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FIRST FAMILIES Honored



L to R: Leonard, Justine and David spoke to FIRST FAMILIES guests at Myers Park Country Club about how they have benefitted from their stay at Elon Homes.

Both Kennedy and Snyder Campuses held dinners to honor FIRST FAMILIES friends from the respective areas who have given generously in support of the home.

Myers Park Country Club hosted the Charlotte event; in Burlington, guests dined at the Alamance Country Club.

The Mary Elizabeth Francis Award was presented to Ray Brady. The award is given to honor outstanding



L to R: Ray Brady, 2001 recipient of the Mary Elizabeth Francis Award, Hale Mast, Jr., Mrs. Francis, Elon Homes President Dr. Fred Grosse.

support of the Kennedy Charter Public School. Mrs. Francis, for whom the award is named, and former Board Chair Hale Mast, Jr. made the presentation. Brady has been instrumental to the success of the Charlotte Civic Partners Charity Golf Tournaments which have raised \$35,000 for the school, and his advocacy on behalf of the campus has resulted in other significant financial gifts.



Kennedy Charter: One of 10 Most Improved High Schools in the State

Kennedy Campus was honored to host Dr. Jane Norwood, Vice Chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Education. Dr. Norwood addressed the student body and presented a banner to the school in recognition of the school's designation as one of the Ten Most Improved High Schools in North Carolina. The school also met all of the state's growth goals and was granted Exemplary Status.

Those attending the ceremony included (L to R) Jonathan Miller, Elon Homes VP for Education; Granville Simmons, Kennedy Charter Public School Principal; Dr. Norwood; and Dr. Marvin Armstrong, Regional Accountability Coordinator. Not pictured, Susan Stuppig, Kennedy Campus Testing Coordinator.

From Your President



Greetings in the name of our newborn King.

It is with great joy and anticipation that Elon Homes for Children meets this new liturgical season. The Season of

Epiphany for the Christian Church is filled with celebrations of the proclamation of divine revelation. The Christ Child will be known to all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This revelation of our Savior, the Son of God, was God's self-giving love to a world in need of hope and salvation.

Now, some 2000 years later, we still need this divine revelation of presence. God is with us and God is revealed anew each day in our lives. It is our spiritual calling and discipline to be still and know that He is God. In this time of such uncertainty, sadness, fear, anger and violence in our world, God is with us. This is no trite statement or pie in the sky theology. Epiphany assures us of the presence and love of the Lamb who was to come.

The forces of evil will not welcome this arrival. As sure as King Herod ordered the massacre of the Innocents,

murdering all the male children two years and younger in and around Bethlehem, evil will seek to disrupt and destroy the glory of His kingdom yet even today. Epiphany brings with it both the promise of new vision and the threat of renewed curse from the one who hates the light. Rachael wept no louder for her murdered children than we weep today for innocent lives lost to violence, poverty and despair. Our story is a story of sacred choices. we each stand at the crossroads of conviction - do we serve God or do we relinquish the blessing of this holy revelation? Do we walk on another road with the Wise Men, away from evil, or do we walk in the dark and toward ungodly places?

Now is the time for each of us to decide, to make our place known in the struggle for light and love and to live out our convictions. May the God of new life and revelation move you to faithfulness and grace.

God's blessings,

Frederick G. Grosse
President

OUR MISSION

To provide a continuum of services that enhances the quality of spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and relational well-being of youth and their families.

We endeavor to provide an opportunity for those we serve to live a more caring, responsible and productive life through our commitment to excellence.

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Elon Homes staff and friends were on hand at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon in November to help honor **Mary Elizabeth Francis** who was chosen the 2001 **Outstanding Philanthropist** by the Charlotte Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Congratulations to Mrs. Francis for this recognition of her dedicated commitment to community and church. With deep gratitude, Elon Homes for Children acknowledges the faithful and generous support and service she has given to this agency over many years.

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- ❖ Child Development
- ❖ Specialized Foster Care
- ❖ Family Care
- ❖ Spiritual Life



Louise Barringer Honored

Elon Homes for Children honored Louise T. Barringer by establishing an award in her name, the Louise T. Barringer Award. The award will be given periodically to supporters of the Snyder Campus in Elon, NC, who exemplify the same spirit of generosity of time, talent and treasure. Mrs. Barringer has assisted Elon Homes in many ways and most especially with her leadership in the early 1990's which helped make the Barringer Center for Child Development a reality. She has served on the Elon Homes Board of Directors and today is a trustee emeritus. The award acknowledges Mrs. Barringer's dedication to the education of children and her meritorious service to Elon Homes.

"Mrs. Barringer is a wonderful and loyal friend our home. Her generous support every year helps us care for so many young children. Even more important, the boys and girls (and staff) genuinely love her visits to the Barringer Center," stated Elon Homes President Dr. Fred Grosse.



Louise T. Barringer

It Was a Very Merry Christmas

The Christmas season is a wonderful time at Elon Homes for Children. Many caring individuals, businesses, civic clubs, church groups and organizations give generously to make the season bright and happy for the children. The boys and girls are treated to special events, delicious meals, yummy refreshments, beautiful gifts, lovely decorations and exciting parties. To each and every Christmas angel who helped make Christmas 2001 memorable and joyous for the Elon Homes youth, heartfelt thanks from the staff and Board of Directors. May you all be blessed with good health and happiness in the new year.



Left: Unit Supervisor Vannessia McNeill (standing) and volunteer mentor Susan Jarrell (far right) enjoyed watching the Francis Cottage girls open presents at their Christmas party. Justine, Jennifer and Chelsea were thrilled with their gifts.

Right: Pat Lewis, Pat's Flowers and Gifts, Inc., and Gary Jagers, Holly Hill Florist, are typical of the concerned and thoughtful people who contact Elon Homes to say they want to help sponsor the Elon Homes Christmas celebration. Ms. Lewis coordinated a limousine ride for all Snyder Campus residents to the Bengoshi Japanese Steakhouse in Burlington for dinner. When the students returned to campus, each received a new coat courtesy of the North Carolina Teleflora Unit. On December 23, Ms. Lewis and Mr. Jagers brought a beautiful floral arrangement to each of the 14 children who remained on campus throughout the holiday. Along with the flowers, they also brought a surprise for each student - a box filled with gifts and candy.



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October 1 - December 31, 2001

(Names in bold are those being memorialized or honored. Names of contributors follow.)

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Christmas Honor Program

The Christmas Honor Program celebrates the spirit of Christmas by providing a meaningful way to recognize special business and professional relationships. Each individual named by the donor receives a handsome card with the message that a gift in their honor has been made to Elon Homes for Children. Elon Homes appreciates the businesses, organizations and churches listed below that chose to participate in the program in 2001. These thoughtful gifts bring hope and joy and help brighten the holiday season for our children.

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A Family Care Success Story, Kendra M. Kirby, BSW

The Family Care Program assists the reunification efforts of families that have risk factors such as homelessness, disease, disability and poverty. These seemingly overwhelming risks are made manageable by a family's desire and determination to be together. Such is true for a family currently involved with the program.

In the summer of 2000, Child Protective Services investigated a family living in a hotel room. While the single mother worked as a second shift nurse's assistant, the oldest daughter cared for 3 younger siblings. The mother suffered from asthma and frequent pneumonia possibly due to HIV. The intervention of Child Protective Services, although devastating because it separated the family, in fact rescued the family from living in crisis on a daily basis.

While the children were placed in foster and group homes, the mother moved to a 3-bedroom apartment. She continued to work as her health permitted. She complied with all recommendations of Youth and Family Services and struggled to furnish the apartment. She slept on the floor for months and visited with her children one hour a week at a McDonald's Restaurant.

Family Care began working with this parent in the spring of 2001. An assessment showed the family simply needed financial assistance and/or donations of food, furniture and furnishings. This mother had items on layaway at a furniture

store and was spending most of her money to pay-off the items. She became sick again with pneumonia, accompanied with depression. She had no savings.

Family Care stepped in and advised this mother to cancel her layaway and get her money back. At that time she gave consent for the program to refer her to programs and ministries that could furnish her home. By collaborating with Love INC, Crisis Assistance Ministries, Adopt-a-Social Worker, Youth and Family Services, and individuals in the community, the house was furnished with beds, dinette set, couch, chairs, lamps, pictures, blankets, pillows and sheets.

Through the advocacy and research of the Family Care Program, this mother is now involved with Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP). This referral became a part of her case plan due to the amount of time that she finds herself incapacitated by illness. MAP can provide her and the family with advocacy, education, counseling and nutritional support. MAP can also help her gain access to health care and medicine as well as provide her with vitamin supplements.

The driving force that led to the reunification of this family was the profound desire of its members to be together. Each member of the family, motivated by this desire, worked hard to achieve the goals established for them by the court system and social service agencies involved.

Board of Visitors Adds Enthusiastic New Members, Charts New Directions

Elon Homes' Board of Visitors recently added new members who have taken on several exciting initiatives. This outstanding group of volunteers is involved with the following:

Max Your FutureProvides high profile or interesting speakers for the children on a monthly basis. Volunteers and board members attend to share a meal and participate. *Happy Endings, New Beginnings*....A series of events in 2002 to commemorate the move of the Kennedy Campus from Ardrey Kell Road to Sharon Road West. These events will serve to say good-bye to the existing campus and celebrate the opening of the new campus. *Capital Campaign*....Several members of the Board of Visitors are serving in key roles related to this critical effort to raise \$1.3 million to renovate the new campus. *Mentoring and Job Shadowing*....Working directly with the children, members will serve as mentors and provide opportunities for children to spend a few hours "on the job" with them, experiencing life firsthand in the business world.

Board of Visitors: Allison Adzema, Jim Appleby, Ray and Elizabeth Brady, Kevin Bruton, John and Lisa Cashion, Oscar and Ashley Cranz, Patti Elam, Mary Elizabeth Francis, Gaston Gage, Bill and Leigh Goodwyn, Tom Hart, Parks Helms, Chet Helt, Meredith Holler, David and Dot Kilpatrick, Gary Labrosse, Brad and Tracy Larson, Lee Llewellyn, Chris and Leigh Ann Marshall, Hale Mast, Neneh Mbye, Barbara McKay, Tom and Amy Okel, Trip and Laura Park, Kelly Plott, Ned Pollock, John and Angela Rigsbee, William and Tracey Turner, Mauricio West.



The new Max Your Future series began with talks by Leigh Goodwyn (left) and Jorge Aguilar (right). Goodwyn, employed by Animal Planet, described Animal Planet's rescue efforts to help save and treat animals affected by the September 11 attacks in New York and Washington. Aguilar, VP for Operations, discussed the experiences of the disaster assistance team that Elon Homes sent to the World Trade Center. Students were very interested in the topic and continued their questions through lunch. Amy Okel (center) is serving as chair of Max Your Future.

The Role of Philanthropy



Jane Grosse, CFRE
VP Development

Elon Homes for Children at Charlotte sold its Ardrey Kell campus in 2001 and purchased a new facility located at 1717 Sharon Road West in Charlotte. This new facility was formerly known as Amethyst and was a hospital and alcohol/drug abuse treatment center. We anticipate moving to our new facility in the spring of 2002.

The new facility will suit our needs well once renovations and program

enhancements totaling approximately \$1.3 million are completed. This facility affords us the best opportunity to continue and enhance quality programming to meet the needs of our changing service population and establish effective outcome measurements. These services will complement our existing programs in Charlotte.

The primary purpose of Elon Homes for Children is to provide educational services through the Kennedy Charter Public School and residential treatment for children 12 to 17 who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. We also provide Family Care services to increase the chances of successful family reunification when this is a possibility and Specialized Foster Care homes for young people leaving residential care treatment for whom reunification is not an option.

We seek to raise \$1.3 million through “A Commitment to Excellence” fundraising campaign. Mrs. Mary Liz Francis, longtime supporter of Elon Homes for Children and true friend to the children, is Honorary Chair. Memorial and honorarium opportunities for naming rooms and central areas in the new facility are available for gifts of \$5,000 and up.

We will serve approximately 200 young people a year in residential care, plus 50 community students experiencing academic and/or behavioral challenges at our Charter Public School.

Over time the population served by Elon Homes for Children has changed from children who were orphans to children who require placement out of their homes because of severe abuse and neglect and the potential emotional and behavioral problems that are associated with that trauma. This new campus and facility afford us the opportunity to transition from “orphanage and group care” to advanced residential treatment.

Elon Homes for Children will provide excellence in childcare for years to come, and we invite you to join us in serving children and families who seek to rebuild their lives and move forward productively. Please call me (704/367-9684) for more information about the new facility or to discuss the possibility of making a gift to the fundraising campaign.

Shana Plott Named Director of Marketing and Development

Shana Plott has joined Elon Homes for Children as Director of Marketing and Development. She has been a volunteer with Elon Homes for several years, receiving the Mary Elizabeth Francis Award for 2000.

In Plott’s role she is responsible for managing the “A Commitment to Excellence” capital campaign and other development efforts, for working with the Board of Visitors, and for developing marketing initiatives for raising community awareness about the Elon Homes organization.

Prior to joining Elon Homes, Shana spent a number of years in marketing and development with Sharon Towers, The Presbyterian Home at Charlotte and The Methodist Homes, Inc. She also spent three and a half years in executive search consulting with Heidrick & Struggles, Inc.

Shana lives in Charlotte and is based at Kennedy Campus. She is married and has two small children, Patrick and Emma.



Shana S. Plott

In May 2001, Congress enacted legislation that will result in the most extensive federal tax reduction in a generation. Changes in income, gift and estate taxes mean that the amount of taxes paid by most American will be significantly reduced now and in the future. As a result, many will soon find they have increased freedom to spend, save and give their assets to others in ways that are more in keeping with their personal priorities.

As you and your advisors explore the impact these changes bring to your personal situation, you may discover ways to include Elon Homes or other charitable interests in your plans. Please contact Jane Grosse if you would like additional information.

Please call 704/542-3310 extension 241 to request the free brochure, “Charitable Giving After the 2001 Tax Act.”