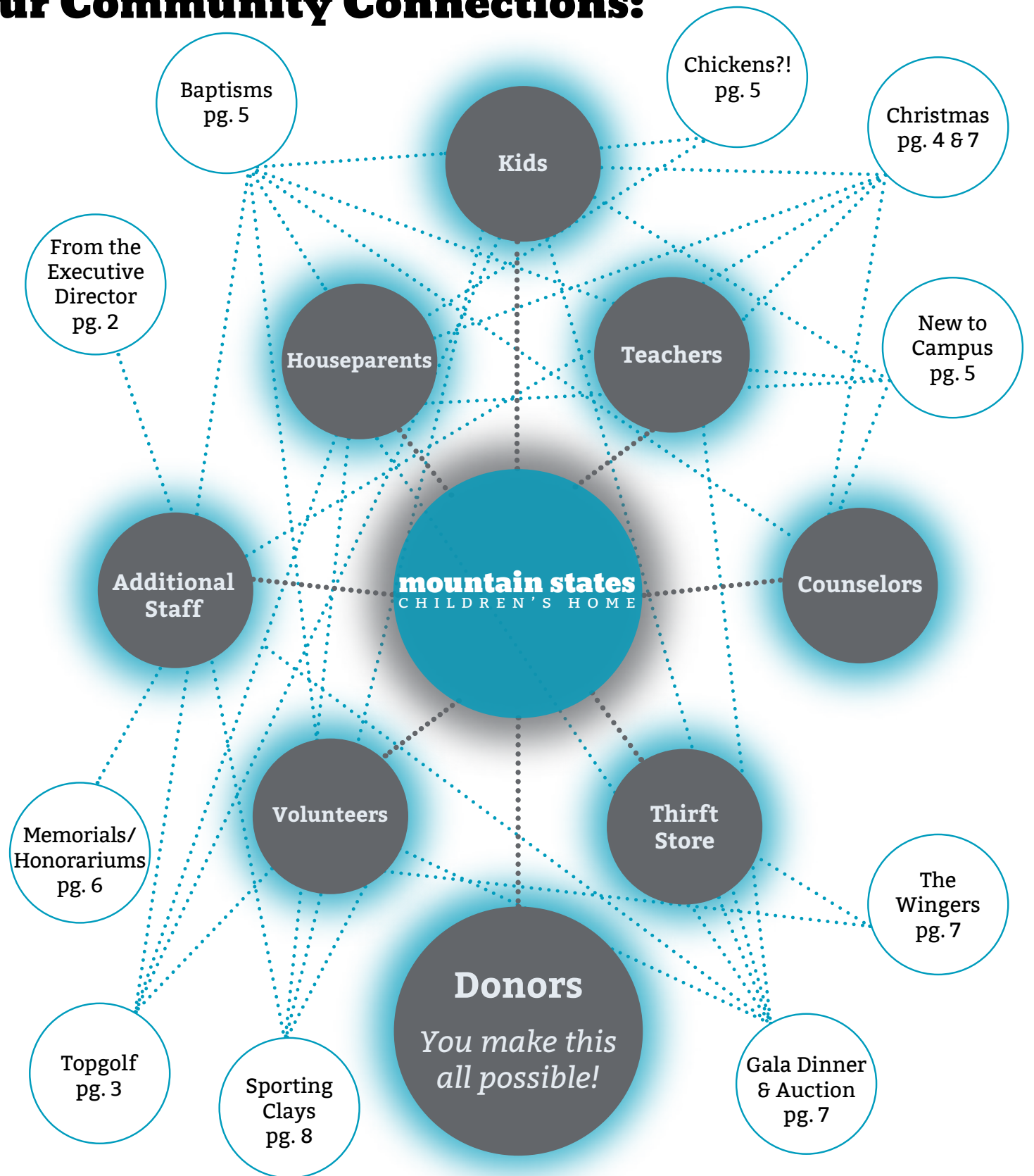


Our Community Connections:



One Campus...Countless Connections...Infinite Reach

From the Executive Director



Nick Mears
Executive Director

At MSCH, we often talk about being a “community.” But the more we reflect on that word, the more we realize our community is far bigger than any one campus, neighborhood, or even state line.

In 2025 alone, support for MSCH came from 46 different states. And since 2000, we have had the privilege of walking alongside children and families from 38 different states. That’s not just a statistic; it’s a powerful picture of connection. It tells a story of people who may never meet face to face yet are deeply connected through a common desire; to care for children, strengthen families, and offer hope.

Community is often defined by proximity, those who live near one another. But what we experience is something deeper. It is a network of relationships built on shared values, trust, and compassion. Research consistently shows that strong relationships are at the heart of effective nonprofit work, enabling organizations to better understand needs, build trust, and create lasting impact.

In other words, it’s not just what we do, it’s who we do it with.

Every donor from across the country, every family that has come through our doors, every staff member, every volunteer, each one is part of a larger story of connection. When a child learns to trust, when a student gains confidence in school, or when a family finds hope, these connections change outcomes. Studies affirm human connection is one of the most powerful forces for transformation, especially for children overcoming hardship, and we get to see it every day.

When people come together around a shared purpose, programs grow stronger, outreach expands, and lives are changed in ways that would never be possible alone. The wide footprint of MSCH means our story is being carried into homes, churches, and communities across the country. It means that when a child finds hope here, the impact ripples outward, touching lives far beyond just Northern Colorado.

Whether you are nearby or across the country, you are part of this *connected community*. Thank you for being part of a community that reaches far, loves deeply, and changes lives, together!

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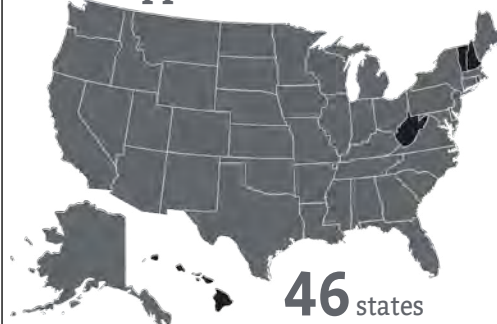
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 - a. Sign in to your account
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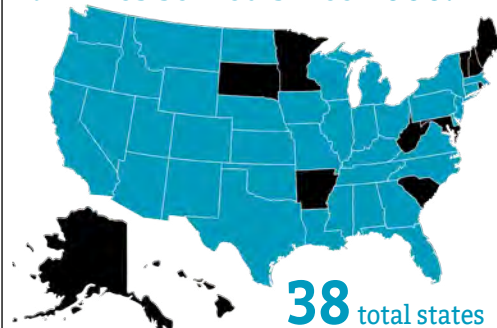
Click the QR Code to visit the website.

2025 Support came from:



46 states

Families served since 2000:



38 total states



Community Connections in action!
Presented by **SouthState**, our 2nd Annual Topgolf Fundraiser brought together friends, families, and supporters for a day of fun and purpose. From cheering on tournament winners (bottom right) to the incredible generosity of our cottage sponsors (right) & corporate sponsors (below), every swing reflected the power of coming together for the children at MSCH.



Thank you CORPORATE SPONSORS



We were excited to have the McDonald family of CHP Paint Co. join us! Eric, the founder & CEO, has partnered with MSCH for 3 years as our Gala Dinner & Auction presenting sponsor but doesn't limit his time in Colorado to that single event. The McDonald family comes out to our Sporting Clay Tournament and continues to show up in meaningful ways – even volunteering together at our annual Volunteer Work Day, all four of them, investing their time and energy into the lives of our children. Thank you for making your support of MSCH a family affair!



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“Golf Buddies”

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Campus Community Connections



We Know it's Spring...But 2025 Christmas Was Amazing!

Community Connections made the season bright! From festive parties with the Christian Motorcycle Association (bottom right) and various faith-based communities (top right), to a meaningful devotional and Nerf war with the young adults from Dayspring Church (bottom left), to an evening of fun at Get Air with Barton Supply (top left) - each moment reminded our children they are surrounded by a caring community. Over 25 groups blessed our campus with gifts and events! (More Christmas blessings on page 7.)

Merry Christmas and blessings to all.
A hot chocolate for warmth and nerf gun fun for the big and small.
Stickers to place all around, on someone's face but not on the ground. Chapstick and candy because you are sweet.
But above all else a verse from God's word that's the real treat!



We have such a fun group of houseparents! Doing flips with the kids at Get Air and even posing with Santa too!



New to Campus

Community Connections continue to grow as new houseparents and children join the MSCH family. We are so excited to welcome Randy & Tonia Schmidt with their son Luke (not pictured) and new resident Lilly (14) who have joined our campus since our last newsletter. Each new arrival strengthens the support system on campus, creating a place where every child is known, cared for, and connected to a community that feels like home.



3 More Baptisms!
Community Connections are most meaningful in life's defining moments. Celebrating baptisms on campus is a powerful reminder that our children are surrounded by a community that nurtures not only their growth, but their faith - walking alongside them every step of the way.



Noah

Logan

Brendan

Chickens are Back on Campus!

Community Connections take shape in everyday life on campus. Our new chicken community is a perfect example—brought to life by houseparents working together, creating opportunities for responsibility, teamwork, and shared joy for the children in our care.

A very special thanks to Guided Hope for getting the project going by donating 8 chickens! Through our relationship with Guided Hope, houseparent families, especially their relative children, are finding additional support, hands-on responsibility, and space to reset through farming experiences and caring for animals. This generous, ministry is bringing peace, confidence, and renewal to those who quietly share in the calling of caring for others.



Memorial & Honor Gifts

November 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

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Lynn Allen
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Lola Pitney
Bruce Bailey
Kay Sanders
Bill & Ann Young
Kathy Bartlett
Sharon Maag
August & Dorothy Blond
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Donna Eggleston
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Long Lasting Legacies

Community Connections are sometimes built through a lifetime of quiet faithfulness—and few embodied that more than Judy Winger. For decades, Judy faithfully served Mountain States Children's Home with a dedication that touched every corner of the ministry. Whether in the food room, at the thrift store, or helping with the Gala Dinner & Auction, she gave thousands of hours to ensure children were cared for and supported in meaningful, practical ways. Her steady presence reflected a heart for service and a deep commitment to the mission she shared with her husband, Don, whose leadership helped guide the Home through critical seasons of growth. Together, Don and Judy built a legacy of compassion, humility, and unwavering faithfulness. While Don passed in 2011 and Judy this past February, Judy's servant-hearted impact will continue to be felt for years to come in the lives she so lovingly helped shape.

Christmas Connections Continued...

We were also incredibly blessed by the many individuals and organizations who generously provided gifts for our kids. Pictured here are just a few—Bear Valley Church of Christ, BoCo Volleyball, and the Kluth family, who wanted their children to experience the joy of giving.



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