



501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

www.thenestalliance.org

WINTER 2025



**TIME FOR
CONNECTION**
(Nurturing)

**TIME FOR
MENTORING**
(Establishing)

**MAKING
EVERY MOMENT
MATTER**



**TIME FOR
NEEDS**
(Securing)

**TIME FOR
HOPE**
(Trusting)

In addition to ongoing support shown in each picture above, each figure in the graphic represents 1 of 28 children or youth who received direct support from The NEST Alliance in December (see page 2).

100% Volunteers

100% Donor Supported

Your Support: 100% Priceless

CHRISTMAS 2024

Our 15th Year of Light-Filled NEST Christmas Memories



"I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world."

-Norman Vincent Peale



28 children and youth received gifts from their wish lists and new shoes. Foster parents in Ashe County received a \$100 gift card and an appreciation card from The NEST Alliance.

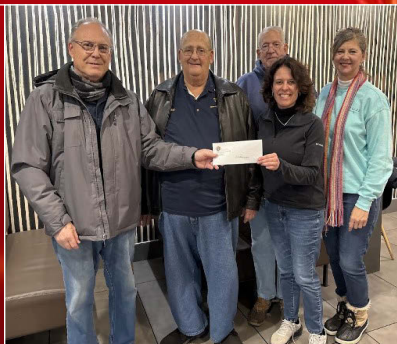
Thank you to Shoes for Kids and to all donors for your support that made these gifts possible.

NEST Kids practicing (below) with other children for the Christmas play at Appalachian Church. A meal and van transportation were provided by The NEST Alliance for them before each practice.

What a wonderful Christmas celebration!



Directors, Kendra Graybeal and Pam Payne, receive a \$400 donation from the Knights of Columbus Council 16839 to help cover costs of warm clothing for children and youth. We are grateful for their caring support each year.



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

In gratitude to a group of volunteers who gave a special gift to all kids in our NEST Kids Program.

Thank you to all directors and volunteers who helped with the Christmas meal, transportation and deliveries.

"The light in a child's eyes is all it takes to make Christmas a magical time of year."

from: simply-well-balanced.com

Missions: NEST Kids, NEST Net, Roots and Wings Children's Homes

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

There are many ways to mentor a child or youth. The NEST Alliance has been blessed to witness mentoring during the past weeks through unique gifts given from 3 groups of adults who have showered the children and youth we serve with gifts of beauty, comfort, and encouragement. Each gift was uniquely designed and handmade. Mentoring does not get more special than making something for a child to use or to stay warm with this winter. It sends the message that instills, "We care about YOU." That message lives on to be a forever memory.

A heartfelt thanks to these 3 groups for working with their hands to bring joy and happiness in a most wonderful and unique way to those we serve.

The King's Stitchers, Virginia Beach, VA

100 unique Bookworm Markers to give out with the books given to children



Ashe County Piecemakers Quilt Guild

100+ Quilted Handmade Bags with personal gifts tucked inside them with room left for books to be added from our Scholastic Literacy Program in the coming year



Two Local Women

Beautiful quilts sewn for each child or youth by Pam Shatley & Laurie Wickryrk



We extend a thank you to Arvill Scott, board member, and the WJ Methodist Church Bed Ministry who have continued to respond to needs for beds for families and children, but even more so as homes were lost or furnishings damaged during Hurricane Helene. The NEST Alliance is grateful to have given resources of clothing, bedding, and other support as we expanded our outreach to help families and children affected.

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:18

The NEST Alliance
PO Box 684
West Jefferson, NC 28694
Contact: thenestalliance@gmail.com
Phone: 828-964-2350

We welcome ANY donated amount, and on-going 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. eGiving is available for donations online at www.thenestalliance.org. Donors may also request tax-free transfers from an IRA or automated bank drafts.

Board of Directors

Kendra Graybeal, President
Pam Payne, Vice President
Autumn Cline, Secretary/Treasurer
Stephanie Baker
Theresa Church
Arvill Scott



3 Founders and Former Board Members
Michelle Dix Jan Hershner Kari Truax