

Turbeville Children's Home

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Dear Representative Pedalino.

It was great to speak with you yesterday regarding potential assistance from the South Carolina House of Representatives. Thank you for considering Turbeville Children's Home as a potential recipient for your generous assistance. We are grateful to hear that you would like to know more about our ministry and how you can possibly be involved in helping us to make a difference in the lives of children.

Turbeville Children's Home was originally opened in October of 1949 under the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Church. The Free Will Baptist Home of Turbeville provided a safe, structured and nurturing home for children who could not live at home with their parents. The Home faithfully operated until 2013 providing care for hundreds of children for more than 64 years. In October 2015, the Free Will Baptist Church sold the facilities and some of their property to Falcon Children's Home and Family Services (FCHFS). Mr. Joseph Leggett, CEO of FCHFS, came to South Carolina and felt a strong need to continue the care of children as a branch ministry of FCHFS. This organization has been in continuous operation since 1909 and has made a difference in the lives of children throughout the state of North Carolina for over 112 years and is supported by the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Mr. Leggett's vision was to provide the same level of quality care for children in need of out of home placement in South Carolina. Turbeville Children's Home was re-opened on February 23, 2016 with a sibling group of 4 children and has continued to provide for children throughout the state of South Carolina.

Turbeville Children's Home is currently located on 10 acres in the town of Turbeville, SC. We have space to accommodate 32 children in three dorm facilities. Our children primarily come to us from the South Carolina Department of Social Service agencies from counties throughout the state. Currently the state of SC only places teenaged children in group facilities like TCH. Residents are allowed to remain in care until their 21st birthday as long as they are either a full-time student, employed full-time, or part-time at education and employment. Turbeville Children's Home is licensed to operate by the SC Department of Social Services and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, meeting the highest national standards of professional performance.

Assistance for your consideration:

1. Our short-term goal is to open a Supervised Independent Living dorm designed solely to train and equip young adults (18-21 years old) to be on their own. Our training will include: cooking, personal finance, basic home and auto maintenance, along with other life-skills. We have an open dorm to house these students but need to make some minor updates to include a kitchen area. Our best guess is the cost of this project would be around \$20-30K.
2. We have three vans to transport our children to school and on outings. Two of our vans need to be replaced due to high mileage and extended use. We hope to replace these vans as soon as possible at approximately \$30K each.
3. Eventually, we would like to build a gymnasium and new administrative offices on our campus. This facility would provide a space for children to workout and play indoors during hot or inclement weather. The administrative offices would provide counseling space for families or legal custodians to meet with children, a conference room, training rooms and office space for staff. The town of Turbeville does not have a space for large meetings/events and this space

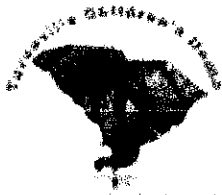
would also be available to the public for larger gatherings. We estimate this facility would be approximately \$500K to complete.

For more information, our website is available at: <https://www.falconchildrenshome.org/turbeville-childrens-home> and our parent organization, Falcon Children's Home and Family Services is: <https://www.falconchildrenshome.org>

I can be available for any other questions or clarifications on the above information. We appreciate you considering our organization for a potential donation. We are honored that you would potentially like to join with us in our goal of making a difference in the lives of children. May God bless you.

Very Respectfully submitted,
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Proverbs 22:6 – *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”*

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