

Feels Like Home

The following students at Wisdom Faith Christian Academy were asked to write a poem about their favorite place, person, or something that feels like "home" to them. These are a great example of the many things children see as safe and comforting. Their poems were submitted by teacher Dollie Slayton.

In The Back Yard -Anonymous

In the backyard, the trees sway
And the horse's neigh.

In the backyard, the wind will blow
And the grass will grow

In the backyard, the dogs will run
In the morning sun

In the backyard, the apple tree grows
And the chicken's crow

In the backyard under a tree
Reading a book, there

sits me.

Grandma and Grandpa's Farm BY Melanie, AGE 12

At Grandma and Grandpa's farm
At the farm, there is no harm
I love to race to the barn
At Grandma and Grandpa's farm
There is kindness
There is also goodness
That is why I love Grandma and Grandpa's farm

My Aunt BY Addy, AGE 12

O this is for my aunt
I love you so
I hope to see you soon,
my aunt.
I love you very much
I hope you know how
you make me feel so
unique, my aunt.
The things you make

On Thanksgiving Day
Is so delightful, I can't
even say, my aunt.
You make me feel so at
home
I love spending my
time with you
I know you know
How special you make

me feel, my aunt.
The chocolate cake you
make
And the rolls you make
at Christmas
Are good every time.
I love you so, my dear
O Aunt.

My Room BY Ayla, AGE 13

My room, the place
that is void of doom.
My room the place I
rule
But I mustn't bear the
thought of school.
My room where
darkness is embraced.

Between you and your
siblings
Meet me in the
backyard to
Join me in a race.
My room let your spirit
run free
My room, the place
where I spend time
Where I'm so free,
nothing feels like a
crime.

My room, my soul, I
lack, gone to the world
I will be back in my
room, it ain't a crime
To improve oc's of
mine.

Papa's House -ANONYMOUS

My Papa loves me so
And I'll tell you just
how I know
Sometimes he'll make
us breakfast
Sausage and eggs, we
love to eat.
"Hurry up and get in
the truck," says Papa
"I'll pick y'all up at
school."
Then we come back to
Papa's house.

When we get home,
he'll sometimes tell us
a story or two
About the good old
days, just me and you.
About family who
passed on, I wish they
weren't gone
At Papa's house.

Then at the dinner
table, Papa will
aggravate me about my
boys, singing
"You've got a man
on your mind." Can't
help but sing the line
because I know they're
mine.

It all happened at
Papa's house.
At bedtime, Papa will
say, "Good night, kids,
Sleep tight, and don't
let the bedbugs bite."
Then I am dreaming
about the adventures
me and papa will take
in the truck, good luck.

Then I wake up at
Papa's house.

The Volvo BY Phoenix, AGE 14

At dad's house (not
that house, the other
one), the small one
Where the Volvo is
Where it sits every day
I think of it every time

I see it, or I am near it
Feels like a piece of my
soul is reconnected
But when we leave it, it
feels like that piece of
my soul is gone again.
That peace stays there
with it.
I do miss it.
When you plan to
restore it, not all hope
is lost.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSAL

This is a Request for Qualifications/Proposal to provide architectural services for the design of parking and tractor-trailer ingress/egress for the George K. Bowling Community Park Food Pantry at 1608 West Stockton Street in Edmonton, KY. Bowling Park is applying for grant funds from the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program and possibly other grant programs for the re-design, plan implementation, and paving work to improve traffic flow for the food pantry's surrounding lot, especially for safer and more efficient tractor-trailer or large vehicle access.

The project will include assisting the client with design of ingress/egress and lot traffic flow to meet space requirements and code compliance. The RFQ/RFP is for the design, detailed cost estimate, and (if the grant is approved) bidding and construction management services required for the project. Proposals should also include the architectural/engineering firm's price for these services, as these fees will be built into the grant proposal.

You are invited to submit a proposal to be received no later than 9:00 am CST on Friday, May 8, 2026. Four copies of your proposal should be submitted to Bowling Park Executive Director Lisa Boswell, P.O. Box 849, Edmonton, KY 42129. The park's phone number is (270) 432-7204.

This Request for Qualifications/Proposal consists of the following attachments, which can be obtained by contacting Matt Pedigo, Barren River Area Development District, by email at Matt.pedigo@bradd.org: or by calling (270) 306-4254. TTY: 1-800-648-6056 (for hearing impaired only).

Attachment A - Problem Statement

Attachment B - Scope of Work

Attachment C - Project Schedule

Attachment D - Contract Type

Attachment E - Proposal Contents

Attachment F - Factors for Award/Evaluation of Criteria

Attachment G - Area Map

The Contract will be awarded to the responsible offerer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to Bowling Park. The factors to be considered and the method to be utilized in the evaluation of the qualifications and selection of the architect are set forth in Attachment F.

Bowling Park is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Attention of offerers is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract: Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109, Title VI, and EEO 11246. Local, minority, and female-owned firms are encouraged to respond.

Neighbors' measure to strengthen access to care for Medicaid patients' heads to Governor

FRANKFORT, KY - Members of the General Assembly moved to strengthen access to care for Medicaid patients, particularly in rural and underserved communities, while supporting provider retention and aligning reimbursement with quality outcomes with final passage of House Bill 689. The measure, sponsored by Representative Amy Neighbors of Edmonton, would provide the statutory authority for Kentucky to implement a Medicaid state-directed payment program for physician and non-physician professional services provided through qualifying hospital-affiliated groups, pending federal approval.

"Currently, many providers affiliated with teaching hospitals

are not eligible for existing state-directed payment programs, creating a significant funding gap for those serving large Medicaid populations," said Neighbors. "House Bill 689 would allow Kentucky to use an existing federal mechanism to help close that gap."

Medicaid state-directed payment programs are designed to enhance Medicaid reimbursement, helping support providers and strengthen access to care for Medicaid patients. According to Neighbors, the program is estimated to generate approximately \$29 million each year in new federal Medicaid dollars with no impact on the General Fund. Payments would comply with federal law and increase Medicaid

reimbursement up to the Medicare rate while also requiring participating providers to meet state identified quality metrics.

Neil Thornbury, CEO of T.J. Regional Health, said, "We deeply appreciate Rep. Amy Neighbors and all of our state's leadership in advancing HB 689 for the positive impact it will have on rural hospitals and the patients we serve. HB 689 is an important and forward-thinking investment in Kentucky Medicaid care delivery. For hospitals like ours, it creates an opportunity, subject to federal approval, to better support physician and professional services for Medicaid beneficiaries, which ultimately helps preserve access, improve care coordination, and

strengthen the long-term sustainability of caring for underserved patients."

Thornbury added, "We are also proud to work

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