The NEST Alliance™

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Amanda Rhyne, Executive Director of Fostering Connection for the High Country *(left)* and Kendra Graybeal, President of The Board of Directors of The NEST Alliance *(right)*

LEARNING AND GROWING Together

"The little slice of time God offers each generation is a trust…We still have a chance to positively affect the generation that follows us." *Beth Moore*

The NEST Alliance is grateful for the opportunity to work together with Foster Connection for the High Country in their goal to support families who receive children through foster care, kinship care and adoption.

Foster Connection and The NEST Alliance are working together to improve ongoing support for foster children and families. We recently met to find ways to become as effective as possible in our outreaches. Theresa Church, a founder and board member of The NEST Alliance, also met with the two leaders pictured above as they spent an afternoon at The NEST Center learning about and sharing what each organization is doing to help families and children and ways the two organizations can connect to continue to grow in that support. We share the goals of seeking more foster families, assisting struggling families, and meeting needs as they arise for children and their caregivers. One immediate way The NEST Alliance supported the efforts of Fostering Connection was to supply 12 hardback copies of **The Time Saving Mom** (*pictured above*) to Amanda Rhyne to share as a resource for foster parents in Ashe and surrounding counties in the High Country. This book is written by a foster mom who gives encouraging time-saving and practical help for moms who work daily to meet the demands of caring for a home and children. Learning about and implementing concrete ways to improve our support for children in foster care is a major goal of our Roots and Wings mission.

WHY DOES IT MATTER? BECAUSE IN 2025:

ASHE COUNTY HAD ONLY 11 LICENSED FOSTER HOMES WITH A TOTAL OF 55 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

NC HAD ONLY 5,500 LICENSED FOSTER HOMES WITH 11,000 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

2025 statistics provided by Ashe County DSS & shared at The NEST Alliance annual golf tournament in June 2026

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

Thank you for making our 2026 Golf Tournament A Success!

76 Sponsors + 162 Golfers = $14,850.79 Profit For Our Missions!

Thank you to Mountain Aire Golf Club and to each sponsor, golfer, and volunteer.

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- Neal Hardison
- New River Calvary Church
- Old Hotel
- Outback Steakhouse
- Plaza Del Sol
- Red Dog Café
- Restoration Church
- Sandra Ray
- Sprinkle's Salt of the Earth
- The Club at Irish creek
- Town Tavern

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Supporting Families and Children Where They Are

Thank you to each donor whose giving unites with that of other donors to form an alliance of strength and hope that often takes place "behind the scenes."

Your support allows us to never cease:

Bags, books and hygiene supplies ready to deliver

Encouraging Open Communication
Practicing Gratitude and Kindness
Praying for Healing and Restoration
Overcoming Daily Challenges
Providing Practical Assistance — Meals, Clothing, Shoes, Beds
Providing Camp and Youth Group Opportunities

Bedding & beds for a mother and her 3 children given when requested by DSS

Messages for a child that last a lifetime—
"I belong." "I'm special." "I trust." "I can."
are possible each time The NEST Alliance faces the ongoing challenges of need.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."
Philippians 2:4

A HIGHLIGHT MOMENT FOR THE NEST ALLIANCE

A most wonderful young man graduated from high school on June 11th. He has been a part of our NEST Kids Program and our hearts since 2010 when he was 2 years old. As a donor, you can know you played a role that impacted his life in various ways for sixteen years. Together, we can be humbly proud of this young man who one time asked how we were able to do what we do and how could we pay the bills to do it. When he was told we have people who help us, he replied, "You really need to thank those people." We feel this young man has the potential to positively impact many lives. One thing is certain, our NEST hearts and prayers will always be with this young man. May his future be beyond all he could ever hope for or imagine.

"Life loves to be taken by the lapel and be told, 'I am with you kid. Let's go!'" Maya Angelo

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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. PayPal is available for donations online at www.thenestalliance.org. Donors may also request tax-free transfers from an IRA or automated bank drafts.

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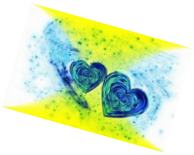

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