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## Anchor House Kitchen Reveal

*"Everything happens in the kitchen. Life happens in the kitchen." – Andrew Zimmern*

A year ago we revealed our recently renovated kitchen in Faucette House. Even before then, work began behind the scenes to renovate TWO kitchens in Anchor House. Thanks to Spartanburg's Community Development Block Grant and Timken Foundation the teen girls and sibling groups residing in Anchor House now have beautiful, functional kitchen spaces. We want our residents to feel at home on campus, and they are encouraged to participate in meal planning, cooking, and trying new recipes. Over the years, this became incredibly difficult with the outdated, cramped kitchen spaces in Anchor House as those kitchens contain food storage and washers and dryers for laundry as well.

We are excited to report that the kitchens are complete as of September 2022. The beautiful renovations have revitalized the space that serves as the heart of Anchor House. Youth and staff enjoy gathering there together to savor a meal, complete homework, or even play board games.

New commercial laundry units were added as well to keep things running smoothly - ensuring that a home that serves 14 youth always has fresh clean clothes.

HCFC always prioritizes making our residential programs feel as home-like as possible. We know that every youth we serve is here

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*Kitchen: Anchor House Side A*



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# AH Kitchen Reveal (continued)

because they have experienced abuse and/or neglect, so family teachers and our program supervisors do their best to address each child's individual needs. They work tirelessly to infuse daily life with an environment where youth can express their ideas and feelings. In the kitchen, residents are encouraged to suggest meals to make, to experiment with new recipes, or even cook well-remembered favorite meals from home, including cultural dishes that may be a new taste for other residents.

Additionally, the evidenced-based Teaching Family Model ensures we work with youth to build their life skills including cooking, managing finances, and general skills that will help them become more self sufficient.

The Anchor House kitchen is so much more than just a kitchen. It's the true heart, the center of activity for both the staff and the residents.

Special thanks to all the generous volunteers who provided meals during our kitchen renovations!

Interested in touring our new spaces?  
Email Maddi Currier at [mcurrier@hopecfc.org](mailto:mcurrier@hopecfc.org).



*Kitchen: Anchor House Side B*

## Thank you to these generous funders for 2022 grant awards:

### AFL

Clinical Support Services training

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(CDBG) – Anchor House kitchen renovation, parking lot resurfacing, and salary support for residential programs

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– TLP medical needs

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Anchor House kitchen renovation

### Westminster Presbyterian

General program needs

# TLP Success Story

A few months ago, we welcomed Derrick\* into our Transitional Living Program at the Lindsay House. This bright young man had recently graduated from high school with a 4.0 GPA, despite having unsafe housing.



His nights were rarely spent at home; he often couch-surfed and stayed with friends. Upon his graduation, his parents chose to kick him out altogether. Derrick was living in a tent, sometimes sleeping in parks, other times spending restless nights trying to find anywhere to rest that felt safe. Still, Derrick had dreams for his future.

Derrick also has autism. He worked extremely hard to overcome his challenges and achieve the grades and skills needed to attend college. But trying to apply for college admission and financial aid is difficult enough when you have help - imagine trying to do it while not knowing where you'll sleep that night.

Derrick was referred to HCFC's Transitional Living Program, and finally found a safe space and people to help him reach his goals. Our staff were so impressed by his resilience. Derrick still had the ambitious goal of graduating from college - despite all the challenges the world had thrown at him. Latrice, the TLP Supervisor, and other dedicated staff were able to show Derrick some real options for college in our local community. He applied and was accepted, however financial aid and the cost of living was a major concern. Through the efforts made by HCFC staff, the college faculty, and Derrick himself, he received an opportunity to attend school and live on campus with room and board at no cost to him.

Derrick recently moved into his dorm room for the fall semester. He's got a job close to campus, and he received a scholarship from HCFC's Scholarship Fund. He also received a laptop and other supplies thanks to some generous donors. Although Derrick's time with us was short, HCFC was there when he needed us the most. We'll be here on college breaks, too. Derrick will have a home to go to for Christmas and other holidays.

Derrick's dreams are now within reach, thanks to the Hope Center for Children community of supporters. We couldn't do it without you.

*\*Name changed to protect privacy.*

## Current Needs

- Towels
- Washcloths
- Twin sheets
- Laundry detergent (free & clear)
- Ear buds
- Flash drives
- Adult sized backpacks

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- ❄ Sponsor a holiday wish list for a child or family in our care.
- ❄ Give money or gift cards for the holidays, and we'll ensure each child has a memorable experience, even if they arrive in our care a few days, or even hours, before a holiday.
- ❄ Donate a meal during Thanksgiving or Christmas breaks.

Contact Alexis Williams at [awilliams@hopecfc.org](mailto:awilliams@hopecfc.org) or (864) 583-7688 ext. 153 for more information.





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