



# Creating Home

# No Place Like Home

The children of Morningstar recently enjoyed *The Wizard of Oz*, a wonderful movie outing during the never-ending summer pandemic. They listened to the cry of Dorothy, "there's no place like home," as she worked to get back to Kansas. They savored the last of fountain drinks and popcorn as Dorothy finally awoke in her comfortable bed, surrounded by those who love her.

**She was home.**

Home is both a place and a feeling and includes the people who care for each other in that space. For most of us, home includes the comfort of fresh sheets, cozy couch for movie watching, gathering around the table for meals, and a fresh cut lawn for playing with friends. For kids, home also includes the people who love them, help with homework, take time for fishing or hair braiding, coordinate fun for holidays, share prayers as they tuck them into bed, and hug them through the joys and challenges of life.

At Morningstar, we create home every day for a special group of Georgia's foster children.

We serve developmentally delayed boys and girls, ages 12-19, most coming from situations including abuse and neglect. Our campus has three cottages which provide a physical home for months or years to children. Our team adds the love, care, and encouragement that provide the feelings of home which all kids long to know.

**It takes a lot of everything to care for the children who seek sanctuary on our campus. We invite you to support the children by helping provide the practical needs and special touches, outlined in this giving brochure.**

Please give and help us create home and brighter days for Georgia's children.

– Beth VanDerbeck, Chief Executive Officer ★





Bradley Cottage is home to girls ages 12-18. The team at Bradley provides an array of services for the girls we serve.



Macon Cottage serves boys ages 12-18 with a focus on independent living.

“When people walk into a place that has been carefully prepared, they are more likely to surrender themselves to it, trusting that whoever cared so much for the room might also care for them.”

Barbara Brown Taylor



Albany Cottage serves boys ages 12-18. The Albany team supports residents with special sensory needs.



The iconic gates of Morningstar are instantly recognized by many in our community. The gates date back to the 1940s when the campus was Santo Domingo State Park.

# Everyday Needs

## A \$100 Gift

- ★ Birthday gift and celebration cake
- ★ Weekend art supplies for a cottage

## A \$250 Gift

- ★ Visit from the ice cream truck
- ★ Haircuts for boys

## A \$500 Gift

- ★ Service for campus vans
- ★ Support for special medical expenses

## A \$1000 Gift

- ★ On-going facility repairs
- ★ New bedding for a cottage

Contact our Development Team for more information on ways to give:

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# BIG Dreams

## BIG Needs

purchase new  
group room  
furniture for  
cottages

small bus/  
van for group  
outings

running track/  
ball field

re-roofing  
cottages on  
campus

family  
visitation  
center

campus road  
repair & paving

# More Ways to Give



## Monthly Gifts

Your monthly gift can make a lasting impact on the life of a child.



## Matching Gifts

As a benefit to employees, many companies will match a gift. Contact your company's HR office to determine if this is an option. Filling out a simple form and forwarding to us will have a positive impact on a child's life.



## Endowment Gifts

Help us secure the future with a gift to the Morningstar Children's Fund. Through the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation, your endowment gift will ensure that our children's needs are met for years to come.



## Planned Gifts

Would you like to leave a lasting legacy for the benefit of our children? Contact our team to discuss a planned gift. Planned gifts can include real estate, stock, and bequests.

Thank you for making a gift to support the practical needs and special touches to help us continue to create home on the Morningstar Campus. We are dedicated to using your donation to serve Georgia's foster children who come to us for care. Each gift in this brochure is representative of resources, services, or support for programs provided at Morningstar Children and Family Services. Your donation will be used to provide assistance where it is needed most within our program areas or to address similar needs outlined in this brochure.



Visit our website at:  
[MorningstarCFS.Org/Donate](https://MorningstarCFS.Org/Donate)



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# Thank You!

Dinner Under the Stars is a critical part of our annual fundraising efforts. With the pandemic continuing to impact gatherings, we had to think differently about 2020. Ultimately, we allowed CDC guidelines to be our benchmark and decided to rebrand the event Dinner Under Your Stars. An array of options allowed supporters to pick up meals, have meals delivered, or host a small group in a home setting. We would like to thank our sponsors, along with everyone who participated in making this event a success.



# Help us Create Home

“ Morningstar has shown me, as well as everyone else, that you don't have to be perfect to be loved, and that you don't have to be related to be considered family. Morningstar takes in children that the world says “no” to and says “yes.” Yes, you are cared for. Yes, you can have hope. Yes, you can be yourself. And yes, this is going to get better. Life is going to get better. And when the world says, “you can't do it alone”, Morningstar says “you don't have to, we'll help you” - C.H., former resident



Google Review

“ Y'all changed my whole life. ”  
- C.P., former resident



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## VISION

Brighter futures for all Georgia children

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## MISSION

Morningstar is a sanctuary where transformative teaching and healing affirms our children through real relationships

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## VALUES

### **We look toward the stars...**

believing that we are part of something bigger than ourselves.

### **We shine like the stars...**

reflecting the goodness and light that is in all of us.

### **We reach for the stars...**

knowing our best effort makes a difference, every day.

### **We guide like the stars...**

mentoring those in our care through positive words and actions.

### **We connect like the stars...**

linking together to create a community of hope and encouragement for all.

connecting  
kids  
with brighter  
days

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