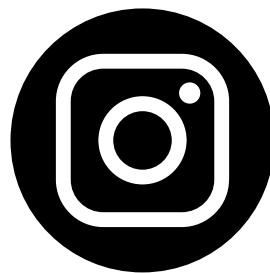
that will be made at this year's Truist Championship. The individual who guesses closest to the total number of birdies will have the chance to win a grand prize of a one-year Audi Q5 lease or \$10,000! Or you can choose the \$10,000 be directed to the charity of your choice. The runner-up will have a VIP Experience for Two at the 2027 Truist Championship.

Alexander Youth Network will receive 100% of every donation designated to us, in addition to a portion of funds from a \$100,000 bonus pool provided by the Truist Championship. If you would like to donate to Alexander Youth Network and have us submit an offline birdie guess on your behalf, please reach out to Kaitlyn Dixon at kcoppadge@aynkids.org for more information.

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