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The Children's Home and local churches have always shared a vision of improving the quality of life for children and families. As a way of celebrating this shared ministry, and saying "thank you" for your interest in and support of the work of the Children's Home, we want you to have our 2010 calendar.

The theme for the calendar is, "**What Makes Me Happy.**" The calendar contains words and drawings that express the children's own thoughts about happiness. You will also find quotes taken from various sources.



It is our hope that as you view the calendar throughout the year, the drawings and sayings will make you happy. We further hope that the calendar will serve as a reminder of the special needs of children and families — not only those in the care of the Children's Home, but those in your own churches and communities as well.

We invite you to help us tell the story of the Children's Home and to advocate for all children and families by designating a "Children's Home Sunday" in your church. This year's theme is "Coloring the Lives of Children and Families." We can supply you with a sermon, a liturgy, a children's message, and a short PowerPoint presentation. If interested, we also offer our 'traveling artwork' for display in various religious, business or community settings.

If you are able to make a financial gift by taking an offering on Children's Home Sunday, or by including us in your mission giving, that would be great. I believe our Annual Report shows that we have been, and will continue to be, faithful stewards of your gifts and your trust. To see the Annual Report, go to www.chowc.org; or we would be happy to send you a copy upon request.

If you would like to order the resources for Children's Home Sunday, if you would like additional copies of our calendar, or if you have questions or comments, you can visit our website, call, write or e-mail us. Additionally, we ask you to keep the Children's Home in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to add color to the lives of young people and families.

Thank you.

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