



EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

By Ross Feller, Communication's Coordinator



Chris preparing to show his presentation at the International Science Fair in Los Angeles, California.

One of our foster children had the opportunity to have a once in a lifetime experience this past month thanks to some hard work and a great interest in science. Chris, a recent graduate from DeKalb High School says he has always been interested in science. He has taken just about every science class he can, and this year, he finally decided to put his interests to the test and enter the science fair. His project focused on creating ethanol from grass, instead of the more commonly used corn.

During our conversation, Chris said, "I see how much more advanced [kids that enter the science fair] are at collecting data and analyzing the scientific method, and I wanted that experience before I went to college." It's clear after just a few minutes of talking with him that he has a true thirst for knowledge.

This was Chris' first time ever entering the science fair, and due to his hard work he actually placed second at

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State, after working through rigorous rounds of testing at both Dekalb and Regionals. Due to his high placement, he was given the honor of attending the International Science Fair in Los Angeles this spring. "I did a lot better than I expected" he said with a grin.

"The greatest honor was actually getting second place at State" Chris told me. "Many students have had the opportunity to attend Internationals, none from Dekalb have placed at State before."

Going out to California was a great experience for Chris. It was the first time he had flown in a plane and was, by far, the farthest he had ever been from Indiana. Not only did Chris have the experience of meeting dozens of new people, but he also was given two days to visit tourist sights like the Walk of Fame, Hollywood and even witness the taping of a TV talk show! Chris also had the chance to meet Dudley Herschbach, a Nobel Prize laureate in Chemistry. Needless to say, it was a trip of many firsts for Chris.

Unfortunately, he did not place at Internationals, but the experience was still wonderful. It was amazing to meet so many people from around the world and to see some fascinating projects by other contestants.

Chris is planning to attend Rose Holman University after returning home later this month from mission trip to Poland. With the help of numerous scholarships, including one from Gateway Woods, he will pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering.

"That school is very very rigorous, but I think I can do it." Given the success that Chris has had so far, he's probably right.

THE LIFE OF A FISHERMAN

If you don't become a reconciler of the lost, you will become an evaluator of the saved.
There is something inherent in our new nature that wants to see people get right with God,
And if we don't direct it at the lost, we will direct it at the saved.
Then instead of pursuing sinners, we will spend our time policing the saints.
All of us have been called to be "Fishers of Men", but when those who are called to fish don't fish, they fight.
When energy that was meant to be used outside the church is used inside the church,
The result is explosive.
Instead of becoming reachers of the lost, we become critics of the saved.
Instead of extending helping hands, we point accusing fingers.
Instead of helping the hurting, we hurt the helpers.
And sadly, the lost go unreached, the poor go unfed, and the confused go unconsolated.
But, when those who are called to fish FISH –they flourish.
Souls are reached, lives are changed, and the world is impacted.



The Drayers with their four children: Dayla, Kylie, James and Ethan

one reserved for pregnant teens and teen moms. Now, over six years later, we still find contentment working with young mothers and their families. We truly have learned to walk in faith during our years here.

It is funny what becomes normal for Houseparents. Using a key to get laundry detergent or deactivating an alarm for a midnight snack are now part of our lives. We've also experienced things that we never thought we would. For example, Bruce now knows his way around the "Women of Color" hair care section at Wal-Mart. We never expected that!

There are also experiences that are fun, such as: teaching a girl to ride a bike, taking girls to see a Great Lake for the first time, being with a girl spending her first night in a hotel or seeing one of our residents sing at the Gateway talent show. Of course, there are also experiences that are difficult and stressful; however, those times often lead to some of our most rewarding moments, such as seeing a splintered family make amends or witnessing the softening of a heart. At other times, past residents will call us for advice or updates, proving the role we played in their lives.

We have heard many people say that they gained more than they gave in their time at Gateway. We have found this to be true, and not just a casual cliché that sounds good. We have grown together spiritually, as a married couple and have felt the love and support of many people. We have met people from so many communities and congregations, through Board Members, Representatives, volunteers, auction goers, visitors and Staff. We encourage anyone who is curious about Gateway to visit the campus. You may even feel called to serve; it's a rewarding experience!

EIGHT YEARS IN THE MAKING

By Bruce and Heather Drayer, Houseparents

It's been almost eight years since we first came to Gateway Woods as Houseparents. Looking back, we can hardly believe how the time has flown by. We really had no idea what we were getting into.

Our first year was trying. Many nights we wondered if we would even last a year. But we did, and towards the end of the first year, we more fully realized that we needed to rely on God rather than ourselves. As we let go of things and gave God the wheel, our work began to click so much more. Several months later, we had the opportunity to convert the Oak House at Gateway into

OUR 200TH ADOPTION

By Jan Baumgartner, Adoption Manager

When I received our first call in 2001 inquiring if Gateway Woods could do an international home study, I did not perceive that ten years later we would have been involved in the adoptive placement of over 200 children. I was not even sure we could do an international home study at that time! We had written many home studies for Foster Care, but none for international adoption.

Gateway Woods, being a licensed Foster Care agency in Indiana, had the proper credentials and our Adoption Program unofficially began. Word spread about our work with adoptions and more requests followed. The Board officially approved our Adoption Program in 2003.

The program has since played a part in adoptions from our local area to all across the world. Our 200th placement was an infant girl born in a hospital about 20 miles from Gateway Woods. In contrast our 202nd adoption was of several siblings in Ethiopia!

So far we have been involved with adoptions from 17 different countries plus the United States. In Asia and the Middle East children were adopted from China, Korea, Vietnam, Russia, Ukraine, India, Moldova, Kazakhstan and Armenia. We have also played a role in adoptions from African countries including Ethiopia, the Congo, Uganda and Rwanda.

We have helped to make a home for children from Central and South America including Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Columbia. We have worked with children from just a few days old up to 16 years of age. Also, we have been involved in families that adopted



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children with special needs including Down's Syndrome, Cleft Lip and Palate, Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, Albino, heart defects, deaf and HIV+ children.

Along with the rest of our Adoption Staff, I feel so blessed to have worked with these Christian families who open their home to provide a permanent family in which children are raised to learn about Christ's love and the free gift of salvation. It is so amazing to see the hand of God in matching a family that has just the right gifts to a child from thousands of miles away! I can recall countless stories of this miracle. It is also amazing to see families that have previously adopted children come back to us a second and third time to adopt more children.

We plan to expand our Adoption Program into Illinois, as currently our license only allows us to work with Indiana families where we are licensed. We are working on obtaining an Illinois license, and hope to open the program later this year. We have hired Natalie Hoerr (Bloomington) to assist with obtaining a license.

THE PROMISE FUND

There will be an added dimension at our Auction this year.

Our Board, volunteers, and Staff have been quietly and diligently working on The Promise Fund project in recent years. Now we are excited to be sharing an important announcement at our Auction on Saturday, August 6th with the launch of the "public phase" of this initiative so critical to our future.

During the last 35 years, hearts and lives have been transformed through the love and power of the gospel of Jesus Christ that is central to our five services. With over 400 children and families in our care each year, we as a Body of Christ, have been entrusted with a great responsibility to continue to be "parents" to lost and wounded children.

In these times of economic uncertainty, we also see a storm building with threats to our religious freedom to operate on Biblical principles, in the form of legislation, regulations and court decisions. As wise stewards, it is important that we prepare so we can continue to provide quality children's services without compromise. The Promise Fund is this generation's promise of love and provision to those who will need safety, stability and godly guidance into the future.

Please come Saturday August 6 as we take the next step forward in our mutual calling to serve the "fatherless".

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT GATEWAY WOODS

We are very thankful that God continues to provide us with the right staff. Here are some career opportunities waiting to be filled. Please go to gatewaywoods.org for more information and call us at 888.443.GATE (4283) if you feel the Lord is leading you to inquire for one of these positions. All applicants must be members of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Job Title	Job Duties	Qualifications
Assistant Houseparent	Assist Houseparents in a supportive role as a third adult in the household helping to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the residents. Work closely with brothers and sisters whose hearts and lives are dedicated to a common mission with an eternal reward.	Be at least 21 years old and have good communication skills, teamwork skills, self-motivation and flexibility. Be sensitive to the special emotional and physical needs of Gateway Woods' residents and have a dedication and love for young people.
Alternate Houseparents	Provide days off coverage for Houseparents while maintaining continuity of discipline and expectations in the home. Help in the maintenance of buildings, grounds, vehicles and other areas of Gateway Woods' properties.	Possess good communication skills, teamwork skills, self-motivation and flexibility. Be sensitive to the special emotional and physical needs of Gateway Woods residents. Have a dedication and love for young people. Have and show respect and esteem for one's spouse.
Math Teacher	Plan an appropriate course of study for each student in the program. Instruct the child in areas as needed (spiritually, emotionally, physically, etc.). Report students' progress to Director of Education and work together to see that students are accomplishing goals set for them.	Bachelor's Degree in Education and/or an active teacher's license. Special Education Certification and previous teaching experience is especially useful, but not required. Have sincere interest in and understanding of the needs of our children.

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EXPERIENCE THE AUCTION

By Rick Kaisner, Representative

The annual Gateway Woods' Auction is to be held on Saturday, August 6. Every year I come to this day looking forward to a big family reunion. While I may have some of my earthly family there, the reunion is with the family of God.

In past years I came early to help park cars and to enjoy the hot breakfast sandwiches. I would listen to the testimonies and hear the beautiful music the Staff and children bring to us. Once the Auction begins, there are so many items to choose from that it can be hard to race from tent to tent to get to the items I want to bid on. Sometime in the middle of the day, I stop to take a break and enjoy a lunch. After making sure my Silent Auction bids are in order, I settle back to enjoy an ice cream or lemon shake-up.

While I enjoy many things about the Auction, what I enjoy most is coming to see some of my heavenly family who come together from all across the nation. I enjoy catching up on their lives and families, encouraging and being encouraged. In the end I leave tired and blessed from a full day. Not to mention the great blessing of helping to provide an important part of the operating funds for the ministry.

On the day of the Auction, volunteers fill approximately 275 different work opportunities. From kitchen tasks to data entry to carrying items in the tents, from those of a high age to eager youth, there are positions for everyone. Regardless of ability to give financially, we can all offer our time.

Please consider coming out to the Auction this year, I guarantee you'll be blessed. Even better, volunteer your time and talents for a portion of the day. Check with your local Rep or call Gateway Woods to see where you could be of service. Come for the reunion, and leave with a blessing. I look forward to seeing you there this year.

NOTES & REMINDERS

- A brief Gateway Woods presentation will take place Friday evening following the meal for volunteers and guests along with a quick tour of the Cypress House.
- A brief presentation about the Promise Fund will take place during the opening program on Saturday.
- Silent Auction will occur from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
- Landscape Auction will occur from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- Teen Auction will take place at noon in the Green Tent.
- A tour of our Cypress House will take place at 1:00 p.m.

◆ AUCTION DAY SCHEDULE ◆

7:30 AM	Hot breakfast begins Silent Auction begins Pre-priced Crafts, Bake Sale & Kid's Korner open
8:30	Opening Program and Promise Fund Presentation
9:00	1st item auctioned
9:15	All other Auctions begin
10:00	Children's activities
10:30	Lunch begins
11:30	Silent Auction ends
12:00 PM	Specialty Items Auction Teen Auction
1:00	Children's activities & Tour of Cypress House

Please visit the Auction page at our website:
GatewayWoods.org/supporters/annual-auction
for important reminders and information.

AUCTION ITEMS

Here are just a few of the hundreds of items that will be available at this year's Auction. More items can be found at gatewaywoods.com



1) Matrex Scooter, 2)Antique Bowl, 3)Antique Furniture 4)iPods and iPads 5)Ruckus RC Monster Truck, 6)LX 423 Toro Lawn Tractor, 7)Pony (image is not of actual Pony), 8)3 Person Swing, 9)Winter Park Colorado and Montana Vacations

We are so grateful for the wonderful support and encouragement we receive from our supporters across the country. We are both thankful and dependent upon God for His provision.

Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to fulfill our mission:

Everyone's participation will contribute toward a better future for our many residents, foster children, adopted children, and their families.

"To honor and obey God by providing help and healing to troubled children and families who then may bless others."

To inquire about more auction items, please visit GatewayWoods.org/supporters/annual-auction-items or call 888.443.GATE (4283).