

# Open Doors

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*Giving Children Hope and Purpose For The Future*

**PCHH**

Jeremiah 29:11

## RETURNING TO CAMPUS



Things are beginning to look a bit more normal around campus these days. For the first time since our 100th Anniversary Celebration we are having people back on campus. This spring marked the first time since 2019 that our Board was able to meet in person. It was wonderful to have everyone back together and to see so many smiling faces. After two years of Zoom meetings what a refreshing feeling to be able to have face to face conversations and to be able to make eye contact with our board members who diligently support our ministry.

In other news, we will be having our Alumni Day Celebration this year on July 16. Please join us and mark your calendars for what is always a fun day filled with laughter, memories and priceless fellowship. We will have the pool open as well as the new basketball facility. I'm sure that there will be Corn Hole taking place somewhere as well as lots of new memories being created. This is always a special time as we are able to join together and reflect on our past and the successes of our ministry through the years. Please make plans now to attend as after a three year hiatus it will be extra special.



# Executive Director's Comments



**Billy Rice**  
Executive  
Director

On May 6th we reached a milestone in our quest to "return to normal" following the pandemic when we hosted our Board of Directors for an in-person meeting on our campus. It was the first time our Board had met in person since they were on campus for the 100th Anniversary celebration in September of 2019.. All of our meetings since that time had been by the magic of Zoom. While we are grateful that this type of technology exists, it was wonderful to see everyone in person. There is an energy that exists when we are gathered together that is impossible to replicate over Zoom, and you could feel it as we conducted the business of the Children's Home.

We are very excited for an even larger gathering that will occur on July 16th. Our alumni will return to campus as a group for the first time since the 100th Anniversary as well, and we cannot wait to see them. When they get here they will be able to take advantage of renovations to our outdoor recreation area that was completed during the pandemic. We will have lunch in the picnic shelter and they can take advantage of the pool and the outdoor basketball court, as well as the corn hole boards that will be set up for play. It is always a joy to watch them go through old pictures and relive their formative years at our ministry.

I have other good news – you can take advantage of this too! Our recreational area is available for use by all our ministry partners and civic organizations. It is a great place to hold a worship service, a Wednesday night supper, or a youth outing. We missed your visits during the pandemic and look forward to having everyone back on our campus. Just give us a call and we can get you on the schedule.

I will close with a reminder to check out the information on our golf tournament and the ball drop in the newsletter. We would love to for you to participate in what is our major annual fundraiser. Come see us!

*Billy*



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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Billy Rice

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## 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



## Join us for the Annual



**Presbyterian  
Children's  
Home of the  
Highlands  
PCHH  
Golf Championship**

**Friday, August 5, 2022**

Wytheville Golf Club • Wytheville, VA

**\$350 Per Team • 8am & 1pm Tee Times**



## From the Board

David Dickerson, Board Moderator



My first introduction to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands came around the summer of 1964 or 1965. I was about 13, maybe 14, years old. My youth group from my home church of Fairview Presbyterian Church, which was, and still is, a small country church just outside of Hillsville, VA, had made a field-trip to the Children's Home. It was a day of picknicking on the grounds and playing games along with the young people who were living at PCHH at the time. To me the day seemed to be a normal day of fun in the sun for young teens, eating hamburgers and hot-dogs, and tossing around a football or shooting a few hoops. To me it was an ordinary day. I had no idea that for the young people who lived there at PCHH, that to be able to enjoy such a day as that in such safe and peaceful surroundings, was a very new experience for them. I had no idea as a young teen myself that my playmates from the Children's Home had suffered in their earlier lives extreme levels of neglect and abuse at the hands of their parents or immediate family. That was the life they knew before their placement into the new life and environment which they had entered at PCHH. I had no idea.

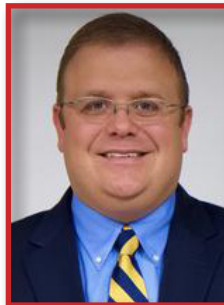
Now as an older adult who has had the privilege of serving on the Board of PCHH over the course of several decades, I am much more aware of the extremely difficult, even dangerous, environments from which our PCHH kids have come. At the same time, I am so very hopeful for the new future that is a real possibility for each of our kids, because they are now in the care of the finest group of care-givers, program directors, health care providers, teachers, mentors, advisors, counselors and administrative leadership that I have ever had the pleasure to know! Now, after all of these years, I have a very good idea, not only of the problems faced by the children of PCHH, but also of the supremely capable people who are caring for them and will help the children to overcome their problems/circumstances.

## BREAKING NEWS!!!

Please note that this will be our final mailed newsletter of 2022. We are going to try putting the 3rd Edition online only at [www.pchh.org](http://www.pchh.org) in an effort to maximize our reach while cutting costs. If you would like a hard copy or are unable to access our correspondence online please email [dale@pchh.org](mailto:dale@pchh.org) or call 276-228-2861 with your name and address and we will make sure you stay informed of all happenings at PCHH. Please note that this is an experimental program and one that we pray is both convenient for our donors and effective as well. Please look for our other mailings during their regular scheduled times as this is the only one that will be completely virtual.

## What We See

Dale Yontz, Development Director



Many of us are blessed to come from loving homes where we could never imagine the real horrors of the outside world. I know that before becoming Development Director I never realized how naive I was to the "real" world. Yes there are the things that you see on the news or read in the newspaper, but to actually work with children who have faced such atrocities will totally change the fabric of who you are. We see things almost daily that will both terrify you and break your heart at the same time. This being said, I want to commend our staff on the jobs that they do and their ability to perform at the highest levels no matter the circumstances. I also want to commend **YOU**, the donors and supporters of our ministry; without your prayers, love, support and financial assistance we would not be able to help these children with our mission. You truly come to love and care for each child as your own when you work in such a special place. God had blessed us for over 100 years and I think we all pray that He will bless us with 100 more as we are doing His work. Trust me, there is nothing more touching than seeing a child have their birthday recognized or celebrated, seeing the sparkle in their eyes when they get to celebrate Christmas or hear the Christmas story for the first time. What we see is often unimaginable, but turns into some of the greatest blessings we could ever imagine. So from the bottom of our hearts **THANK YOU** for helping us to "Give Children Hope and Purpose for the Future!" Remember every thought, prayer, and donation makes a tremendous difference to what we are able to achieve. Below is a piece we have used before of actual cases we have seen, please take a moment to look this over and reflect on these situations.

### Can You Imagine...

being sexually abused by your father and grandfather since the age of 2?

experiencing 14 foster care placements in 1 year?

being forced into prostitution to support your parents drug habit?

satisfying your hunger with food from dumpsters?

living in a house so filthy that it had to be burned down?

## 2022 Dates to Remember

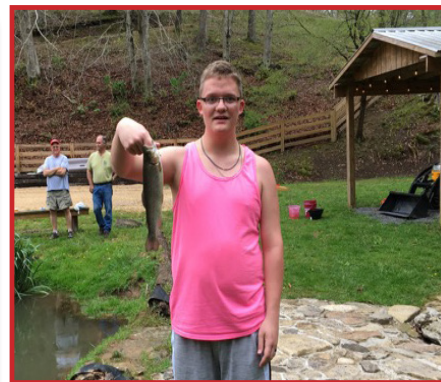
**July 16, 2022 - Alumni Day**

**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.

# IMAGES AROUND CAMPUS



## Annual PCHH Ball Drop

benefiting the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

# Friday, August 5, 2022

No more than **250 balls** will be sold. All balls will be dropped on a designated green. The ball that is closest to or enters the hole will win **\$5,000.00**. Another ball will win \$1,000.00 and a 3rd ball will win a prize from P.R. Sturgill Fine Jewelry. Each ball will cost **\$50.00** and each ticket number will represent the ball number. Tickets will be sold until all are gone or until **1:00 PM on Friday, August 5, 2022**. All proceeds benefit PCHH. Donate online at [www.pchh.org](http://www.pchh.org) or simply mail a check designating \$50.00 to the Ball Drop. We will randomly select a number and return the stub to you for your records. Tickets will be available on a first come first serve basis. Two additional prizes will be awarded this year as we will have additional markers on the green and the closest to the marker will win that prize that is designated from the ones listed above.



## Donate \$50 for a Chance to Win \$5,000

# \$50.00 Per Ticket

## Additional Prizes

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### 50/50 REGISTRATION

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Payment ☐ CHECK ☐ CREDIT CARD ~ Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

We Proudly Accept:

