

ADULLAM HOUSE IS A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS.

*“The only thing
you will take
through those
pearly gates is
what you’ve
given away”*

Marcia Moore



Iris, our Donkey, is everyone’s friend!

Matthias was stroking his guinea pig. Right now we have some goats, a donkey, dogs, 2 rabbits and yes—a guinea pig. The rabbits are outside but the guinea pig gets to have his cage in Matthias’s room. ***I have resisted—adamantly—the constant pleading for a snake. Ugh!*** As the guinea pig nuzzled under his chin, he shouted to every one, “Look at my guinea pig! He likes me!” “Even guinea pigs can tell when you love them, Matty,” I said smiling. ***Brenden was over in the corner, playing with lego and didn’t look up. “People can too,” he said, half to himself and half to anyone who was listening. “And?”***, I said. No-one spoke. “***And?***”, I said insistently..... “***And?***” He looked up at me with his sheepish grin and nodded. ***“You love me,”*** he said.

I sighed with relief. He hasn’t been here long.

I am glad he knows he is loved.

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Our Adullam House Christian Academy Christmas Play, was an amazing treat for us all, as our kids sang, danced and bounced their way through two great performances of “Christmas in Snowflake County”. It was so much fun! Our new School gymnasium finally gave us the space that we had needed for so many years, to host such an event.



First Assembly of God in Montgomery, kindly hosted a second performance for us, at their Church. By then the kids were **“old hands”**! They took to ad-libbing and a couple jumped into the audience and threw their top hats out to the delighted crowd. Mrs. Rachel Harborth, our Principal, who put the whole wonderful show together, laughed as she told how the children, at one point, stopped watching her directing and began to improvise their every move. *What a blessing to watch these little ones blossom with confidence and joy.*



The Children's Choir

Last weekend our Children's Choir went to Life Church in Rainbow City Alabama. They sang on the Saturday evening and on the Sunday morning, with Hannah Powell who has a tremendous ministry in song and heads up our Children's Choir. Brother and Sister Spackman also ministered and the Lord blessed mightily. Life Church have supported the work of Adullam House now for 15 years and were celebrating their missions weekend! Thank you for the great fellowship guys!

If you would like the Children and our ministry team to come and share at your Church please contact our office and speak to Philip who will get that on our calendar!



Above: Many, many thanks to Heritage Baptist Church in Prattville, AL who helped Adullam House to buy this beautiful purple caterpillar that keeps our toddlers busy for hours! *How many amazing people have been a part of restoring and changing these children's lives!* Truly this has been such a coming together of God's people from all walks of life!

Ministry Opportunity

We would like to build a playground for the children of Adullam House.

With so many children we need a large play park. *Can you believe we have come this far without one?* This is quite an ambitious undertaking but with God's help and some good minds and muscle, we believe it can be accomplished this summer. **If you would like to be a part of making this happen, please contact our office to see**

how you can help!

Expansion!

With privilege comes responsibility! As the ministry of Adullam House has expanded, as more children have come and we have reached out to our mothers at Mary's Place, as the School has taken shape, so our financial obligations have increased. We have hired more staff and seen all of our overheads increase. Recently we have prayerfully examined the possibility of opening a thrift store. Not only would any excess donations bring in some much needed income, but also the store would provide work for our Mary's Place moms. In order to make this happen we will need a great deal of donated household items to sell. We are looking for good quality items, (not junk), that you your-self would consider buying! This is a good time to "spring-clean" and donate all your unwanted household items to fund this work! For pick up call 334 514 3070.

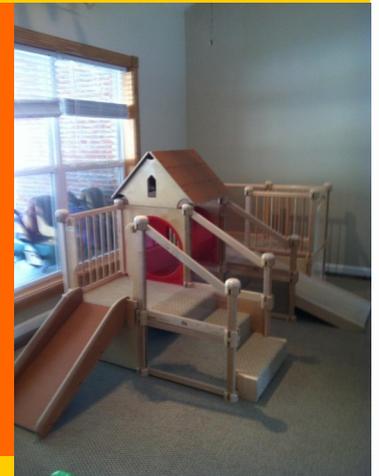
Something to think about.....

When the kids are all doing their homework or sitting nicely together playing a board game, *it's easy to forget*. When they are all bathed at night and snuggled up on the sofa to watch a movie, *it's easy to put it out of your mind*. When they come over for the unexpected hug, or slip you an "I love you card", *it seems a million miles away*. If they are playing soccer or screaming with laughter during nerf gun wars, *it doesn't even seem real*. **But real it is.**

These are the kids that just months ago were wondering how they were going to eat today. They are the kids who got left on someone's front porch, while mom was away taking drugs. They were the ones who woke up in the morning to find she wasn't there any more and waited all day to see if she would return.

These are the ones who went to five different schools in one year, who got behind with their grades, who didn't care what they were wearing, or if they were sleeping in a car and couldn't let it bother them that they didn't go on a school field trip.

Now life is safe. It **does** matter how you are doing in school because now, you have a chance to go to college. Someone **is** going to help you. You have a chance at life. Thank you friends, for giving to, and praying for, our **Adullam House Children. We need you!**



Many of you took part in the December Brighthouse "12 Days of Giving" competition. Though Adullam House did not win the \$10,000.00 prize for the most "likes" on the Brighthouse facebook pictures, we did receive a gift from Brighthouse to buy toys/formula for the children. So thanks to all who participated/liked and shared and enabled us to buy our babies this amazing loft!



We have met with 4 inmate mothers-to-be in January, who need our help. In December 2012, we had a tiny baby born to one of our mothers who was not due to give birth until March. She is still in the NICU and doing well, putting on weight nicely. We hope to welcome her home soon. ***It is going to be a busy year at Adullam House.*** *Please watch and share with all your friends* the new video on our facebook page. This year it will take a small 'army' to help underwrite this work and care for all these precious children.

Please help us make a difference in these precious lives.



I had a Hand in Adullam House .

Needs List for the month of February 2013

- **A Box truck is urgently needed for our pick ups!**
- **Clorox disinfecting wipes**
- **Spray disinfectant (such as Lysol)**
- **Laundry detergent (H.E.)**
- **Infant and Children's Tylenol**
- **Trash Bags (13 gal. and lawn bags!)**
- **Disposable paper products (including toilet tissue)**
- **Size #4 Diapers**

Remember!
When buying office products at ***Office Depot*** you can now designate ***A. H. C. A.*** as the School you would like to benefit from your purchase!



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