

THE MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN AT OXFORD



A Cherished Past . . .



A Promising Future . . .

*You and Your Lodge Can Make A
Difference - Your Call to Action*

A History of Success

- February 2009 – Marked the 137th Birthday of the Home
- Over 9,000 graduates
- Survived Two World Wars, Depression, Catastrophes, Epidemics, Ever Changing Social Environment, Name Changes, and Societal Changes
- Provides Financial Support for Higher Education to Children Enrolled in College – without cost



Childcare Today

Masons to close Fort Worth school

FORT WORTH — The Masonic Home and School of Texas will close because of declining enrollment and revenues, the state's top Masonic leaders said. The Fort Worth facility has provided shelter and schooling for displaced children since 1899. The school also pays for health care and clothing for the children, ages 4 to 18, who come from across the state for various reasons.

Masonic officials said this year's enrollment has dropped to 119, down from 163 in 2001-02. Revenues to support the facility have also gone down during the past two years because of a decline in donations from Masons.

San Antonio Express News 12-8-2003

Three Quarter of Non-Profits Report Decline in Operating Reserves - Twenty-Five Percent Decline in Donations

Report of Donors Forum of Chicago, 4-22-2002

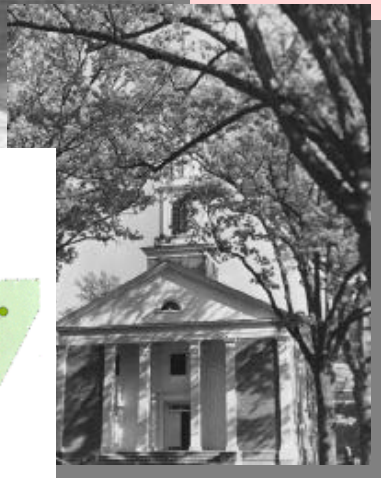
More than 40 children housed at the Southern Nevada Children's Center will be transferred to other children's homes in Las Vegas Valley or to foster families by Oct. 1, when the 28-year-old facility is expected to close.

Las Vegas Review Journal - 7-9-1997

- 75% of High School Dropouts are Homeless Within a Year
- Every 11 seconds a child is abused or neglected
- Every 9 seconds a child drops out of school
- 12 Million Children Live in Poverty in America

Secret of Success

**Ability to Change and Improve
to Meet the Needs of That Era's
Children**



**Continuous and Increasing
Support; Planned Gifts (wills
and estates, CRUTS, Trusts,
Annuities), In-kind Gifts**



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- **Variety of Social and Emotional Problems That Plague Today's Children**
- **Different Family Dynamics**
- **Shorter Length of Stay**
- **Creation of an Inclusive Home Environment**
- **More Options for Childcare; Greater Need for Charity in a Down Economy**

Continuous and Increasing Support

- **Over \$3 Million Annual Budget**
- *2008 - \$19 per Mason in North Carolina; \$16 per Mason in 2003*
- *Need - \$25 + per Mason in North Carolina*
- **60-70% of Total Annual Income Comes from Planned Gifts**
- *Need Masons to consider the Home in their Wills, Estates, Planned Gifts,*
- *Can Create the Gift of a Lifetime, after one is gone; naming opportunities, memorial opportunities*
- **In-Kind Gifts – Donated Items**
- *Maximize Your Efforts – Ask the Home what is needed, check www.mhc-oxford.or for current needs list*
- *Sponsor a trip, a cottage, or a child*
- *Start a Scholarship or Fund*

Continuous and Increasing Support (cont.)

- Memorials

- *These Major Gifts honor and remember loved ones*
- *Provide for the Home, in memory of one who provided for you*
- *Many different ways to give, benefits for you and your family*

- Your Employer/Foundations

- *Contact your Human Resources Office regarding Matching Gifts*
- *Forward Foundation Information - Relationships*

Charities Checklist

- ✓ Make Your Chairman Give a Report
- ✓ Plan a Visit - Seeing is Believing (and getting involved!)
- ✓ Schedule a Fundraiser - Set a Goal
- ✓ Call About A Need - Take Donated Items
- ✓ Forward any inquiry about a will or estate
- ✓ Increase your giving annually
- ✓ Visit your employer - Find out about Matching Gifts
- ✓ Read the NC Mason, Visit the Web
- ✓ Get Non-Masons involved in your Fundraising, Your visit

CONTACT US TODAY!!!

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