



OUR HOUSE

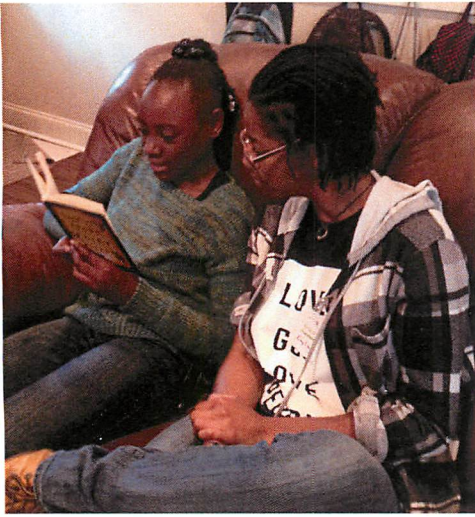


Our House is a ministry of By Our Love, an Alabama non-profit corporation and the result of a number of years of local mission outreach to children and their families who live in Auburn Public Housing, Ridgecrest Apartments. We believe that we are called to love, serve and be present to our neighbors. Therefore, we continue to show the love of Jesus in practical ways and foster relationships that demonstrate our genuine care and concern for their spiritual, emotional and social well-being. Many of these friendships are established and mature in the home located at 797 N. Donahue, Auburn, Alabama, which is “next door” to Ridgecrest.

Our Mission Statement

We strive to show the love of Jesus to children and their families in our community, and to provide a Christ-centered, home environment in which they can grow spiritually, academically and socially. As we spend time with our neighbors, we pray that our loving, serving and mentoring of men, women and children will be a partnership with God to draw them into a personal relationship with His Son.





After School at Our House

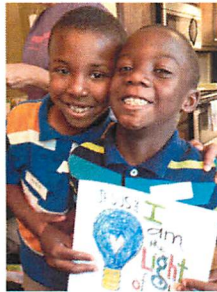
We invite children in the neighborhood to come to Our House after school (Monday through Thursday) for a healthy snack and help with their homework. Thankfully, we have many wonderful interns and volunteers from several campus ministries, as well as those pursuing degrees from Auburn in Human Development and Family Studies, Elementary Education and Social Work. These college students are developing relationships with the children and offering practical help with homework and school projects, which likely would not have been completed at home.



We are extremely grateful to those who volunteer their time, and those who provide snacks, supplies and financial support, so that our focus can remain solely on offering a healthy environment in which these children can thrive and begin to see the future and hope God has planned for each of them.

Summer at Our House

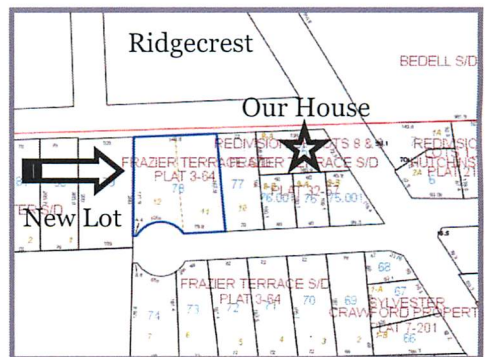
During the summer, we serve lunch to Our Kids and offer various types of camps, including art camp, science camp, nutrition camp, backyard Bible school, and sports camp. We have been blessed to host Camp iCare, a division of the Cary Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies, an academic center in the Auburn University College of Human Sciences. During Camp iCare, Our Kids learn about wants vs. needs, leadership, and giving (of their time, talent, treasure and trust). Saturday morning breakfast club is a summertime favorite at Our House, as it offers a time for Our Kids and their families to enjoy food, fun and fellowship.



What's Next for Our House

We currently serve more than fifty children, who live within walking distance of Our House. Since our space is limited, we rotate the children in groups based upon their grade level. At present, the elementary school aged groups are only able to come to Our House two days per week. There are dozens of other children in the neighborhood who want to come to Our House, but we simply do not have room.

SO, we are thrilled to have acquired another property in close proximity to Our House and are currently raising funds and drawing plans for a second house. This will allow us to host all age groups four days a week, and we will not have to turn away families who want to be a part of what God is doing in their neighborhood.



We hope to have the new house complete by the start of the 2017 school year.

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Outreach to Our Moms has included lunches, Bible study, fitness and special holiday events. As we spend time with the mothers of Our Kids, we deepen our friendships and we are able to better understand their circumstances, to provide much needed support and to encourage them to persevere in the face of difficulty.



And, they will know us By Our Love.
John 13:35