

# McKENZIE'S MESSAGES



July 2012

## Greetings!

Thank you so much for your continued support of The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation. In this summer issue of our newly titled email newsletter we are highlighting Kamp Kenzie, our teen summer volunteers, building an orphanage for babies, the new MARC and upcoming events. We hope you enjoy reading about our new programs and realizing as a supporter, what you are making possible.

With much appreciation,

Blake & Stephanie Wilson



Kamp Kenzie is a summer day camp at McKenzie's Academic Resource Center that was made possible by our donors and volunteers. It provides 50 children with the chance to participate in enriching activities such as crafts, games, swimming lessons, nutrition education, computer time, reading and field trips. It is free-of-charge to children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a summer program.

We are incredibly grateful to Chick-fil-A at Beach & Hodges, PB and Joy of St. Augustine, Brucci's Pizza, and the Plummer family who have donated nutritious lunches for each child and volunteer at Kamp Kenzie. Thanks to Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery for donating sunscreen for all the campers. We are especially proud of all the volunteers who have given their time to positively impact the children at Kamp Kenzie. Thank you!



## 35 Abandoned Babies Will Soon Have a Home

Construction has begun on Amaka ga McKenzie, baby home. Because of your incredible fundraising support, we have built not only one, but two orphanages in Africa! The boy's home was completed earlier this year and now we are moving forward on building a third orphanage! This third home will be for abandoned babies, which are a harsh reality in the town of Masaka, Uganda. It will be a two-story home to care for 35 babies and is located on the same compound as the girl's and boy's home.

If you'd like to continue to help us in honoring McKenzie's legacy by caring for orphans, please make a donation to the Foundation online at [www.caregivegrow.org/donate](http://www.caregivegrow.org/donate), or you can purchase our album *The Reason*, and 100% of the proceeds will go towards building orphanages.

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## Teens Are GIVING This Summer!



More than 50 local teenagers are GIVING their time to volunteer this summer! In a world of me, me, me, it's so refreshing to see youth giving, giving and giving to others.

These teens are not only giving their time, but they also are giving compassion, kindness and hope to children at two local camps. At Kamp Kenzie and the Carver Center summer camp (a community center in Jacksonville Beach), volunteers act as positive role models to younger children. They encourage and teach children through games, crafts, computer time, and reading. They have stepped into the role of mentor with great enthusiasm as they see how important it is to reach out to others to better their community.

For more information about volunteering, please go to [www.mckenziegives.org](http://www.mckenziegives.org)

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# McKenzie's Academic Resource Center Expands in Jacksonville!



We are excited to announce the opening of a second McKenzie's Academic Resource Center, or MARC, in Jacksonville! This new center will open in September and will be housed in the community center of the Countryside neighborhood, which is located on Beach Boulevard. It will provide many of the same services that the MARC in the Portside community

provides. Those services include after-school tutoring, early learning and adult education. We have several new partners supporting the new MARC, including Windy Hill Elementary, Twin Lakes Academy Middle School, Englewood High School and Cross Roads United Methodist Church. These partners will provide volunteers and additional programs for the community such as weekend youth activities and food distribution.

We are so excited to be able to extend our programs to help more young people recognize their full potential! With this new endeavor, we will need additional volunteer support. If you'd like to be an after-school tutor/mentor this fall, you can soon sign up online at [www.mckenziegives.org](http://www.mckenziegives.org).

## Upcoming Events

### School Supply Drive

**Drop off every Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., July 5 - 31 at McKenzie's Academic Resource Center,  
14001 Beach Blvd.**

School supplies are a necessity, one that many children go without. Please help us to collect supplies for each child that attends McKenzie's Academic Resource Center! A list of items can be found at [www.mckenziegives.org](http://www.mckenziegives.org) under Summer Volunteering.

**Mark Your Calendars for November 10th!**

# McKenzie's RUN

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**1 mile fun run & 5K**

## Support the Foundation



Bracelets are available for purchase at [shop.caregivegrow.org](http://shop.caregivegrow.org). All proceeds from the sale of each beautifully handmade bracelet goes to the Foundation!

### Donate Online!

Donations can be made securely to the Foundation online at [www.caregivegrow.org/donate](http://www.caregivegrow.org/donate)



All proceeds from the sale of this CD, full of songs inspired by McKenzie, goes towards building orphanages in Uganda. Get your album today!

[www.eleven22worship.com](http://www.eleven22worship.com)

### Vision

The Foundation is dedicated to helping young people find their purpose in an increasingly complex and challenging world.

### Mission

Our mission is to help young people recognize their full potential by providing programs that encourage caring for others, giving to those in need, and growing in their own spirituality.