



Summertime FUN!

There was no shortage of summertime fun here at Chambliss Center for Children! Rain or shine, our campus was filled with fun and laughter as school-age children enjoyed our annual summer program. Around 80 children, ranging from five – 12 years old spent their summer with us playing tennis, making arts and crafts, going on field trips, taking dance lessons, playing in the pool, and more! Some of these children are in our care before and after school throughout the year, and some come only during the summer. All are here because their parents are working or in school and want their children in a quality program during their summer vacation from school. Thank you to the **Junior Tennis League of Chattanooga** for volunteering to teach our children how to play tennis, **Frederick Davis**, our special guest dance instructor, and everyone who contributed to make our summer special!



TVA Spring Tournament



Esther Andrews, Jeff Norrell, Jim Petrides, and Steve McKinney enjoyed the beautiful weather at Top Golf during the pre-tournament reception.

Due to COVID, the fall 2021 TVA Nuclear Golf Tournament was rescheduled to the Spring this year, and we were so happy to see all our TVA friends and their guests on Tuesday, April 5th at Council Fire Golf Club. TVA employees, especially Jennifer Affolder, spent countless hours organizing the event and encouraging the support of our wonderful sponsors. We can't thank this group enough for the support they provide to make an impact in the lives of children and families across our community!



The TVA golf tournament could not happen without this great group. Pictured here with A'Marley and Delaney from our child care program are: (left to right) Angela Smith, Chris Willingham, Lynette Anderson, Jennifer Affolder, Lucia Harvey, Pam Rearden, Matt Brant, and Elaine Steele on the top row and Tim Rausch and Myra Fuller on the bottom row.



Ryan Jones, Austen Lulfs, Trevor Cothran, and Warren Shows were happy to meet our two special guests.



It may have gotten a little rainy on the course, but that didn't stop the above team of Jim Springfield, Tracy Hightower, John Yacoub, and Tate Truong from having fun!

This group of good sports loved their gift for winning highest score in the tournament. Pictured here are Eric Jenkins, Chris Glover, and Curtis Casey posing with their new books Master Your Tennis Game.

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The kids loved “hanging” out at the **Chattanooga Aerials** station.

Bunny Hop! Chairmen **Katie & Zach Downs** did a great job heading up the event this year. Here they are with their sons **Turner**, and **Will** as well as their daughter **CaliAnna**.



This duo had a great time playing basketball in the sports zone.



Bunny Hop! is Back!



The 21st annual Bunny Hop! took place on Friday, May 13th at the **First Horizon Pavilion**. This fun, family-friendly event included food, drinks, a silent auction for the adults, and a full lineup of exciting activities for children including arts and crafts, baby animals, a video game trailer, inflatables, a photo booth, a sports zone, kids’ karaoke, and more! **Katie & Zach Downs**, served as Chairmen for this year’s event and, along with their dedicated committee, helped coordinate this special evening. We greatly appreciate our Presenting Bunny, **Seed Biotech** and Grand Bunnies, **The Mark Hite Team** and **Chattanooga Times Free Press**, along with all of the sponsors, volunteers, and attendees who made this such a successful Bunny Hop! Together, we raised nearly \$59,000 to help us continue serving children and families in this community!

The bunny petting zoo is always a big hit!



We’re very thankful to **Noah’s Little Ark** for brining all their furry friends to this special event each year. Pictured here is **Abby Akridge** sharing a special moment with her little one.



These sweet sisters enjoyed posing with silly props from our photo booth.



We are so thankful for the support of our Presenting Bunny **Seed Biotech**.



Around the Center

The summer wouldn't be complete without a visit to the **Tennessee Aquarium!** In addition to exploring the aquarium, our summer campers also watched an educational movie screening in the **IMAX** theater. Pictured here is our youngest group of campers with the newest art installation outside the Ocean Journey building.



To kick-off our summer camp "Field Trip Fridays," we had the opportunity to visit the **CHI Memorial Stadium** and watch the **Chattanooga Red Wolves** as they practiced for a big game! Pictured here is summer camper **Gabe** sporting his own Red Wolves jersey alongside Red Wolves mascot **Rusty**.



As a special addition to our summer program, Chattanooga native and professional dancer **Fredrick Davis** led a dance class for our school-age children ending in an incredible talent show. We want to thank everyone who made it possible for us to bring Fred to Chambliss Center for Children this summer!

Our tennis courts were in tip-top shape for summer camp after the **Baylor Tennis Team** came by this Spring for a volunteer day!



The team at **Thrivent**, led by **J.R. Peterson** was a HUGE help during our Administrative Building move.

We want to send a special thanks to this group as well as several volunteers from **Tennessee Valley Authority** for making our move as smooth as possible! Pictured here, left-to-right, are **Mark Gluckner, Kedric Webster, J.R. Petersen, Avery Bachman, Linda Petersen, Brian Allen, and Simeon Baskerville**.



Students from **Girls Preparatory School** had a ton of fun preparing an egg hunt for our Runabouts and Pre-K classes. Thank you for all you do, GPS!

Our little ones had so much fun listening to Disney songs performed by this small ensemble of talented musicians! Pictured here, from left to right, are **Autumn Cadieux, Jake Stubblefield, Daniel Miranda, Lindsey Coppel, and Lily Andrews**.



We are so thankful for partners like **Tennessee Valley Authority** who regularly volunteer their time to help us beautify our campus. This summer,

the Management Team from TVA came out to hang pictures, mulch playgrounds, build furniture, and so much more. Thank you, TVA!

Put your mark on the house that will change the way Hamilton County cares for children entering state care. For a limited time, you can purchase a brick to be placed in the driveway leading to the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children. These bricks come in two sizes and can be personalized with a special custom engraving. The last day to purchase a brick will be September 9th. If you want to learn more and purchase your brick on the Pathway of Hope, scan the QR code to the right. For more information, contact Emily Barrow at esbarrow@chamblisscenter.org or call 423-468-1139.

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We want to give our thanks to each one of you for your help in making Chambliss Center for Children the best place for children in our community! This list acknowledges those who donated time, talents, and services from February 16 – June 30, 2022. Thank you!

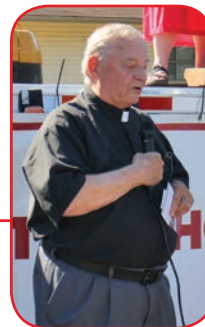
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A Ground-Shaking Groundbreaking!

The groundbreaking event for the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children was held on June 16th. Friends of the agency, representatives from the Department of Children's Services, Isaiah 117 House staff, and more came to celebrate the official start of construction on Hamilton County's first Isaiah 117 House. After an opening prayer, the ceremony began with remarks from Chambliss Center for Children President and CEO **Katie Harbison**; Program Coordinator **Chloe Hasden**; and Department of Children's Services and Regional Administrator **Shannon Romans**. Isaiah 117 House Director of Finance **Bryan White** closed the ceremony by thanking **Ethan Collier of Collier Construction** for all his help making this house a reality for the children of Hamilton County. Finally, the groundbreaking ended with a "ground-shaking" moment as a large piece of machinery began demolishing the former administrative building where the new Isaiah 117 House will be built. We want to thank everyone who came out to celebrate, **Mary & Ethan Collier** for heading up the construction of this project, and **Lee-Smith Inc.** for providing a stage for the event. You can keep up with the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children by following us at [Facebook.com/Isaiah117HouseCCC](https://www.facebook.com/Isaiah117HouseCCC).



Visitors were excited to see floor plans for the new house at Chambliss Center for Children before the event.



Father Gary Callahan kicked off the event with an opening prayer.



Our Board members had a great time gathering for the Friends Luncheon after their monthly meeting. Pictured here are Board members **Cathy Dorvil**, **Wes Bonds**, **Ashley Davenport**, and **Thessela White** enjoying their meals.

We Love Our Volunteers!

For 150 years, we have relied on the hard work and dedication of our faithful volunteers to keep Chambliss Center for Children operating. One of our favorite ways to show our appreciation is during National Volunteer Appreciation Month in April with our annual Friends Luncheon. We would like to sincerely thank our Director of Volunteer Services, **Dana Jones**, for coordinating this fun event. For the second year, we treated guests to meals prepared by local food trucks (**California Smothered Burrito** and **Mac's Subs & Fries**) and gave out special thank you gifts as volunteers gathered on our campus. We couldn't do what we do without the hundreds of volunteers who contribute thousands of hours to our agency every year! Thank you!



Volunteers **Beegie** and **Mike Garvich** are long-time volunteers with Chambliss Center for Children, and we were happy to see them on this special occasion.

Our friends from the **Unwanted Motorcycle Club** have been dedicated volunteers for the agency for many years. Pictured here are just a few members enjoying lunch together.



Volunteers **Robin Renegar** and **Jean Massengale** caught up as they waited for their meals.

School age teacher **Nita Penn** tried the cheesesteak from **Mac's Subs & Fries** on her lunch break.



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Expansion Committee Member **Mickey Olin** invited guests to learn more about our brick fundraiser and purchase Isaiah 117 House shirts.



Isaiah 117 House Regional Coordinator **Beth Kasch**; Isaiah 117 House Director of Operations **Ben Lyle**; **Ethan Collier** of Collier Construction; Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children Program Coordinator **Chloe Hasden**; Department of Children's Services Regional Administrator **Shannon Romans**; Isaiah 117 House Director of Finance **Bryan White**; and Chambliss Center for Children President and CEO **Katie Harbison** (from left to right) pose for a picture in front of the future site of the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children.

Coming all the way from Carter County, **Bryan White**, Director of Finance for **Isaiah 117 House**, spoke on the partnership between the two organizations.



Aliyah and **Cayenne**, pictured here, found a nice shaded area to cast their lines in the water.



Zayden is pictured here showing off his biggest catch of the day.

Fishing at Fowler Farms

Following a tradition that started in the 1950's, every summer, the Fowler family hosts some of our older children for a day of fun and fishing on Lookout Mountain. The day began with a safety lesson and instructions from area fisherman, **Mac McGee** prior to the kids picking up their cane poles and worms. It was a sunny day this year, and the fish were definitely biting! We want to thank Sustaining Board member, **Gwin Tugman**, Mr. McGee, Sustaining Board member **Frank Fowler** and his family, our Board members, and volunteers for providing such a great day outdoors for our kids!



Our campers, staff, and volunteers enjoyed a delicious box lunch courtesy of **Chick-Fil-A** on Brainerd Road during a mid-day break from fishing.



After receiving a lesson on fishing safety, the children in our summer program took a quick group picture before they picked out their fishing poles for the day.



David was thrilled to catch a fish with the help of volunteer **Robert Tugman** and Sustaining Board member **Gwin Tugman**.

Splish Splash!

Tennessee American Water once again helped us kick-off the summer season with a pool party on May 27th for the children participating in our summer program. Dozens of our school-aged children participated in this year's event and received a water bottle, beach ball, popsicles, cookies, and more. In addition to speaking to the children and handing out treats, Tennessee American Water also filled up our 40,000-gallon pool at no cost to us, which is a big help to our budget! Thank you, TAWC!

Our kids jumped into summer with a splash!

School-age campers **Jayceon** and **Aiden** loved the pool noodles from **Tennessee American Water**.



We're very thankful to our summer camp staff for keeping our children safe while having fun. Pictured here (left to right) are **Ms. Nikkita**, **Mr. Daniel**, **Ms. Heather**, **Ms. Nita**, **Ms. Morgan**, and **Mr. Marcus**.



Tennessee American Water employee **Kathryn Robinson** taught our summer campers about how water gets from the Tennessee River right into our pool each year.



Pictured here from left to right, **Olivia**, **Maddison**, **Mia**, and **Raven** couldn't wait to get in the pool to show off their swim skills!

Braxton wants to thank our friends at **Tennessee American Water** for sponsoring our annual pool party again this year.



After having a great time in the pool, **Desmond** and **Jayceon** cooled off with some popsicles.

Financial Donations This list of financial contributions is from February 16 – June 30, 2022. If we have omitted your name, please accept our apologies and let us know so that we may correct our records and acknowledge you in our holiday newsletter. Thanks to each of you for helping us continue our mission of working with our community's families and children.

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including Chambliss Center for Children in your estate plans, you will help ensure that Chattanooga will always be known as a place that cares for its most vulnerable citizens.

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"We give monthly to Chambliss Center for Children because its dedication to the children of Chattanooga is a 24/7 commitment 365 days a year. We contribute in honor of the many foster families who love our community's children, the many children who have found forever homes in reconciliation with their families or adoptions, and the new Isaiah 117 House which will provide children a place of comfort on Removal Day. We are proud supporters of the most dedicated, brilliant Chambliss Center for Children staff who walk with these children every day and night."

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Ready for Kindergarten



Pre-K graduate **Laythan** accepted his diploma from his teacher, **Naquita Lester**.



Pre-K teachers **Angelia Todd, Gabrielle Johnson, Naquita Lester, Kisha Fifer, Alisha Morgan, Liz Adams, and Piper Austin** (from left to right) posed for a picture with the graduating class before the ceremony.



The ceremony began with the graduating class leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special guest **Karitsa Jones** addressed the graduates and attendees about the importance of self-confidence.



Recent graduate **Delaney** is pictured here with her proud sister during the reception.

Pre-K Graduation is one of our favorite days at Chambliss Center for Children. Our awesome teachers work every day to make sure our preschoolers are Kindergarten-ready, and this special event gives them a chance to show off all they have learned. Family members and friends, including Director of the Department of Early Learning and District 5 School Board Member **Karitsa Jones**, joined us to celebrate the day. Dressed in blue caps and gowns, our graduates marched into the ceremony and stated their letters, numbers, colors, months, and more. Each child also received a diploma to mark the day and their accomplishments. We are honored to play a part in the future success of our students!

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