

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



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**WINTER
2026**



OUR MISSIONS HAVE BEEN OPEN FROM 2010 to 2026

No matter how small or great
Our space to meet with or to help children
Might have been in any given
Season of their lives,
There has always been
Room to do what
We have been given to do -
With missions open to create

**Nurturing, Establishing, Securing, Trusting
Environments
For children and youth to
Lean into.**

***We remain
open into our
16th year***

as we continue to anchor
our work on faith.

Eugene Peterson writes
the following in *The
Message*, based on
Galatians 6:4: "Make a
careful exploration of
who you are and the
work you have been
given, and then sink
yourself into it."

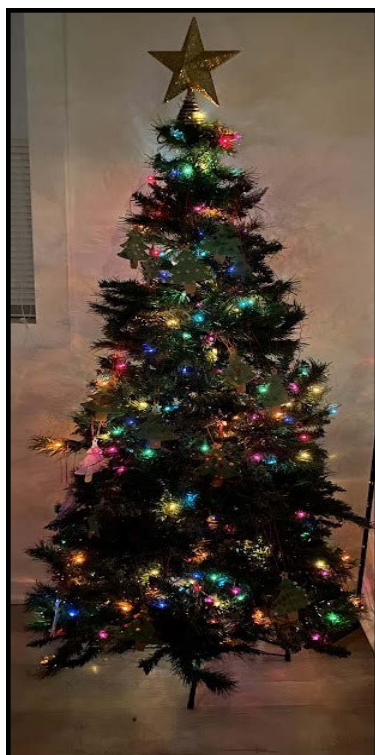
In 2026, we pray to
continue to "sink
ourselves into our
missions" and to keep
the eyes of our hearts
open to the needs in
front of us. We lean into
the strength of support
from our active board of
directors, our volunteers
who range in age from
18 to 88 and our
treasured, consistent
donors, who confirm that
heart doors remain open,
and that indeed,
"With God, all things
are possible."

(Matthew 19:26)

100% Volunteers

100% Donor Supported

Your Support: 100% Priceless



~Christmas 2025~

Thank you for the Giving Effect

This was an important milestone Christmas for The NEST Center. It was the first time the recently completed Activity/Outreach Room was decorated for Christmas. This area of The NEST Center serves all 3 missions throughout the year.



All decorations were donated by board members.

THE GIVING EFFECT = ONGOING CARING

A group from Liberty Baptist Church provides a meal for our weekly NEST Kids Program on the first Wednesday of each month, and a group from Sunnyside Church provides a meal for our program on the third Wednesday of each month. These groups also provided a stuffed stocking and a gift to make Christmas special for each child this year.

THE GIVING EFFECT = LASTING CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

Christmas Meal

MMMA (Medical Missions Ministry of Ashe) provided funding for a wonderful NEST Kids Christmas meal. MMMA is an ongoing supporter.

Robin Miller, at The Baker's Addict, provided the cake shown below. She also makes and donates our monthly birthday cakes.



Food Support

Appalachian Church provided kid user-friendly food packages for our NEST Kids during the Christmas break from school. Our partnership with this church is ongoing as they also fully include and support our NEST Kids in their AppKids Groups each week as well as in Christmas plays and other events.

New Shoes

Melody Rector with Shoes for Kids

provided shoes for the children and youth we serve this Christmas.

Shoes for Kids is a consistent "alliance" part of The NEST Alliance, responding to our requests for shoes throughout the year as sizes and needs change. A comfortable quality shoe is a lasting childhood memory.



Presents

Each Financial Donor made possible the purchase of many wish-list Christmas gifts for 27 kids that included kids in our NEST Kids Program and other local children and youth.

Knights of Columbus Council 16839 gave funding for clothing needs.

"What we give away will be ours forever." David McGee, author and inspirational speaker

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

MOVING PAST LIMITATIONS & BARRIERS

Kids can encounter limitations and barriers that are difficult to overcome. We do our best to make sure each child knows how special they are and that no matter what problems they may face, there is someone who loves and believes in them. To strengthen us, so we can strengthen them, we never stop learning. In our *NEST Twig Collection*, we have recorded some of those “learning curves.” As we enter 2026, we share one of those “learning curves” with you to hopefully strengthen your journey also.

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” – Isaiah 40:31

Why the Eagle?

1. “Like the eagle, we rise above, not because we are without fear, but because we face it head-on.”
2. “A wise eagle knows when to soar and when to rest, just as a wise person knows when to act and when to pause.”
3. “Every eagle’s flight begins with the courage to spread its wings.”
4. “Eagles do not focus on the storms; they rise above them.”
5. “Eagles don’t fear the change in the wind—they use it to soar.”
6. “Let every obstacle you face be the wind that lifts you higher.”



Quotes are taken from various sources and recorded in our NEST Twig Collection

THE WAY FORWARD - OUR GOALS FOR 2026

THE NEST KIDS PROGRAM: Strengthen ongoing, positive experiences through regularly scheduled meetings that include transportation and meals for kids who are enrolled in the program. Promote connections and interactions that positively impact the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of those we serve.

NEST NET MISSION: Seek and utilize resources to meet basic needs of struggling biological families with children and provide resources for local children with special needs. Work with Fostering Communities to strengthen and increase the number of foster families in Ashe County.

ROOTS AND WINGS MISSION: Maintain The NEST Center so that it is equipped and prepared to provide a Nurturing, Establishing, Securing, Trusting environment to meet needs of children and youth.

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