

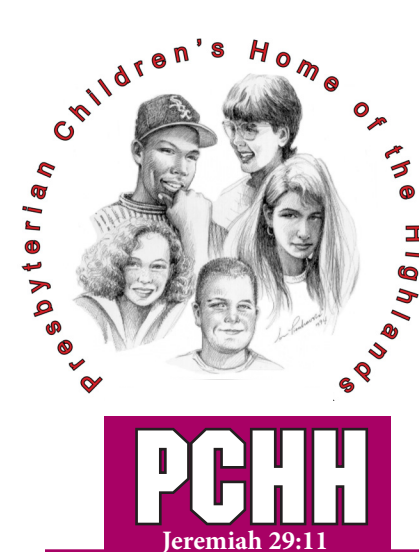
# Your Impact on Campus



Your love and support for our ministry has never been more evident than during the current pandemic. Our children have come to realize the amount of love that abounds well beyond our campus. Through your love and support we have been able to seamlessly continue our mission. THANK YOU for being a dedicated member of our Children's Home family. Our children are truly blessed no matter the situation that they have come from. Please take a moment to look at these pictures and enjoy the smiles and wonderful memories you have helped to create! God Bless You All!!!



We Proudly Accept:



# Open Doors

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*Giving Children Hope and Purpose For The Future*

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

2019



Often we take things for granted as we tend to live in the moment. We definitely lived in that moment last year as we celebrated our ministry's 100th Anniversary. What a wonderful time with friends, alumni, family, extended families and members of our community. It was a perfect fall weekend for our ceremonies at Foster Falls and here on campus and was, believe it or not, the last time we had our Board Members on campus. Who would have thought that in just a few short months our worlds would grind to a halt over something that we could not see with our own eyes? However, that has been the case and has made 2020 a year like no other here at PCHH. We have been blessed to have a staff that has worked tirelessly to keep our children safe and luckily we have had zero cases of COVID-19. Looking back, however, it is the joyous times that get us through the trying times. Our children have been learning this and know now that life has many peaks and valleys and that without the trials of the valleys the victories on the mountain tops are not nearly as sweet. Another thing we have been blessed with is YOU our supporters! Your love, prayers, donations and concern have allowed us to keep our heads held high and to keep our focus on the mission of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future!" We look forward to the day when we can once again congregate on our beautiful campus and celebrate the lives that have been changed by our organization. Please stay safe and we will see you soon!

2020





## Executive Director's Comments



**Billy Rice**  
Executive Director

When I sat down to write this article last year we were preparing for the 100th Anniversary of our ministry. It was a happy time where we celebrated the thousands of children we served over our first century of service and held a successful fund raising campaign to help ensure the future of our Children's Home. Never in my wildest dreams (and I imagine in yours either) did I envision a world where masks, social distancing, Zoom meetings, and virtual education would become the new normal. But here we are, everyone trying to do the best we can with the information available to us.

When our children were removed from in person instruction back in March, we all hoped that things would go back to normal in the fall. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Our students in public school will have virtual education for at least the first nine weeks. This means we have needed to make adjustments in our program in order for our students to have the best possible chance for success. We have brought in additional staff and reassigned others to help provide the guidance and support needed to help our children get through the school day in a productive manner. On the technical side, we have upgraded our Internet capability and added equipment to our children's rooms that will give them an efficient learning space. This is in addition to the precautions we put in place from the beginning of the pandemic that were designed to keep our children and staff members from contracting the coronavirus.

None of these adjustments are possible without the dedicated support of the Children's Home family. Your response to this unforeseen disaster is phenomenal. It has allowed us to give our children the support they need during an extremely difficult

time for them. Visitors are still not allowed on our campus, so our children who were with us in March have not seen their family and friends since then. So many things about this pandemic are difficult, but through it all we know God has blessed our ministry in so many ways. For everyone that supported us through your generosity and prayers, we are truly grateful. I can promise you that whatever the future holds, we will continue to make our mission, "giving children hope and purpose for the future", a reality.

With hope,

*Billy*

## A LASTING IMPRESSION



**Cindy Quackenbush**  
1961-2020

Sadly, we report the unexpected passing of our beloved Program Director Cindy Rothausen Quackenbush on Wednesday, September 10, 2020. Cindy was a devoted member of the PCHH Family for many years and left lasting impressions on countless lives of children and staff. She will be greatly missed by all. Cindy's children and grandchildren appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Also keep our residents who's lives she impacted daily in your prayers. **GOD SPEED, WE LOVE YOU CINDY!!!**



## Shower of Blessings



### Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

Shampoos  
Conditioners  
Body Washes  
Deodorants  
Disposable razors  
Night lights  
Mechanical pencils  
Laundry detergent pods  
Dryer Sheets  
Dishwasher pods  
Basketballs  
Volleyballs  
Craft supplies  
Adult Coloring Books  
Coloring pencils  
Puzzles  
Good used vehicles  
Prayers, Prayers, Prayers

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Billy Rice

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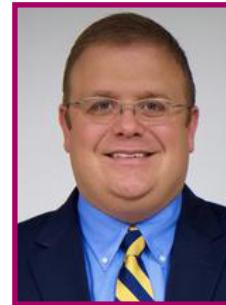
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**PCHH**  
Jeremiah 29:11

# PCHH CAMPUS NEWS

## Development Update



The recent pandemic has been both a curse and a blessing to each of us in many ways. One major blessing that has occurred here at PCHH is the fact that we have had time to retool our entire audio visual department and our capabilities. This has not been without a learning curve, however we are getting better every day. During this time we have been able to update the older equipment we had been using and bring things more into the digital streaming age. We now have the ability to conduct our meetings virtually as well as provide distance learning tools for each of our residents. It has been a steep mountain, but with the wonderful staff and administration here it has been a pleasure. We now have the capability to have a speaker virtually attend a church or group meeting and be able to take live questions. We also have full video production capabilities, which allows us to record personally tailored messages. If you are interested in any of these things please feel free to contact Billy, Wynette or me and we will take care of your needs.

Another exciting project is finally in the works which will further our digital footprint and our ability to better serve our children's educational needs as well as communicate with you and your friends and congregations. We recently signed the contract with our local internet provider to turn the campus totally over to fiberoptic service. This will both improve the speed of our internet and allow greater access for school, while allowing for greater security and monitoring of the usage from individuals as well as protect our records. This will be a wonderful addition to our campus and is something that you our supporters have helped make a reality. We will be able to have connection to security footage, medical records and any types of communications 24/7 with blazing speed. This is a project that has been on the back burner for a long time, however it has become a necessity with the children remaining on campus to complete their school work. Another added bonus is the cost savings we will see on our monthly bills by consolidating our services for a better product and becoming a fully streaming facility.

With Blessings,

*Dale*

Dale Yontz, Development Director

## Showered with Blessings



**Janet Cassell**  
Moderator, Program & Personnel Committee,  
Board of Directors

Program. I can taste the homemade cookies, hot chocolate and maybe even popcorn that was served as refreshments.

Galena has always shared generously our resources with PCHH - fresh vegetables, fruit, home grown meat, handmade clothes sewn by women of the church, Christmas gifts, back to school gifts and financial resources. As time has passed, regulations have changed and many of the former exchanges and gifts are not allowed but they make for fond memories.

Our annual event for the past 17 years has been the combined church picnic held at Foster Falls. We host this event with our sister church, Anchor of Hope. We are honored to invite the Children's Home. It is exciting for all of us when the vans come down the driveway with the children and staff and come across the parking lot to greet us! We always try to have food we think the children would enjoy.

As 2020 progressed with all its challenges we came to the realization our picnic would have to be cancelled for this year. A suggestion was made to designate August as "Showers of Blessings" month for PCHH. With the session's approval, I agreed to be project coordinator. PCHH provided a list of items that we could donate. Anchor of Hope was contacted to share in this opportunity. Marsha Armbrister, our resident creative genius was asked to make a box to receive the items using the Shower of Blessings theme. The list was used as a bulletin insert beginning the first Sunday of August. Rev. Matlack included the insert in mailings and communications with members who cannot attend in church service. And . . . the very next Sunday, donations began to arrive and the box runneth over! The donations continued to appear weekly including monetary gifts.

Seeing the results brought joy to the congregation. You see, it doesn't matter if your congregation is large or small (as we are), it just takes an idea, session approval, a project leader, AND MOST OF ALL the faithfulness, dedication and generosity of all the congregation to make SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS a success.

**Thank you Galena and Anchor of Hope Presbyterian Churches.**

