

Winter Edition 2018

## OPEN ARMS—TRANSFORMING LIVES

### THANK YOU FOR NOT GIVING UP ON OUR STUDENTS



The following is an excerpt from Jason George's speech given on January 12, 2018 to the 181 individuals who gathered to celebrate the 42 Graduates of Turning Point Education Centers:

*I saw a flyer for free HSE classes and called Turning Point Education Center. I explained to Mrs. Michelle that I was 34 years old and had not been in school for a long time and expected to hear bad news, but she said that was fine and, "We are happy to help you." I made an appointment for the next day and took my TABE. The next day, I went to class and met the coolest teacher in the world, Mrs. Rena Ball, who by the way, loves math and I will never understand her. She told me, "Jason, we have a great pass rate and I have 100% faith in you—don't worry." I thought to myself, now you will have less of a pass rate. The first time I took the HSE test, I failed. When Ms. Michelle broke the news to me, she told me not to worry and that we know exactly what to work on and all I needed was more help in math. I went back to class, unsure about*

*myself. The next day, Mrs. Rena was smiling and said, "Don't worry, all you missed was math and you are so close." Mrs. Rena then took time out of her own personal life to tutor me at the library, give me extra work after school, and showed me she truly cared if I passed. Even as an adult, having people believe in you matters.*

*I took the math section a second time and failed. I wanted to give up, but Mrs. Michelle called and bugged me until I told her I would take it again. She said, "Darn right you will, because I will not let you give up and you will never be any closer." I rescheduled the test and went back to class to talk with Mrs. Rena. She told me I would for sure get it next time and all I could think was, for a woman that is so good with numbers, man is she bad at odds. She never gave up on me. I took the test a third time and I stand before you today a High School Graduate!*

*Without Turning Point Education Center and its wonderful staff, I would not be here before you today. Without the smile and happy greetings of their receptionist, Bre, when I came in to test along with her and Dustin taking bets on how high my score would be, I would not be here today. Thank you Turning Point for not just believing in me but everyone here with a gown and to everyone on this stage, we are truly grateful.*

~Jason George, Age 34~

**SECOND  
GRADUATING  
CLASS OF 2017**



(Picture taken by Patti Danner, The Daily World)



## YOU GAVE SO MUCH!!!!!!

The Christmas season was amazing for our foster children and Miriam Home residents because you gave so much! *Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

This describes YOU. You gave stockings, stuffers, presents, toys, gift cards, outings, clothes, shoes, makeup and nail sessions, food and threw some amazing parties and..... so much more!



## OPTIONS: "LATER MONEY"

By Jay Schurz

We continue to see record breaking returns in the stock market. Now is the perfect time to review your gifting options as the donations of appreciated non-qualified assets can be a deductible event.

I would like to introduce another gifting option of "later money." I am a firm believer that as Christians, we should consider gifting within our estate plan as a 'Final Tithe'. An option to do this is by utilizing a Single Premium Life Insurance contract that can accept qualified assets while you are living by structuring the gift properly. This option may allow you to give an increased amount at your death, rather than the value of a dollar for dollar gift. Single Premium Life insurance is much easier to have issued than comparable traditional life insurance underwriting which may preclude this option based on health concerns.

Scripture speaks on the topic of giving a significant number of times. Please take this opportunity and have a conversation on how to become a better giver based on strategy.

*Article provided by Jay D. Schurz, a certified Kingdom Advisor and owner of Kingdom Plan Advisory Group, LLC. You can reach Jay at 812-847-0181 to discuss your giving plan.*

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From the mouths of babes at the Miriam Home:

- "What do I write on my Christmas list? I have not received a Christmas gift for years." Miriam Home Resident– S-age 13
- When receiving gifts, one 17 year old girl asked one of the staff: "Did you buy these gifts?" When told that people all over bought them she just couldn't understand why people she didn't know would buy her stuff.
- Recently a 9<sup>th</sup> grader from the Miriam Home asked if during court it is decided that she does not get to go home, could she stay at Open Arms. She said Open Arms was the only other home she knows.

## WORK GROUPS, VBS, AND SHORT TERM MISSION GROUPS NEEDED

We would love to have you or your group at Open Arms. We have several ministering opportunities. We also would love to be part of your VBS. Email [Sheila@openarmsministries.com](mailto:Sheila@openarmsministries.com) or call 812-659-2533 ext. 219, for more information.

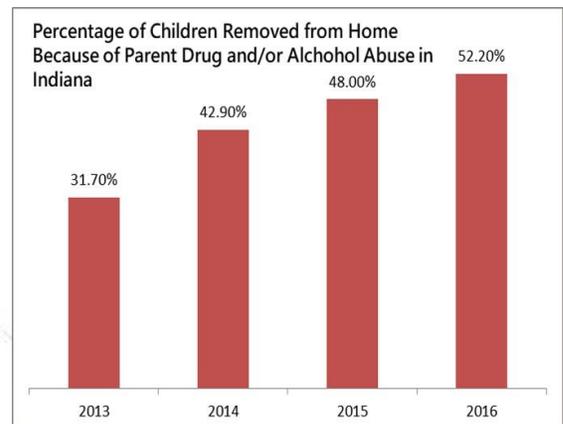


## CHRISTIAN FOSTER PARENTS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Open Arms turns away approximately 8 to 10 children per day due to the lack of foster homes.

There were 23,734 CHINS (Children In Need of Services) in Indiana in November of 2017 (*in.gov/dcs*). 70.8% of those children were placed outside of the home in foster care, group home, or with a relative.

Be a part of the solution. Refer a Foster Parent. If you know someone who loves kids, refer them to Open Arms' website (*openarmschristian.com*) to fill out a foster care inquiry form and someone will call them.



# PLEASE COME



*2017 Annual Celebration*

Where: Greene County Events Center



When: April 8, 2018

Time: 2:00 pm

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Special Guest: Illusionist, Joseph Young

Come and join Open Arms in celebrating all God allowed us to do in 2017 and meet some of the youth whose lives you helped transform

Please RSVP by calling 812-659-2533 or at [OpenArmsChristian.com/events](http://OpenArmsChristian.com/events)

*"The same Jesus Who turned water into wine can transform your home, your life, your family, and your future." - Adrian Rogers*

OPEN ARMS 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 5K  
**RUN FOR A LIFE**  
 June 2, 2018  
 Worthington City Park

Participants will be paired with a child's information from the group home or foster care. So when you run (or walk) you will literally run for a LIFE.

Registration Begins: 7 am  
 Fun Run: 8 am  
 Runners/Walkers: 8:30 am

**Entry Fees:**

- \$10 Fun Run
- \$10 Optional T-Shirt
- \$15 per person, early registration
- \$20 per person, day of event registration fee

Can't make it this year? Sign up for a virtual run on our website.

GROUPS, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE! The HOLY GRAIL trophy is given to the group with the most participants! This includes the FUN RUN. So businesses, youth groups, church groups, children's groups, men's groups, and women's groups... here is a chance for your group to make a difference together. (pictured below is the 2016 & 2017 Holy Grail Winner-Greene County Chiropractic)

## Mark Your Calendar



**2017 Donar Celebration** – April 9  
 Childcare will be provided.

**Run For A Life 5K** – June 2

**"Fore" Kids Golf Scramble** - September 8<sup>th</sup>  
 (NEW this year. The scramble is at Bedford's Stone Crest Golf Community)





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