



happy haven news

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THE EYES OF THE LORD

In Deuteronomy 11:11-12, (NKJV), we read, "But the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year."

January 1, 2026, we began a new calendar year. We believe also that the eyes of the Lord are always on our work at Happy Haven from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. Let us all press ahead with optimism and hope.

Our house parents provide faithful Christian homes as they guide all the children in righteous principles and life skills. Bible study and worship with local churches and family home devotionals are central to our work and success with the children. Our case manager, our counselor, and our tutor are also helpful and encouraging to our young ladies.

Many individuals, churches, and organizations also participated by sponsoring our children by giving Christmas gifts and gift cards. We love to see their eyes light up when they realize that people really do care about them. Your gifts provided for the essentials and extras that all young people enjoy.

We have been blessed with your outpouring of love in response to our End of Year letter. Your financial gifts mean so much for the continuation of our work at Happy Haven. Our primary goal is to help our young ladies as they grow spiritually, mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially (Luke 2:52) – all in a safe and encouraging environment. We are so proud of all the children who live at Happy Haven and the progress they make as they grow in learning and practicing the scriptures.

In 2026, may we always remember that the eyes of the Lord are upon Happy Haven as He is interested in the good we are accomplishing in the lives of our young people.

Houston Bynum, Administrator

SAVE THE DATE!

The *Happy Haven Children's Home Annual Celebration Banquet & Quilt Auction* will be on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at the Leslie Towne Centre in Cookeville, TN.



It is always a great night of great food, great entertainment, and great fellowship! Be sure to mark your calendar now.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT HAPPY HAVEN

A note from Cindy,

Over fall break in October the girls attended a four-day church retreat in Alabama. The following week they took a day trip to Dollywood with the Baxter Church of Christ Youth Group.

In November, Sydney's family and the girls took a trip to Alabama to spend Thanksgiving with Sam's parents.

December brought a trip to Granville, TN with Bonnie. The girls had a full day visiting Sutton General Store, Aunt Bee's Quilt Shop, made pumpkin truffles, and had a delicious lunch at The Lovely Find Tea Room. They loved how fancy everything was at the Tea Room.

Christmas could not have been any better for our lucky girls thanks to the many generous donations from our supporters. They were blessed with many presents under the tree on Christmas morning. They brought in the New Year playing games and eating pizza with the Baxter Youth Group.

Activities like these provide them with typical family settings and activities. Your financial support, pantry item donations, and especially your prayers help make it possible for us to provide them with a stable, loving home life.

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*Around the
"Fireplace"*



Sutton's Store



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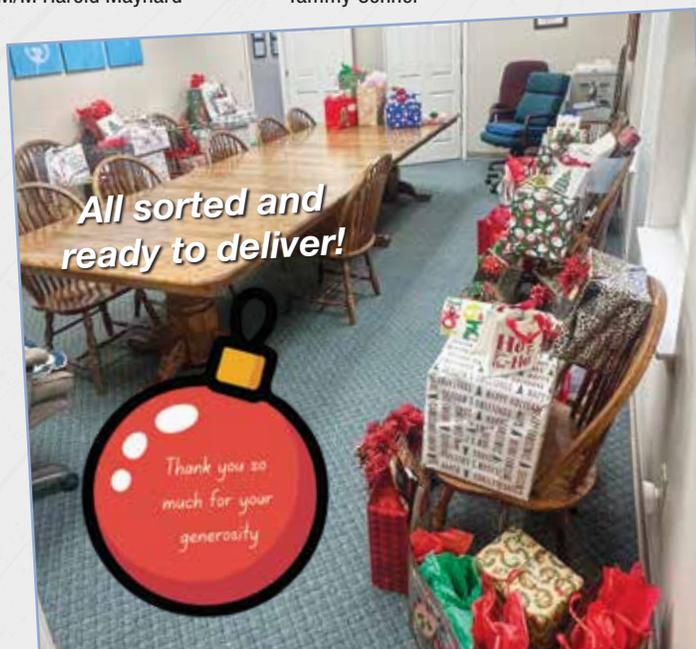
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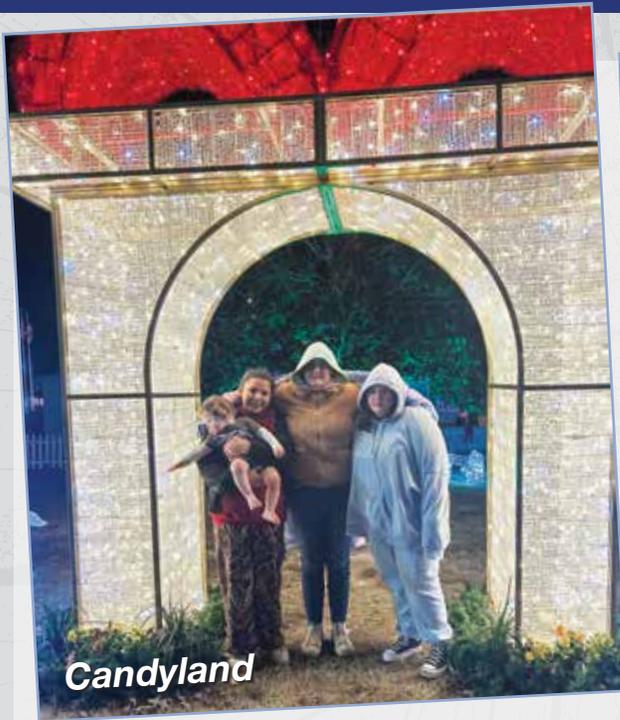
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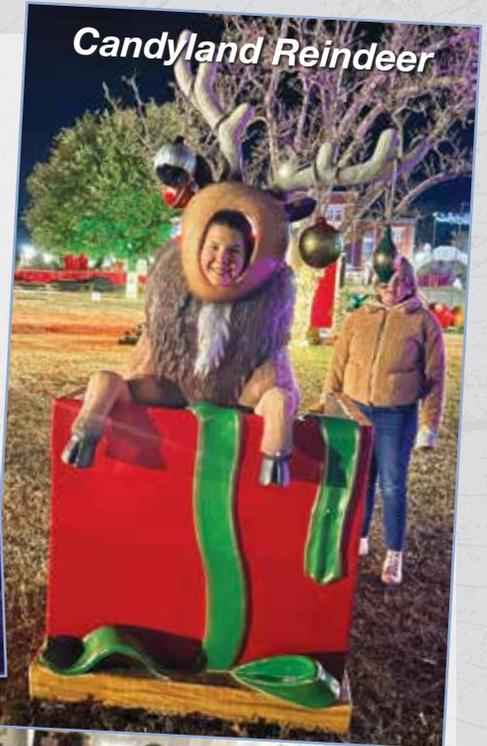
Winter Fun!



Candyland



Candyland Snowman



Candyland Reindeer

OPENING FOR HOUSEPARENTS AT HAPPY HAVEN

With God's we guidance are growing and serving more girls each year. Currently we are taking applications for more houseparents! We are looking for a MARRIED COUPLE (MOM & DAD) or a SINGLE WOMAN to serve as houseparents at our Christian home for girls in Cookeville, TN.

The house mom would be the full-time paid employee with salary, housing, & benefits; the dad would be free to work outside the home.

We would consider candidates who are young, middle aged, or retirees. Happy Haven is sponsored by the churches of Christ and other interested individuals.

Applications are available at our website:
<http://www.happyhaven.org/documents/EmploymentApplication.pdf>

Mailing address:
2311 Wakefield Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501

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Tea Party



*Bethany Church
of Christ*



Opening Presents



Baking Cookies



What a pretty package!

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*Has your address changed?
Are you moving soon?
Please be sure to let us know!*

Pantry Items Needed



Paper:

- Paper napkins
- Paper plates (not styrofoam)
- Paper towels
- Toilet Paper – septic safe

Foods:

- Bottled water
- Oatmeal packets
- Cheerios
- Cocoa Puffs
- Fruity Pebbles
- **SNACK SIZE:** chips, pretzels, sun chips, trail mix, cookies, “Sweet & Salty” granola bars, white cheddar popcorn

Personal Care:

- Body Wash
- Makeup cleansing wipes
- Mouthwash
- Shampoos/Conditioners
- Toothpaste

Cleaning:

- Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- Dishwasher powder
- Dish soap-Liquid
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Trash Bags w/drawstrings: kitchen & trash
- Ziploc bags

Meet our Halie

Halie is a Junior in High School. She came to us behind in school but is very smart and is catching up quickly. Halie enjoys reading and studying the bible, coloring, being outside playing sports or going on walks. She also enjoys all things to do with hair and makeup and has talked about perhaps attending cosmetology school after graduation.

