



# Open Doors

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## MEETING NEEDS OF CHILDREN - WAYS YOU CAN HELP

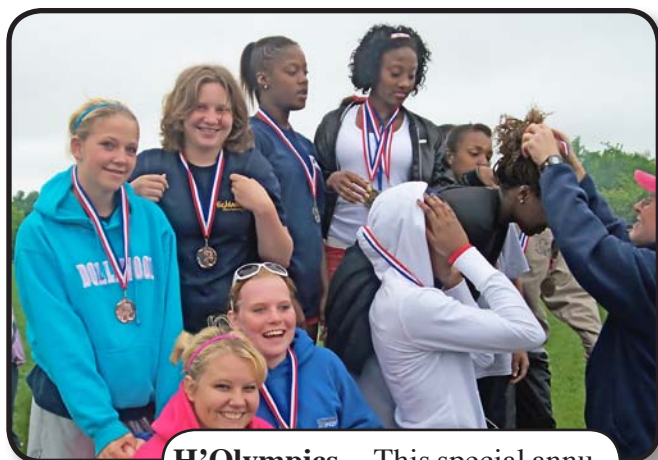


### ***Giving Children Hope & Purpose For The Future***

**Corporate Action...** The Children's Home is blessed with caring corporate friends who put ideas into action. For example, just before school started, GIV Corporation threw a back-to-school picnic in a park near their facility in Bland, VA. GIV also shops for each child from their individual wish list at Christmas. Employees at GIV are partners in ministry who make a difference in the lives of our children. Thank you for putting your intentions into action.



**Independent Living...** Heard the old saying, "everything but the kitchen sink?" When our young men and women strike out on their own, they need everything to set up housekeeping. No matter the size of the apartment or room they rent, they need all the household items we all take for granted as we go about our normal daily routines of cooking, cleaning, and "keeping house." Thank you for helping supply their needs.



**H'Olympics...** This special annual summer event is always a big return on your investment. It assists not only with athletic development but social and educational as well.

**Santa's Helpers...** Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa's helpers fund a child's individual Christmas gift(s). It's simple but very effective; Santa's Helper sends \$100 for a child, the staff buys the gift(s) from a wish list each resident has developed. The gift is wrapped and given to the child at Christmas. Santa's Helper receives a thank you note from the child.



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**Billy Rice**  
Executive Director



Many people recognize our mission statement of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future" and even more have heard of the tremendous difference the Home has made over the years in the lives of children within our reach. However, few people know or fully understand the cumulative impact that your help has meant to this ministry.

So many of you have been supportive over the years with your generous donations of money helping to feed and house the children. Others have sponsored specific needs such as sending youngsters to the Summer H'Olympics or enabling houseparents to create delightful holidays with purchases of birthday and/or Christmas gifts. Others have volunteered their valuable time serving on our board, introducing friends to the Home, and joining the New Dawn Society.

Your support has meant so much to the success of this ministry. In this issue, we are focusing on just a part of the assistance we receive from dedicated individuals who have put their time, energy, money and prayers to work for the children at PCHH.

To say simply thank you seems so inadequate for such vital support so we trust that the photos and captions in this newsletter help convey the importance that your support means to every child in our care.

We invite you and/or your group to visit and see first-hand the ministry provided every day on our campus. Thank you so much for your prayers, your financial support, and all the many ways you make a difference at PCHH.

## MEETING NEEDS OF CHILDREN



**Smiles...** The sweetest smiles come from the heart. We are blessed to work with such wonderful youngsters.

**COME VISIT OUR CAMPUS.**  
**WE'D LOVE TO SHARE MORE**  
**ABOUT WHAT WE DO HERE.**

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for the Future**

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## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

During the year, we travel all over the Commonwealth of Virginia sharing the good news of the ministry of PCHH about the young people in our care. We would love to add you and/or your group to the schedule.

Also, if you know of someone in your area who has a heart for children and would like a personal visit from Travis or one of our staff members, call us.

Check out possible dates with Travis at any of the Presbytery/PW meetings or call the office at (800) 987-0301 or (276) 228-2861.

## NEW DAWN SOCIETY

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."

**Thank You  
For Remembering  
Us In Your  
Estate Planning**



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## ***FUN in MOTION...***



**Recreation...** Our Recreational Director helps keep our children active with many activities on campus. We also provide activities not available on campus such as bowling, skating, movies, and others designed to provide recreation and socialization opportunities. Sponsorships for an outing for the children are greatly appreciated. We average spending about \$100 per cottage, per week for outside recreational activities.



**Nutrition Sponsor...** As the cost of food rises, we can always use more monetary donations to help offset the cost of feeding our children. Our food budget is designed to provide three meals each day for each child plus an afternoon and evening snack. Growing young people need good, nutritious food and food accounts for over 10% of our annual budget of \$1.9M. Your sponsorship will make a difference in the life of this ministry.





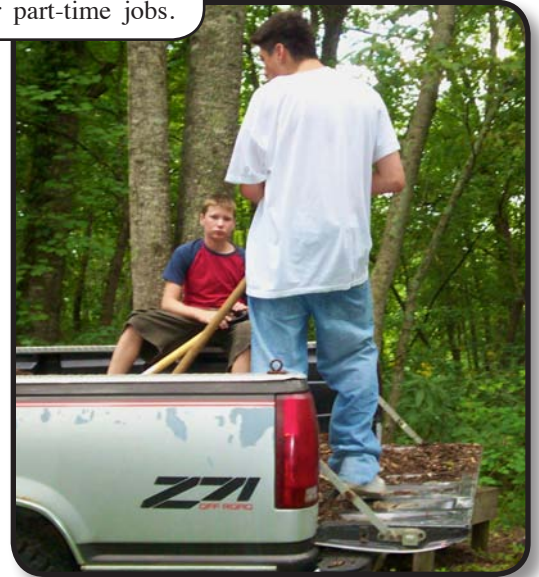
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**Part-Time Jobs...** Residents are encouraged to pursue part-time jobs as their skills increase. Life skills classes open windows of possibilities for jobs associated with different levels of preparation. Education is strongly highlighted. Many residents begin their work experience with work opportunities on our campus before they venture out in the local community for part-time jobs.

**Back-To-School...** When it's back-to-school time, thoughts change from care-free casual dress of summer to pants and shirts more suitable for the classroom. As we all know, success in school requires a lot of supplies as well as clothes. The need for both does not stop with the first day of school. It's a year-round need for each student in any grade.

**Gasoline Sponsor... Wow!**  
What can we say... an average of \$2,000 per month for gas. Help!



**Weekly Allowances...** Our children earn a weekly allowance based on our "level system" which quantifies behavior, school activities, recreational participation, etc. on a daily basis and calculated each week. The allowance amount ranges from \$3.00 to \$10.00 per week for Levels I-V. You may sponsor a cottage, individual child, or all three cottages for a week, month, or year. Houseparents provide guidance and living skill classes provide information on how to get the most from each consumer dollar. Soft drinks, candy, and presents for girl/boy friends still rank pretty high on their list of priorities.

**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 QUESTS LIST  
AND PCHH STAFF DOES THE REST.**

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