

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO... ***STAY HOME!***

THE NEST ALLIANCE 5th ANNUAL “STAY AT HOME” BENEFIT

**Mail a donation, stay
home, and enjoy your
evening!**

*This will be the best
event you **WON'T**
attend!!*

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**DON'T**

Get dressed up, buy a  
ticket, leave your cozy  
setting, or  
stay out too late!

**DO**

Enjoy a great fall evening  
at home doing whatever  
you love!

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We continue in our 9th year to build nurturing, establishing, securing,
and trusting environments for children. We are The NEST Alliance
for children in Ashe County.

The dignity of the children we serve is our top priority.

The quiet support of people like you helps
to make this priority a reality.

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Your donation supports our 100% volunteer work with 3 ongoing faith-  
based outreach missions: NEST Kids weekly program, NEST Net for  
resources for children and the vision of Roots and Wings children's  
homes in Ashe County.

We welcome ANY donated amount, and ongoing donations are  
greatly appreciated. The NEST Alliance is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the extent  
provided by law. Please make checks payable to The NEST Alliance.  
PayPal is available on our website: [www.thenestalliance.org](http://www.thenestalliance.org)

*Please return the enclosed RSVP with the contribution you choose.  
Thank you for considering our invitation.*

We extend a special “thank you” to one of our donors, who for the past 5 years, has earmarked a contribution  
to cover the printing and mailing costs of our STAY AT HOME invitations.



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## "YOU REALLY NEED TO THANK THOSE PEOPLE"

### 2010-2019

*During the past nine years, donations of money, time, or resources have opened doors to:*

- Over 400 two-hour weekly NEST Kids programs
- Over 7,000 individual meals served
- Over 8,000 weekly snack bags
- Over 180 book bags, school supplies, clothing, & pairs of shoes for children
- Over 180 gifts of clothing and food for children and their families at Christmas
- Over 180 birthday presents
- Over 1,800 literacy materials distributed to children
- Over 400 van trips made to transport children to and from activities
- Over 6,300 hours of time spent as adult mentors for children
- Summer Camp costs for younger and older children
- Funds for foster children's needs and for resources for foster parents
- Funds to help meet immediate needs as they arise for children and their families
- Sponsorship Support for six Annual Golf Tournaments
- A clothing closet that extends to DSS use for foster children
- A partnership with Crossnore School and Children's Home to provide more foster homes in our county with ongoing training and support systems for foster families

Dear Donor,

As is usual each week, Kendra, a NEST Alliance director/volunteer recently drove the van to pick up children for our NEST Kids Program. What was not usual was that Tammy, a treasured volunteer who helps with van transportation, and Kendra were surprised by questions from a NEST Kid who was sitting close to the driver's seat. This is a child who has been enrolled in the NEST Kids Program since we began 9 years ago, and is now in his 5th grade school year and doing well.

His question was, "Do you all get paid to do this?"

Kendra responded, "No, we don't get paid. We just enjoy our time spent with you."

There is a pause before he asks, "How do you pay your electric bill?"

With a lump in her throat, Kendra answers, "We have some people and churches who give donations to help us pay for things we need so we can do what we do."

The boy was quiet for a moment, and then he says, "Oh." Another pause, and then he adds, "You really need to thank those people."

Today, we are doing what this long-term NEST Kid said we need to do. We are **really thanking each of you** for your support. You help us "keep the lights on in children's lives" in more ways than you can imagine.

In gratitude,  
The NEST Alliance Board of Directors

### ROOTS AND WINGS: HOPE FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES

#### Becoming A Reality

Approximately 70 people, including representation from churches, community organizations and interested individuals were present at the *Roots and Wings: Hope for Brighter Futures* event sponsored by The NEST Alliance, the Ashe County Department of Social Services and Crossnore School and Children's Home on August 24th. The NEST Alliance is excited to be a part of a fostering communities initiative to bring more foster homes to our county. Currently, 56 local children are in foster care and over half of those children need to be sent outside of our county for placement. We look forward to the day when we have more foster homes in Ashe County than we have children needing homes.

#### A SAMPLE OF "BECAUSE OF YOU"

*Two middle-school boys are playing football this season because their registration fees were paid.*

*One student went to Washington with his class.*

*One special needs foster child has a car seat designed to meet a disability and can now travel in a car.*

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100% Volunteers

100% Donor Supported

Your Support: 100% Priceless