

Spring 2019



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24th Annual

MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

APRIL 27, 2019

MOUNTAIN AIRE GOLF CLUB

WEST JEFFERSON, NC

Proceeds to Benefit



8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Tee Times

\$75 per player (Includes green fee, cart fee, & lunch)

Captain's Choice format with available Mulligans & Red Tees

Tournament, Team, Hole & Prize Sponsorships available

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THANK YOU, ASHE COUNTY, for BEST of the BEST NONPROFIT!



Board Members, Michelle Dix, Pam Payne, Jan Hershner, Theresa Church, Autumn Cline, and Stephanie Baker accept the award on January 28th. (Photo Courtesy of Ashe Post & Times)

The NEST Alliance was honored and humbled to be voted the BEST of the BEST Nonprofit in Ashe County for 2018. Your support is greatly appreciated!



PLEASE NOTE: The NEST Alliance Resale Booth at Martha Mae's Emporium invites you to shop with us this spring. You are supporting our 3 missions when you shop or when you donate gently used or new items for us to continue restocking the booth. Thank you.

Child Abuse Prevention Month and National Foster Care Month

Nationally over 400,000 children are in foster care.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and May is National Foster Care Month. Both focus on the goal to create a better future for children through awareness.

The NEST Alliance believes there is a role for each of us to play in the lives of children and youth. Children are the foundation of our society, our community and our future. Children raised in nurturing, establishing, securing and trusting environments are more likely to prosper physically, emotionally, and academically and become successful contributing members of society. We can provide these environments through supporting programs, policies and resources that support the lives of children and families. Preventing child abuse and neglect results in better childhoods and makes possible the effective services that address the short and long-term effects of abuse on children, their families, and our communities. In April and May, our goal is to come together to participate in activities that show our commitment to building community awareness because we know there is strength in numbers. When we join resources by partnering as organizations, business leaders, faith-based groups, families, teachers, law enforcement, students, or other adults to implement effective prevention strategies, we can promote those nurturing environments. Creating those environments is the ultimate safe-homes goal of the Roots and Wings mission of The NEST Alliance. It requires action, like the ones listed below to help a child who **cannot** help themselves through no fault of his or her own. A well-known quote by John Bradford, "There, but for the grace of God go I" is a humbling reminder that anyone could be or could have been that child in need.

***Help mentor children *Advocate for policies that keep kids safe *Donate time or money or resources to a local child serving organization *Inspire others to get involved during Child Abuse Prevention and Foster Care months *Consider either becoming or encouraging a guardian ad litem, foster parent or adoptive parent for children *Pray without ceasing**

"AMERICA'S FOSTER CHILDREN COULD FILL 4 NFL STADIUMS." FROM RESTORATION THREADS



The middle school and high school members of our weekly NEST Kids program have completed a service project.

On Valentine's Day, they sent valentines they created to 62 Meals on Wheels recipients.

Thank you, leaders and NEST Kids for this wonderful outreach!

Foster Care Information

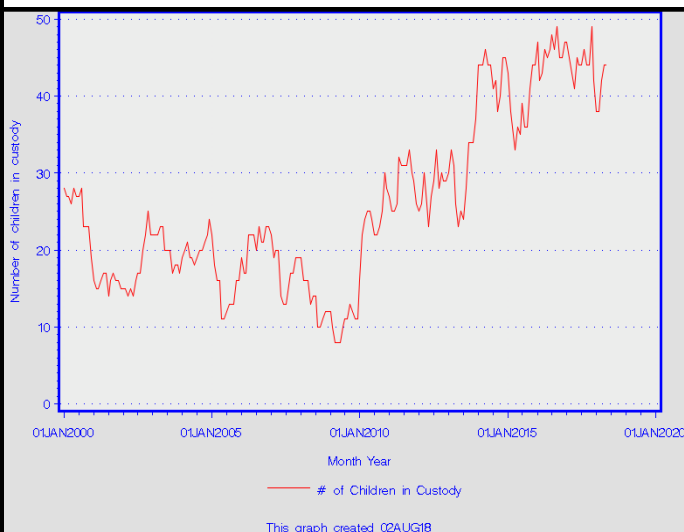
Boone and Me

The NEST Alliance has secured permission from the producer of the video, *Boone and Me* to place a link to this video on our website: thenestalliance.org.

We encourage the viewing of this video which tells the heart-touching true story of the adoption of a foster child who had been in 10 homes in 3 years. Boone Stokes and his dad, Cecil Stokes, now spend time speaking to groups and churches throughout the nation about foster care and adoption. They state they want to find forever families for every legally free child in foster care. They campaign for Christians "to step forward and become the forever families Christ's children deserve."

www.booneandme.org

Below is a graph created in August 2018 showing the number of children in DSS custody in Ashe County. The number has continued to rise from 11 recorded in 2010 to over 50 as of December 2018 (not shown on the graph). This trend of steadily rising numbers is also true nationally.



Who can be a foster parent?

- *Be at least 21 years old
- *Have a stable home and income
- *Be willing to be fingerprinted and have a criminal records check
- *Maintain a drug-free environment
- *Complete all required training and be licensed by the state of N.C.
- *One or two parent households
- *Parents who work or stay home
- *Those who have raised children and those who have not.

For more information, please contact Ashe County DSS at 336-982-7800.

"God does abundantly above all that we ask or imagine."

based on Ephesians 3:20

KIDS HELPING KIDS

Some area Girl Scouts have chosen to use their volunteer time in The NEST Alliance clothing closet helping sort donations of clothing, sizing, and arranging items to make it easier for distribution to children in need. In addition, the Girl Scouts and youth from Laurel Knob Baptist Church, presented a great program to our NEST Kids on February 11th that was well received and appreciated.



THANK YOU, GIRL SCOUTS

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