

TRINITY CHILDREN FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTES \$24,314.00 TO BOYS AND GIRLS HOMES FROM 4th ANNUAL CHARITY RIDE PROCEEDS



Gary Faircloth, President/CEO of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina poses with Doris Eakes, Trinity Children Charity Foundation President and Founder after receiving the Homes' gift from the Foundation's annual charity ride across North Carolina.

Trinity Children Foundation conducted its 4th Annual Charity Ride June 18 – 20, 2009. The Ride began in Maggie Valley, NC and ended in Carolina Beach with proceeds from the event benefitting four North Carolina organizations that provide

care for abused children and promoting public awareness of childhood abuse. Among the organizations receiving contributions from the ride was Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc., a recipient of \$24,314.42! Other recipients included *The Children's Homes, Inc., The Carousel Center, and South Mountain Children & Family Services, Inc.*

At a Celebration Luncheon held in Winston-Salem on July 14, 2009 over \$86,000.00 was presented to the different organizations as invited guests, sponsors, riders, the grand marshal and Trinity Board members shared in the excitement. With the contributions from the 2009 Charity Ride, the Foundation has donated more than \$310,000 to help these agencies provide necessary and critical services to the children in their care. Founder and President, Doris W. Eakes, stated, "To guide a child through the trauma of abuse promotes a safer generation to come...making for a better world!"

The 2009 Ride Captain Chris Jernigan, Grand Marshall Todd Glasser and Safety Officer Chief Greg Pratt, lead seventy-three (73) motorcycles and riders and twenty one (21) support staff on another safe and successful ride. The group was also escorted in their ride by two New Hanover County Sheriff's Deputies. "This is one of the most fun times I have ever had on a motorcycle," said Chris Jernigan, executive director of South Mountain who has ridden on every ride since the event began in 2006.

A major portion of the funding for the donations to the organizations came from the annual Trinity Children Charity Ride raffle. The raffle drawing was held on June, 20, 2009 at the Riders Appreciation Dinner. Mrs. Eakes stated that "We are happy to announce the winners and thank them for helping the children by purchasing raffle tickets." The winner of the 1st Place Prize – a 2009 Harley-Davidson Super Glide Custom, was Jim Wilson of Winston-Salem, NC, a board member of The Children's Home of Winston-Salem, NC. Mr. Wilson was also the winner of the 2nd Place Prize – a cash prize of \$1000.00. The winner of the 3rd Place Prize – His & Hers Harley-Davidson Riding Jackets was Cynthia D. Stewart of Lewisville, NC. The winner of the 4th Place Prize – a \$500.00 cash prize was Spring Williams-Byrd of Lenoir, NC.

In speaking about the event, Boys and Girls Homes Board of Trustees Chairman Jim Hill: "Doris Eakes is tremendously passionate about making a difference for children suffering from abuse and neglect. Boys and Girls Homes is very fortunate to have a friend like Doris who turns her passion into action. We thank Doris and the Trinity Children Foundation for this tremendous gift to help in our efforts for the children in our care." In accepting the 2009 gift from the Foundation, Boys and Girls Homes President/CEO Gary Faircloth said, "What Doris and the Foundation have done is very special for the children in our care. As a former resident, I can attest to what the caring of others meant in my life. On behalf of all the children of Boys and Girls Homes, I express sincerest thanks and appreciation to Doris and the Foundation, the riders, and all the supporters who have made this gift for our children possible."

For additional information about joining the Trinity Children Foundation and these children's service organization in helping children survive the trauma of abuse telephone **910.458.3832** or e-mail Doris W. Eakes at dorekes@aol.com. The 2010 ride is scheduled for June 24-26, 2010. To become a sponsor; register to ride; or purchase raffle tickets visit the Foundation website: www.trinitychildren.com.