

# Open Doors

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*Giving Children Hope and Purpose For The Future*

**PCHH**

Jeremiah 29:11

## *TRUST PAVING THE WAY*



Thanks to the kind hearts of the members of Royal Oak Presbyterian Church and the Vaught Trust, the Vaught's love for children will be forever memorialized on our campus. We look forward to the dedication of this project as well as the completion of the final phases, which will include the lighting for the picnic pavilion as well as the addition of electrical outlets and the addition of the firepit and reflection patio on the west end of the pavilion. All of these additions have made a huge impact on our residents and have made "The Home" even more of a home for these children. Please take the time to look at the before and after pictures of the basketball facility and how this gift really paved the way for a new and exciting experience for our residents. We will have pictures of the pool facility's completed upgrades, including new lights as well, once we open it back up on our Facebook page and website for you to look at as well. It is truly amazing how much of a difference one gift can make for our children. We hope you enjoy the before (top) and after (bottom) pictures as much as we enjoy the newest addition to our campus. Please note that the Vaught Recreation Complex is available for Church and Youth outings pending availability. If you are interested in a visit please contact [dale@pchh.org](mailto:dale@pchh.org) or call 276.228.2861 and we will be glad to assist you!



# Executive Director's Comments



**Billy Rice**  
Executive  
Director

I am often asked the question "What is your ministry's biggest need?" I assume that most people mean your immediate needs which, depending on the moment, could be sheets, toilets, sports equipment, or any number of other things that we use on a daily basis. However, if I answer this question from a long-term perspective, there is only one answer – estate gifts.

As our ministry goes into our second century of service, one of our major responsibilities is doing what we can to ensure our ministry not only remains on sound financial footing, but has the ability to make the adjustments necessary to provide our children a home where they receive the best possible care. In the past two years these adjustments included responses to the pandemic that has overwhelmed our country. We needed to hire educational help for our children to guide them through virtual education, upgrade to fiber optic cable in order to have the internet capacity to provide that education, care for our children for full days when we planned on them being in school, and put safety protocols in place to provide for

the safety of our children and staff. None of these items were in our 2020 budget. We had to rely on our financial safety net to get through this difficult time, and much of that money came from supporters who remembered us in their estate planning. This gave us the financial flexibility we needed to help us through a very difficult period of time.

Another example of how an estate gift can make a difference the McGavock Center on our campus. Dr. James McGavock left an estate gift to the Children's Home that stipulated that it could be used to erect a building in honor of his mother. That building, which was completed in 2005, houses an on-campus school, a gymnasium, and our dining hall. The project also allowed us to convert the former dining hall and kitchen into much needed office space and a Boardroom. This project has touched the lives of hundreds of children since its completion, and it would not have been possible with Dr. McGavock's remembrance of our ministry in his estate planning.

Anyone who gives an estate gift is automatically a member of our New Dawn Society. Members are honored by the inscription of their name on a leaf attached to the New Dawn Society Tree in our Boardroom. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing you are a part of providing a home for children in need long after you receive your heavenly reward.

For more information on estate gifts please feel free to contact one of the following:

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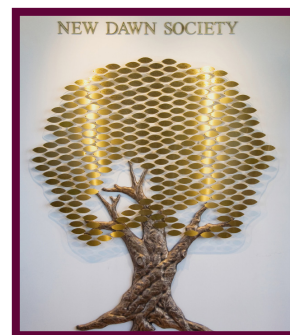
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We will be more than happy to speak with you about this lasting memorial to give our children hope and purpose for their futures.

*Billy*

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## WE NEED YOUR INPUT

We are always looking for more stories for our newsletters, so if you grew up or spent time with us at the Children's Home and are willing to share your story, please let us know. Also if there is something you would like to know about us that we could cover please let us know that as well. You can email Dale at [dale@pchh.org](mailto:dale@pchh.org) or call us at 276-228-2861 and give us the information or mail your written story or idea to PCHH, P.O.Box 545, Wytheville, VA 24382. There is no better way to share the impact this ministry has had on so many lives than by sharing personal stories. We look forward to hearing from those who are willing to share.

## Shower of Blessings



### Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Body Wash  
Deodorant  
Laundry detergent pods  
Dryer sheets  
Dishwasher pods  
Craft supplies  
Good used vehicles  
Remember PCHH in your  
Estate Planning  
Schedule to visit our campus  
Prayers, Prayers, Prayers

## 2022 Dates to Remember

**July 16, 2022 - Alumni Day**  
more information to follow

**August 5, 2022 - Golf Tournament**

**August 5, 2022 - Ball Drop**

Dates are tentative and subject to change. Please watch our Facebook page and website for updates due to weather and COVID-19.

## Giving Back

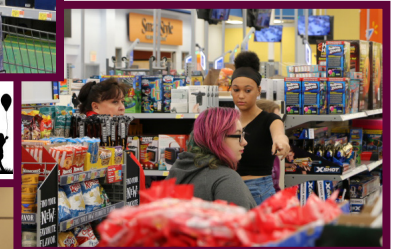
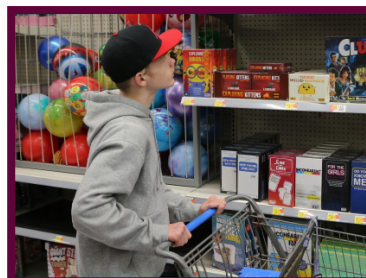
Dale T. Yontz, Development Director



In early December I think we all can remember the horror of the Kentucky tornado disaster. One of the things we strive for here at PCHH is to teach our children to give back whenever they get the opportunity. When this tragedy occurred we saw a prime opportunity to get together and help. Staff chipped in and made donations toward the cause of a toy drive for the children who had been so adversely effected.

We took the money raised and allowed our children to go to the local Walmart and shop for our Kentucky neighbors. Being able to take part in this truly touched my heart as our children did more than just grab things off of the shelves, they put thought into each and every gift which was purchased. It was truly a humbling experience and one I am sure the staff and children are not soon to forget. We would like to thank Rural Retreat Police Chief Derreck Breedlove and the Wythe County Sheriff's Department for collecting and delivering the toys and allowing our children the opportunity to give back to a group who was truly less fortunate during this Christmas Season. It is amazing how God works daily in our lives with opportunities He places before us and allows to truly bless all involved.

Blessings,



# ***Thank YOU for our Christmas Blessings!***



## **Things we remember**

Wynette Yontz, Administrative Director

I remember a Board Meeting sometime ago when Susie Lee, one of our former Board Members who has passed, read this poem by Ann Weems for our opening devotional.

### **Greenless Child**

I watched her go uncelebrated into the second grade,  
A greenless child,  
Gray among the orange and yellow,  
Attached too much to corners and to other people's sunshine.  
She colors the rainbow brown  
And leaves balloons unopened in their packages.  
Oh, who will touch this greenless child?  
Who will plant alleluias in her heart  
And send her dancing into all the colors of God?  
Or will she be left like an unwrapped package on the kitchen table---  
Too dull for anyone to take the trouble?  
Does God think we're her keeper?

We at Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, strive to celebrate every child that comes through our doors! We pray that when they leave our ministry, they are adding the many colors of the rainbow.

Please pray for this ministry as we continue to be the keeper of God's children.



**We Proudly Accept:**

