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We are thrilled to announce that we were 2024 recipients of the Impact 100 Pensacola Bay Area grant! Because of this incredible blessing, we were able to purchase THREE new Kia vans for the children in our care! The kids are excited to show you our new wheels!

These vans are already making a huge difference—whether it's heading to appointments, going on field trips, or just enjoying the ride, our kids are traveling safely and smiling brightly.

We're deeply grateful to Impact 100 and all of the women who make this giving circle possible. Your generosity is fueling real impact and brighter futures.

# Thank You to our Generous Donors!

Heartfelt thanks to Melanie Hernandez and the lending teams at Navy Federal and Aldersgate Methodist Church!

Your kindness keeps meals shared, spaces clean, clothes fresh, and creativity flowing.



# **Creating Joyful Memories**



Summer has arrived, and with it comes laughter, sunshine, and sweet memories being made right here at the Children's Home. Thanks to your generous support, our kids are experiencing the joys of childhood in safe and loving surroundings.



One of the most anticipated activities of the season is horseback riding. There's something truly special about the connection between a child and a gentle horse—confidence blossoms and hearts are lifted as our kids ride on the trails around the property, guided by patient staff and volunteers.



Another summer favorite is strawberry picking. Little hands reach into rows of bright green leaves to find the ripest, juiciest berries. The excitement is contagious! After gathering baskets of fresh fruit, the children head to the kitchen to make homemade jam. With aprons tied and spoons in hand, they learn to work together, turning nature's sweetness into a treat they can share.



These simple pleasures—riding a horse, picking berries, and making jam—are so much more than fun. They are healing. They are moments of belonging. They are childhood reclaimed.

Your continued support makes all of this possible. Thank you for helping create a summer filled with love, laughter, and growth.



As Psalm 34:8 (KJV) reminds us,

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

Together, we are giving these children a chance to taste and see the goodness of God through every summer smile.

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At MFA, we believe that stepping into adulthood should never mean stepping out alone. Meet Mark—a determined young man preparing for life's next chapter, equipped with wisdom, skills, and an unwavering support system.

### MEDICAL SAFETY

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The helpful staff at Royal Pharmacy taught him how to safely get medications when he's feeling under the weather — including how to ask questions, follow instructions, and take care of himself responsibly.



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### **GOVERNMENT OFFICES**

He learned how to navigate important government offices — like getting a vehicle tag and permit , mailing important documents at the post office , and understanding tax preparation  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

### ONLINE SAFETY

Mark added some important tools to his toolbox! Mr. Seth spent time teaching him about internet safety, recognizing scams, and protecting personal information online.





### HOME MAINTENANCE

Mark is learning all about what it takes to obtain and maintain a home; how to apply for an apartment, understand a lease agreement, and take care of basic home maintenance tasks

### MEAL PREPARATION

Mark is cooking up success! Today, Miss Cheryl showed him how to take his freshly purchased groceries and turn them into a healthy, delicious meal! Learning to care for himself in the kitchen is just another beautiful step toward independence





### GRADUATION

We celebrate a beautiful milestone — Mark's high school graduation! He's officially taking flight, equipped with life skills, wisdom, and the unwavering love of his support team both at home and MFA.

# Love, Stability, and the Father's Faithfulness

As the director of operations at My Father's Arrows, I have the privilege of witnessing transformation every day. Children arrive here from situations that are often difficult—but not of their choosing. Many come through no fault of their own, simply needing a safe, supportive place to grow, heal, and thrive.

Through every moment—whether it's a shared meal, a guiet conversation, or a big milestone -we have one goal: to reflect the heart of the Father. We point these young lives to the One who will never leave them, whose love never wavers.

"As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." - Psalm 103:13 (KJV)

What about you friend? Do you also find yourself struggling some feeling stuck in situations or circumstances that are not of your choosing? These days can be particularly challenging. Even as adults we can find ourselves discouraged and feeling helpless to navigate the course.

This Father's Day, I'm reminded that the most important thing we can share with you and also with the children at My Father's Arrows is a picture of God's faithfulness.

Whether you have become a part of the MFA team through your giving, your prayers, or as a follower on social media, you are an important part of our ministry. You make it possible for us to walk beside each child, quiding them with patience, speaking truth with gentleness, and offering encouragement when life feels uncertain.

We want to extend that encouragement to you as well. Deuteronomy 33:27a (KJV) reminds us that: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms..."

This father's day, take a moment and find refuge in the everlasting arms of the Heavenly Father. It's in His presence that we find rest, peace, and the answers to life's toughest questions.

Thank you for your partnership and prayers. Your generosity is making a lasting difference, one life at a time.

Blessings, Director of Operations My Father's Arrows



**Honoring Fathers** 

Whether you give in honor of your own father, as a way for you to nurture children, or because you know that ache a child feels when they are apart from their **GIVE ONLINE!** Just point your father, we invite phone's camera you to give generously this Father's Day.

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