



Open Doors

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Giving Children Hope and Purpose For The Future



THE JOY OF GIVING



Joy is defined as; a state of happiness or felicity : a source or cause of delight. Joy is something that you as donors experience everytime you make a donation to our ministry. However, relatively few of you get to experience the joy of our residents when they recognize your love for them. Participating in Christmas at PCHH is truly a magical experience. Christmas is reflected around every corner. From the offices, to the grand tree in the board room and the wonderful decorations in the cottages our residents are surrounded by the beautiful sights of the Christmas season. This is furthered by the annual Christmas dinner and opening of gifts where you see the wonder and joy on the faces of each and every resident. Your love, caring and donations truly create euphoric joy for our children. What was once a source of delight in a donation you felt led to give to our ministry quickly turns into a series of memories that will last a lifetime. Please enjoy the pictures of joy that you created! May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13



Executive Director's Comments



Billy Rice
Executive Director

A lot has happened since our last newsletter was published. The holidays have come and gone, but they were busy and joyful. The generosity of our supporters ensured that our children enjoyed a bountiful Christmas. We had our Christmas celebration on December 20th, and it was a wonderful evening. It began with a delicious meal, followed by a celebration of our Savior's birth in our Chapel. We sang Christmas carols, had our traditional reading of the Christmas story, and then the children opened their gifts. It is important to us that we make sure that our children understand the true meaning of Christmas. This includes our children giving back to the community. This year they painted dog houses for distribution to families in the community that need one for their

pets. You can see pictures of these events elsewhere in the newsletter – I hope you enjoy them!

I want to take a minute to talk about our direct care staff. All of our children were here for Christmas Day, which means our staff was working on the holiday. Our ministry is open 365 days a year, and that means any holiday is a day they are working and making it special for our children. If you read the Christmas thank you written by one of our young ladies that she asked to read at the Christmas program, you will get some idea of what the love our staff has for our children means to them.

Finally, it is time to get Foster's Closet off the ground! The construction of our warehouse is on hold, but we are ready to take your nice, clean clothing to distribute to those in need. You can bring it to the Children's Home or call us to pick it up. We could also use clothes hangers. We hope to gather enough clothing to start distribution events in the late spring/early summer. We cannot wait to start giving back to the communities whose generous support gives us the opportunity to change children's lives.

With hope,

Billy



NOW ACCEPTING CLOTHING DONATIONS!

Items that we are in immediate need of are:

- Good used box truck.**
- Detergents and Fabric Softeners.**
- Clothing racks.**
- Washers and Dryers.**
- Prayers, Prayers, Prayers!**

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Shower of Blessings for



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- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash / Deodorant
- Laundry & Dishwashing Pods
- Good used vehicles
- Remember PCHH in your Estate Planning
- Prayers, Prayers, Prayers



RSO & PCHH staff and board members celebrating the success of the RSO event held at the Millwald Theatre helping to promote the PCHH ministry.



THANK YOU PGHH STAFF!!!



Written and read at our annual Christmas Celebration by our resident Abby as a **THANK YOU** to each of our staff members.

First off, I want to say Merry Christmas and thank you for coming. It's been a hard year for us. I came up here to say thank you. All of you fight for us and what we want or need.

Mrs. Kelsey: you fight for what we need and you come in everyday to take care of us. Whether we need someone to hang out with you're there for us.

Ms. Diana: Words can't describe how much we love and appreciate you. You take care of us and can always make us laugh. You're always there when we need you.

Ms. Shay: I know us girls don't get to be around you that much, but there are so many reasons we appreciate you. Whether it's going on paddleboard rides with you or having a serious conversation with you and Lily you've been there.

Ms. Becky: Grams we love you. You take care of us and you've been there for it all. Whether it's been broken bones, breaking mirrors or doing "Just Dance" you love us all the same.

Ms. Inez: Thank you for taking care of our meds and getting us appointments when we need them.

Mr. Cato: You are amazing. You're always there when we need you. Thank you.

Mr. Dale: Without you we would have no tv or internet so thank you.

Ms. Debbie: You fight for all of us and I can name so many times you've helped me in particular. You make sure we had what we needed for Homecoming and so many other events. We love you so much Mama Bear.

Ms. Kay and Ms. Vivian: We don't see you very much but thank you for taking care of us and making sure we stay safe during the night.

Ms. Tammy: Thank you for cooking for us. You're so much more than a cook though. You're like a mom. You were there for me when I was in crisis. You let me cry on your shoulder and then gave me amazing advice.

Ms. Wynette and Mr. Rice: I know we don't see you very much but you do so much behind the scenes. Thank you

Mr. Hunter: Thank you for being there for us. Whether it's hitting the whip or just letting us vent you're there.

Mr. Forrest: Thank you for everything. Whether it's getting me unstuck from an ottoman or just roasting us and messing around with us you're a good guy.

Mr. Devin: Thank you for fighting for us and bringing your positive energy. Thank you for being The Law.

Mr. Jerrel: Thank you for taking care of our campus and making sure we stay in a safe and healthy environment.

Mr. Clayton: You always compliment us and make us feel seen. You always go out of your way to wave or say hi so thank you.

Mr. Bob: We've had amazing talks about learning to heal and God. You take care of us and I want to say thanks.

Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Nichols: thank you for preaching to us and telling your story and praying with us.

The Farmers: Thank you for preaching to us and making us feel loved.

I want to say a **special thank you to all our donors**. All of this would be impossible without the donors and staff. It takes a special person to do what you do. We appreciate and love you all very much. We hope you have an amazing night and a very Merry Christmas. Thank you!

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2024 Dates to Remember
August 2, 2024
Golf Tournament & Ball Drop

HOLIDAY MEMORIES



A smile is worth a million words!



Dog Houses painted by our residents for local citizens and pets in need of shelter this winter. Coordinated by Mr. Devin and Officer Isaac Diamond of the Wytheville Police Department.



Mr. Clayton sharing the Christmas Story!



Staff opening gifts at our celebration!



The boys awaiting their gifts!



Mr. Devin loved being Santa!



The girls opening their gifts!



We finally have snow!



Billy & Cato volunteering at Food City!



Dale & Clayton bagging for charity!

