



PW Newsletter
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from the Thornwell Campus

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The fall season is always such a delightful time of year. As Autumn enters with its vivid colors and cooler temperatures, I am reminded of a young girl, strolling along the farm road at Thornwell, carefully choosing the most vibrant of leaves – gold, orange, red, and yellow – arranging them into a perfect bouquet. As she continues her journey she is purposeful as she crunches acorns under her feet.

Recently this young lady returned to Thornwell, smiling with pride as she introduced her children to the staff. During her visit, she again walked along the farm road, this time teaching her toddlers how to crunch acorns and make leaf bouquets, taking the time to explain to them that God makes the seasons change, and that His love for us is unchanging.

This story is shared with you as a thank you. Through your prayerful support, a difference was made in the life of a child, a gift that is being continued through this woman's interactions with her children.

May you find beauty in the seasons of life.



With the holidays fast approaching, many folks are looking for an alternative to purchasing Christmas gifts. Below are some ideas where you can make an honorary gift and touch the life of a child at the same time.



- \$10** Will purchase toiletry items, socks, picture frames
- \$25** Will purchase personal care items, department store gift cards (for birthdays/incentives), stationery supplies, alarm clocks
- \$30** Will provide school funds to help with field trip fees, school pictures/yearbooks, senior expenses, extracurricular activities
- \$50** Will provide welcome basket, bath linens and bedding for new admissions
- \$100** Will supply a pizza party for a cottage, funds for an off-campus outing, bike for a teen
- Any Amount** Supports Thornwell's ongoing ministry to children

THORNWELL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

You may have heard that the Thornwell Sponsorship Department is making some important changes in the upcoming Christmas season. In an effort to promote family tradition, fairness, and gift equity for all members of our cottage families, we are asking our Christmas sponsors to purchase gift cards or give monetary donations to Thornwell instead of making the children's wish-list purchases directly. Our cottage Family Teachers will then use the gift cards and cash to purchase gifts. This new practice will not only promote family tradition and gift equity; it will also help to eliminate duplicate gifts and incorrect sizes.



As everyone makes plans for the Christmas season, we pray our sponsors will continue to support their Thornwell friend(s). Monetary gifts or gift cards will be a tremendous help in equipping and empowering the Family Teachers as they care and provide for the children in their care.

As always, sponsors will receive notice that their gift was received and an update on how their gift(s) impacted the life of a child.

To those of you who are currently participating in the Thornwell Sponsorship Program, we say a heartfelt "thank you." For those of you who want to learn more about how you can impact the life of a child, please contact Chandra Coleman at 864-938-2700 or c.coleman@thornwell.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

• Does your church participate in the Thornwell Offering? If you would like more information or need some materials (bulletin inserts, etc), please contact us.



• *Invite a speaker to tell about this ministry. We are available for a Minute for Mission, Church Night Dinner, Presbyterian Women or Presbyterian Men Gathering, or speaking from the pulpit.*

• Collect gift cards to be used for gifting and for incentives.

The most popular gift cards include:

Walmart, Target, Barnes and Noble, Best Buy, and Amazon.

Entertainment gift cards are also popular, especially McDonalds, Sonic, and Wendy's, as well as Regal Cinema.

• *Plan a visit to campus. Enjoy a walking tour of campus, learn about the past, witness the present and envision the future of this ministry.*

• The bathrooms in Georgia-Beatie Cottage are in desperate need of repair and renovation. Make a gift to help today!

CAMPUS NEWS

Middle School Youth will attend a Fall Retreat in Black Mountain in mid-November. The theme is "SOS - Lost Then Found."

High School Youth will join the youth of Grace PC, Fort Mill for a spiritual retreat at Ridgecrest in the NC mountains in mid- November.

Thornwell students finish up the first nine weeks of school October 21 The celebration for meeting their Accelerated Reading goals will be held October 24.

Thornwell has admitted several large sibling groups this past month. What a wonderful gift to these children to be able to remain together!

