



# Presbyterian Home for Children

*An agent of God's love called to transform the lives of children and their families.*

The Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, Alabama, serves children and families who seek healing and hope for their troubled lives.

Following the Civil War, members of the Presbyterian Church in Alabama, recognizing the large number of widows and orphans in Alabama, decided to open a children's home. Children now come to the Home for many different reasons. Some have suffered from neglect, abuse, or abandonment. This causes specific behavioral or emotional problems that cannot be resolved in their own homes or in a foster home.

Other college age students who have lived at the Home remain in our care through their college graduation and check in with us on a regular basis.

## Programs

- The Transition to Adult Living Program provides room, board and support services for young women, ages 19-24, with a goal of educating, equipping, and empowering them to move toward full independence.
- Secure Dwellings provides transitional housing on the campus of the Presbyterian Home. The program ministers to homeless children and

their female caregivers to provide a safe haven for children who have been homeless to rest, grow, and play while their parent or guardian works on developing the educational, vocational, and social skills necessary to become self-sufficient.

- The Moderate Care residential program for girls, housed in a residential cottage with full-time house parents, addresses the needs of girls who have suffered from some of the most severe trauma or abuse.
- Family Bridges offers assistance to families in need of Intensive In-Home Services in the East Central Region of Alabama. Intensive In-Home Services is a dynamic process that focuses on achieving the outcome of successful permanency within a safe, stable family setting in a timely manner for children.
- The Presbyterian Home for Children's Education System is a fully AdvancED accredited system. Hope Academy, grades 9-12 and Ascension Leadership Academy, grades K-8 provide personalized education to all residents of the Home as well day students. With

its low teacher to student ratio and personalized instruction plans, even children who have fallen behind in school are able to live up to their full academic potential.

- Supportive Housing provides safe, well maintained, affordable housing to people in need to help break the cycle of homelessness experienced by many low-income and disabled persons.

## Covenant Relationship

The Presbyterian Home is a shared ministry of Alabama's three presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (USA): North Alabama, Sheppards and Lapsley, and South Alabama.



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