



**Show Me**  
*Christian Youth Home*  
 RESCUE AND RESTORE

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## Turning the Page

### Meet the Ladies of the Graduating Class of 2026

For the young women of Show-Me Christian Youth Home’s Class of 2026, the story isn’t just about where they are going—it’s about what has shaped them along the way.

Though their paths were different, Samantha, Taija, and Sophia built a foundation rooted in faith and discovered what it means to be part of something bigger than themselves. At Show-Me, they experienced a family grounded in the love of Christ, where even as circumstances changed, God remained constant. Now, they carry that same hope forward, desiring to be a light in the lives of others.

### Stepping Into Confidence

Samantha came to Show-Me in 2021 after her dad began teaching there. At first, it felt unfamiliar. She remembers feeling shy and often held back by anxiety, unsure of where she fit or how much of herself to share. But her first impression was simple—it felt like a family. In the classroom, at lunch, and in everyday conversations, she found people who noticed her and cared about her. “No matter what,” she said, “someone was always willing to talk with me.”

That sense of being known began to change her. Through daily mentorship, hearing others share their testimonies, and the messages in chapel, her faith started to grow. What once felt intimidating became familiar. What once felt uncertain began to feel possible. “Everything was centered around doing our best to honor God,” she shared. That environment didn’t just support her—it helped shape her.

As she grew more confident, she began to step into new opportunities. Through sports, involvement on the praise team in chapel, and programs like Leadership U, she put that growth into action. Each step stretched her, but it also strengthened her. Now, she plans to go to college and pursue elementary education, hoping to be a safe place and steady example for students who may be where she once was.

### An Anchor in the Storm

Taija was just two years old when she and her five siblings ended up at Show-Me. “I don’t remember much of my life before then, but it was toxic and not a good environment,” she shared. “My



Class of   
**2026**

## Prayer Requests

### We Praise God for...

... *Taija, Sophia, and Sam* graduating and preparing for adulthood

... *New houseparents settling in and building their families*

... *final touches to the office remodel and everyone settling into the new spaces*

### Please Pray for...

... *one more houseparent couple for the team, as well as a Family Life Coach for the Family Care Ministry in Galt*

... *children to fill the current openings in our homes*

Join our Prayer Partner List to receive bi-monthly and urgent prayer requests. Call 660-347-5982 or sign up online at



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► *Taija and Samantha will be the first students to graduate from the new Show-Me Christian School.*

**Name:** Samantha

**At Show-Me:** 5 years

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Psalm 23:4

**Favorite Thing to Do:** Reading, hiking, baking, running, art

**Favorite Snack:** Dot's pretzels, Z-bars, goldfish, fruit snacks, and oatmeal cream pies

**The Next Chapter:** Attend State Fair Community College and one day become an elementary school teacher. I want to be a safe place for kids!

**If you could go anywhere, at any time, where would you go?** I'm pretty content with where I'm at, but seeing Jesus would have been super cool!

**Her Advice:** "The time will pass either way, so make it count."



parents made bad decisions, and my grandma couldn't take care of all six of us." Through different homes, seasons, and challenges, uncertainty became part of her early story.

**"People come and go, but God doesn't go anywhere."**

— Taija

But over time, one truth began to stand out. "People come and go," she said, "but God doesn't go anywhere." That realization became her anchor. It wasn't something she understood all at once, but something that grew through the steady presence of those who chose to invest in her life—houseparents, teachers, and mentors. In those relationships, she began to see something different. She began to see herself differently—not as someone defined by where she came from, but by who she was becoming.

Her faith became personal. "I have found myself in Jesus," she said, "and it has changed me completely." Music became one of the ways she began to process and express that growth. Through singing, she found a way to give voice to thoughts and feelings she didn't always have words for, helping her connect more deeply with both her story and her sense of identity. Over time, through trust, consistency, and the quiet reminder that she was never alone, her faith was transformed. Now, she looks ahead with purpose. Taija plans to attend college and pursue a career as a nurse or EMT, with a desire not only to help others, but to truly be there for them in the moments that matter most, offering the same presence and care that shaped her.

### **A Mission of Family**

Sophia came to Show-Me when she was four years old, when her parents answered a calling to become houseparents. At the time, she was an only child, but that quickly changed. Over the years, more than 50 children would come through her home, each one

becoming part of her life in a unique way. What she experienced was not just a place to live, but a family that was constantly growing. Through shared traditions, trips, holidays, and everyday life together, she learned how to build relationships that mattered.

Through it all, her family remained constant, anchored in faith and surrounded by Christ-centered examples. That environment shaped her deeply. Show-Me didn't just influence her life—it formed her understanding of what it means to live like Christ: to welcome others, to serve, and to lean on prayer, especially when the future feels uncertain. Living in a home that was always opening its doors gave her the opportunity to not just learn about faith, but to live it out daily in the way she cared for others.

Along the way, music and sports became important parts of her life. She found a place on the praise team, playing guitar, drums, and piano, while also competing in sports like track, volleyball, and basketball. She has earned numerous academic and athletic honors, including being named to all-conference teams in basketball and track. She has also been awarded twice the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Award of Excellence, a distinction given to student-athletes who exemplify outstanding sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity. She now plans to attend college, where she will compete in track while studying exercise science or kinesiology and pursue a career as an athletic trainer, welcoming and influencing her new family of athletes.

### **Into the Next Chapter**

Though their stories are different, what these young women carry forward is the same. They have seen what it looks like to be supported, experienced faith lived out daily, and learned that even in uncertainty, God remains constant. With gratitude for what they have received, they step into their next chapter—entering classrooms, hospitals, fields, and communities—lives transformed and seeking to transform others.

**Name:** Taija

**At Show-Me:** 16 years

**Favorite Bible Verse:** John 16:33

**Favorite Thing to Do:**

Sing, read her Bible, walk, run, write, and spend time with friends

**Favorite Snack:** Beef jerky, fruit snacks, oranges, cosmic brownies, Oreos

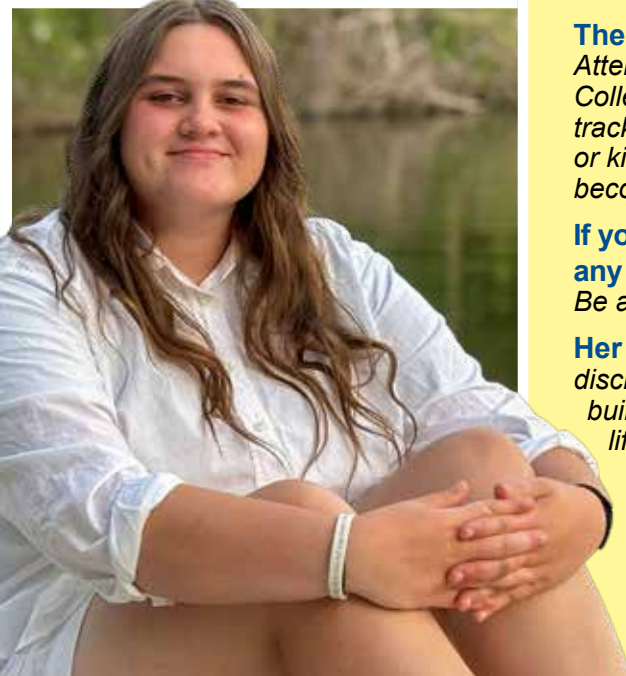
**The Next Chapter:** Attend State Fair Community College and pursue nursing or EMT work, following a calling to serve others

**If you could go anywhere, at any time, where would you go?**

To see Jesus—especially the moment Mary found the empty tomb

**Her Advice:** “Not everyone has to like you. God made us salt, not sugar.”

**Impact Show-Me Has Had:** “I have found myself in Jesus, and it has changed me completely.”



**Name:** Sophia

**At Show-Me:** 14 years

**Favorite Bible Verse:** John 16:33

**Favorite Thing to Do:**

Playing music (especially guitar) and fishing

**Favorite Snack:**

Doritos and Oreos

**The Next Chapter:**

Attend State Fair Community College, compete in collegiate track, and study exercise science or kinesiology with the goal of becoming an athletic trainer

**If you could go anywhere, at any time, where would you go?** Be a part of the Boston Tea Party

**Her Advice:** “Hard work, discipline, and faith are the building blocks of a meaningful life.”

**Did you know?** Sophia has lived with over 50 different children while growing up at Show-Me

# Show-Me Needs List

Help stock our shelves and fill our homes. Below is a list of items needed.



## Need more ideas?

Take a peek at our  
"Show Me Christian Youth Home"

wish list at Amazon.com



### Main Campus La Monte

- Beef Ramen noodles
- K-cup coffee
- Paper plates
- Toilet paper
- Hangers
- Shelf dusters
- Pool toys/goggles
- Sidewalk chalk
- Gardening tools

### Drysdale Campus

- Honey
- Plain Cheerios
- Canned fruits
- Paper plates
- Kleenex facial tissue
- Laundry soap (No Extra or Oxyclean please)
- Pine-Sol cleaner
- Disinfectant wipes
- Bath toys for boys
- Side by side UTV

### Family Care

- Soups (Cream of chicken/ mushroom/ celery)
- Pasta and sauces
- Block cheese (Velveeta or similar)
- Toilet paper
- Heavy-duty paper plates
- Aluminum foil

- Parchment/ Wax paper
- Grocery gift cards
- 2-3 Blenders
- Rechargeable Cordless hand vacuum

### Judd Home

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Dishwasher pods
- Feminine products (Always pads)
- Fire pit

### Kitchen

- Canned vegetables (Large cans)
- Individual snack treats
- Brownie & Cake mixes
- Glass & Plastic Storage containers w/ lids

### Medical

- Cough drops
- Cough syrups (adult & child)
- Allergy syrup (child)
- Cough drops
- Neosporin/ Triple Antibiotic ointments
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent sprays

### Show-Me School

- Bottled hand soap

- Sweaters for school uniforms (Dark blue/ White/ Gray/ Black)
- \$5 Gift card incentives

### Leadership U

- Small square Alfalfa bales
- Ivermectin horse dewormer
- New hoof rasps
- Quest dewormer (15 tubes)
- Diamond high-energy dog food

### 4-H & Art

- Ultra fine point set of 12 black Sharpies
- Heavy-duty stapler w/ staples
- 6 Elmer's white liquid glue
- 18" Clay wire cutter
- Speedball 4131 Linoleum Cutter Set

### Path to Purpose

- Reliable "starter vehicles" for our graduates

### P.E. & Sports

- Baseball throwdown rubber base set
- 18" rubber cones
- Adult-size team set of pinnies
- Playground rubber kickballs
- 12 segmented jump ropes





# THANKYOU!

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(January - March 2026)



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*(83rd Birthday)*  
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*(Birthday)*  
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*(89th Birthday)*  
Curtis R Farr

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*(Birthday)*  
Vickie Longenecker

DAVID WURDEMAN  
*(73rd Birthday)*  
Elton & Barb Fay



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**Show-Me**

- ✓ Meet the families
- ✓ Tour the new school
- ✓ Enjoy lunch
- ✓ Fun kids' activities all day
- ✓ Horse program

# 2026 ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday,  
September 12, 2026  
10 AM - 3 PM



## EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HOME AND A FAMILY

Show-Me Christian Youth Home is Compelled by Christ to Rescue and Restore Young Lives. We believe that every child deserves a home and a family, an opportunity for a better future and an excellent eternity.

**FAMILY. FAITH. FUTURE.** Out-of-home placement services are available to children of any age at no cost to the parent or guardian. We are funded solely by contributions from individuals, churches and groups that are willing to put their faith into action to help children.



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