

Black Mountain Children's Home (BMH), Black Mountain, NC. – May 2026





Nineteen ALCOM men and women traveled to Black Mountain, NC, to serve at the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families, a private, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Their mission statement is to glorify God by caring for children, youth, and families. After their homes are deemed unsafe or unhealthy, children are placed in the care of BMH by the court system and Department of Social Services in their home county. BMH serves children from birth through college age and beyond. Many of their children have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. Some may stay with them for only a few weeks, while others may spend a considerable part of their childhood in their care. BMH sustained major damage due to the flooding during Hurricane Helene. BMH has very few full-time staff. Our volunteer efforts are very much needed and very much appreciated.

The project for the men was to help with various Building and Grounds projects around the facility where the main projects were to refurbish the main bridge over the creek and paint in the several bedroom pods for two of the children's homes. Besides those two projects we also were able to build a small awning for the kids covering the bus stop, built several birdhouses to put around campus, repaired weed eaters and chainsaws, repaired the structure where the goats and bull stay, fix several electrical issues around campus, mow some of the ground. Of course, we all spent time doing things at the thrift store. And Greg was able to help his new buddy, the bull, by strapping down his water tub preventing him from tossing it over the fence repeatedly.

The Ladies were busy and working hard, too. The projects for the ladies included working in the office at the admin building answering phones and helping with various office tasks, organizing storage rooms, working in the thrift store that supports Black Mountain Home, weeding the landscape around the campground lodge, painting the wood on the repaired bridge, painting walls and trim at one of the family cottages, and cleaning in the administration building and lodge,

We enjoyed getting together for a couple of group meals in the campground lodge. For week one, we had a highly anticipated repeat of last year, a delicious fish fry. Our BMH contact for the men, Jim "Pop" Harmon, and our own Jerry Berry and Ken Conaway provided the fish, and Judy Conaway made her wonderful hush puppies! Ken Conaway and Jerry Berry prepared the shrimp and sausage boil for week two. COMers brought desserts each week. We also made a couple of trips into Black Mountain for pizza, bbq, and ice cream!

Additional information regarding BMH: The requirement for volunteers is to work at least 24 hours a week. They provide NO meals as children receive their meals in their respective homes. Located next to the campsites is an air-conditioned lodge containing a fully stocked kitchen, TV, internet, laundry, showers, screened porch with grill and fireplace.











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