

### 3 Summer Stories That Inspire Us

Summer should be a time filled with sunshine and the uninhibited laughter of children running through the lawn sprinkler. However, for many children, summer becomes a time when their families experience homelessness.

To combat the summertime surge, homeless advocacy organizations like Charlotte Family Housing stretch their resources to the limit. Fortunately, our community "steps up" to help in wonderful and creative ways. Please read the following 3 stories of how some great folks in our community are helping CFH empower homeless families to achieve long-term self-sufficiency through shelter, housing, support services, and advocacy.

All of us at Charlotte Family Housing are grateful for your ongoing support, and we hope you have a sun-filled, fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,  
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#### Cornhole For A Cause

Like most superheroes, Montell Watson has an unassuming identity. He's an investment consultant by day - but on weekends, he and his friends become super-mega-gliadiators on the glorious battlefield of the cornhole arena! Kidding aside, Montell and his friends organized "Cornhole 4 A Cause," and gathered a large crowd on a Saturday afternoon in late May at NC Music Factory. Friendly competition and beautiful weather combined for a successful event, with proceeds benefiting CFH. Montell hopes to get his beanbag-tossing superhero friends together again very soon!

**3 Steps You Can Take Today To Inspire Families**

1. Volunteer for Family Serve Days this summer.
2. Donate new sheets, comforters, and towels for new families, giving them a fresh start.
3. Give \$. *Every gift makes a difference.*

To find out how, visit [CharlotteFamilyHousing.org](http://CharlotteFamilyHousing.org) or call 704-335-5488



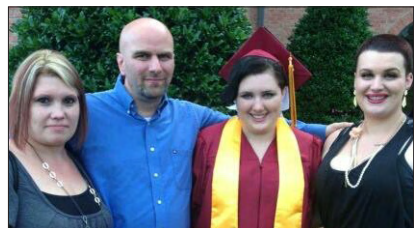
#### The Power of Song

Words are powerful, but when combined with music, you have a force that is unstoppable - The Power of Song. That's the gift that Kevin Gray and 150 of Charlotte's leading choral singers gave the city. Kevin, who is Director of Music at St. John's Baptist Church, pulled together 5 of the area's most exuberant choral groups - each performing 15 minutes of their best songs, then combining into one formidable troupe to round out the evening. Donations were accepted, an attendees were as generous in their donations as the vocalists were with their gift of song!



#### A Class Act in the Class of 2015

Hailey Wilson recently graduated from Piedmont Charter School. At an age when many teens are focused on their own wants and wishes, Hailey commemorated her high school graduation by accepting graduation gifts to benefit Charlotte Family Housing. She got the idea when looking online for party decorations, and saw glitzy boxes that allowed guests to deposit cash gifts. Hailey made her own box and told guests their gifts would benefit Charlotte's working homeless families. Hailey's generosity is not surprising - her whole family (Rita, Tony, Hailey, and Megan) has volunteered at CFH on numerous occasions. Hailey plans to start college soon to study social work.



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