



# Open Doors

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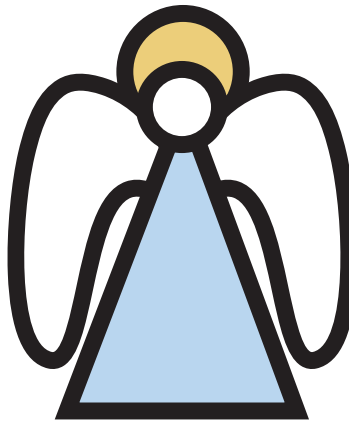
## HOME ENTERS NEW ERA WITH COVENANT PROGRAMS

Towards the end of 2008, staff and Board Members of the Church and Public Relations Committee of the Children's Home engaged in some intense discussions and evaluations of the Home's past relationships and our desire to formalize ministry relationships in a way that would bring glory to God as we recognized the important role our partners play in this ministry.

We have been so blessed over the years with many wonderful friends of this ministry, both church congregations as well as individuals. To formalize and recognize our ministry partners, two Covenant Programs have been developed: Covenant Churches and PCHH Guardian Angels.

**PCHH Covenant Church...** a Covenant Church is a body of believers that officially partners with us in meeting our mission of "Giving Children Hope & Purpose for the Future." This is one way God uses to perpetuate this ministry to children in crisis as well as bless the partners. Prayer, financial support, and sharing your commitment to children in crisis makes a difference in the quality and quantity of assistance we can provide to children in need within our reach. A Covenant Church promises to:

1. Promote news of the Children's Home ministry through newsletters, displays, and other sharing methods.
2. Provide prayer support for the residents, staff, and activities of the Home.
3. Encourage members to visit the campus to learn more about the ministry first-hand.
4. Participate in the Home's activities as time and circumstances allow.
5. Financially support this ministry with an annual unrestricted gift. This can be as a line item in the church's budget, church group project, special designations of Sunday School offerings, Vacation Bible School offering, and/or other creative ways.



For our Covenant Churches, PCHH promises to:

1. Apply all its energy and efforts to meet its mission of "Giving Children Hope & Purpose for the Future" with a safe place where each resident can recover, heal, and press forward with the unfortunate circumstances that bring them to us.
2. Continually share news about the ministry through its newsletters, web site, presentations, and special events.
3. Welcome members to the campus with open arms and enlightening tours.
4. Provide speakers to groups, classes, and/or individuals with presentations about the ministry.
5. Appropriately recognize your commitment in our Board room and in our newsletter.

**PCHH Guardian Angel...** a PCHH Guardian Angel is a member of a voluntary collection of believers that officially partners with us in ministry. We recognize new members in our newsletter and cherish their prayer support, financial support, and sharing with friends about this Children's Home.

**PCHH is honored** to have such loyal supporters who have helped us minister to young people since 1919. This September we celebrate our 90th Year of ministry to children and their families.

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a PCHH Guardian Angel and encourage your church to become one of our Covenant Churches if you have not done so. We would love to answer any questions you may have and help you enroll in these special relationships with us. Call (276) 228-2861 or visit our new web site for complete details.

Thank you for giving to the Lord through these special ways. May God bless you in your support of PCHH and all your ministry adventures.



**Billy Rice**  
Executive Director

As we look to the future, we are going to need increased support from the private sector if we are to control the type of care our children receive. Public funding for residential facilities is decreasing, but we do not want to compromise our ability to give our children the love and care they need to turn their lives around.

We are also looking at ways to honor our individual donors and to recruit new members to the Children's Home family. The continuation of our mission, "Giving children hope and purpose for the future", depends on it. Hopefully, our next ninety years will be as productive as our first ninety!

*Billy*

**Celebrating our  
90<sup>th</sup> Year  
of service to children  
and families in crisis  
1919 - 2009**

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Hope & Purpose  
for the Future**

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*Billy Rice*

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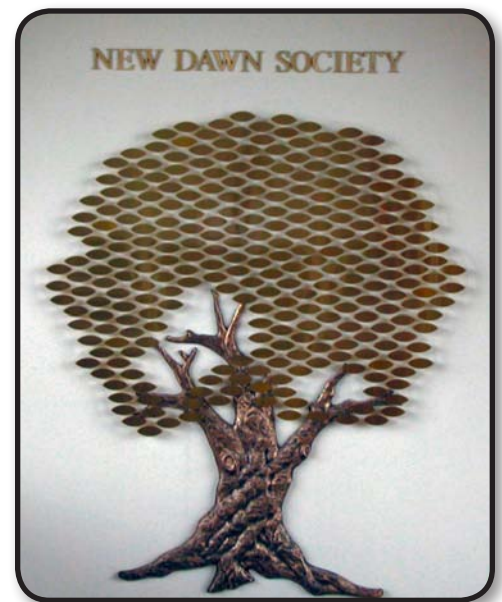
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## NEW DAWN SOCIETY

As we have said so many times before, one of the best ways to ensure that the ministry continues long after we depart this world is to remember the Home in your estate planning. No gift is too small or too large.

A leaf is added to our New Dawn Society tree in the Board Room with each person's name, hometown, and year joined when a person notifies us that they have included PCHH in their estate plans.

Some members choose to share the details of their plans while others wish to reveal the details later. It is a wonderful legacy that means so much to this ministry in meeting our mission of "Giving Children Hope & Purpose for the Future."



*by the way...*

**Call  
(800) 987-0301**

**TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN  
HOST A DINNER IN YOUR AREA  
TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH  
YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE  
CHILDREN'S HOME.**

**You provide the guests list  
AND PCHH STAFF DOES THE REST.**

As our ministry enters its 90th year of serving children in need, it is only natural to reflect on our accomplishments. We take pride in influencing the lives of thousands of children, many of whom still see us as their family. Many things have changed over the years, but two things remain constant. One is the dedication of our staff to providing the best possible care to our children. The other is the love and generosity of our supporters, without whom our ministry would be non-existent.

Just because you have been around for ninety years does not mean you get to rest on your laurels. We are constantly evaluating all facets of our ministry to make sure we are giving our best to our children and our supporters. We spend a lot of time in our publications talking about what we do for our children, and we will continue to do so – we know you are interested! Today, however, I want to talk about our supporters and how we are trying to strengthen our bond with each other.

On the front page of this newsletter you will find information on the Covenant Church Program that we have recently launched. Many churches and their members have faithfully supported the Children's Home since our humble beginnings at Foster Falls. Others have just recently discovered our ministry and have become excited as they learn more about us. Our goal is to enter into a covenant of support with every Presbyterian Church in Virginia.



# MEETING NEEDS OF CHILDREN - WAYS YOU CAN HELP



*Covenant Churches*

## You can...

- **pray** for the staff and children of PCHH.
- **invite** us into your church or community to share the story of our ministry to those who have not heard about how we help children in crisis. We can provide a PCHH representative to speak at your PW Gatherings, Family Night Suppers, Minute for Mission, etc.



PCHH

*Guardian Angels*



- **donate** good used vehicles to replace some of the older ones we are currently using.



- **provide** the financial resources for a recreational activity such as skating, movies, bowling, etc. for an individual child or for the entire campus. Whatever amount you send can be designated for an activity and we can determine the number you are sponsoring.



- **send** us twin sized sheets and pillow cases, towels and washcloths and twin sized mattress pads for our cottages.



- **encourage** your Church to join in partnership with PCHH as a Covenant Church.

- **become** a PCHH Guardian Angel.



- **remember** us in your estate planning and become a member of our New Dawn Society.



- **come** see us! We welcome visitors anytime and are always excited to have an opportunity to share first hand the work we do with abused and neglected children.

- **thank** God for His blessings.



Thank You...

for making our 2008

Christmas so special



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