



Open Doors

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CLASS OF 2013... SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Board Members, PCHH staff, friends and family give an extra big salute to our 2013 High School Graduates. Each year we are excited to present a special salute to our graduating seniors. These graduates have worked hard to earn their diplomas and have scored a significant success in their onward march of facing and conquering challenges. For some, it was something that they never thought they could achieve. Yet, with hard work and persistence, they have conquered the challenge and we are pleased to spotlight their success.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Annie... will be joining an independent living program in Roanoke after graduation. She will be working towards a degree in nursing at Western VA Community College.



Michael... will be attending Wytheville Community College majoring in general studies while continuing to live in our Independent Living Program after graduation.



Keante... will also be joining the PCHH Independent Living Program and attend Wytheville Community College. He will be majoring in physical education with the goal of becoming a coach.



Ricky... will be moving to an assisted independent living program in Roanoke. Ricky wants to become an EMT. He is one of our long-time veteran residents having been with us over 5 years.

Billy Rice
Executive Director



When you work in a ministry such as ours, you will experience a wide range of emotions as you interact with the children in your care. As I looked at the beautiful pictures of our four graduates on the front page of this newsletter, many of these emotions ran through me. The good ones come first – happiness and a sense of pride in their accomplishments. Many of our children have educational deficits when they come to us, and to know that we have helped them accomplish this huge milestone in their life is a validation of our mission.

But as any parent knows, the next steps in our children's journey are filled with angst. How will they do on their own? Did we teach them everything they need to know? Will they ever call us again? Do they know that we will still be here for them when they need us even though they have moved away?

Our staff recognizes that we have a short amount of time to teach the lessons and provide the experiences our children need as they transition to adulthood. Our life skills program drives home the practical realities of living on your own, and the addition of a life skills and educational enhancement center to the Lamb Center will allow us to expand our offerings in this area. However, we know they will continue to need our help as they are starting out. Just last week we were able to give one of our residents a couch and chair to round out the furnishings for his first apartment. This gift was due to the generosity of our

supporters, who sometimes give us furniture that we can save to help our graduates get started on their new lives.

The bottom line for me is that I will feel many emotions as I look at those pictures but my last thought will be the same as the first one – happiness and pride in their accomplishments. As part of the Children's Home family, I hope you know that your love and support has helped make this possible. On behalf of our graduates and our staff, we thank you!

With hope,

Billy

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Giving Children Hope & Purpose for the Future

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2013 GATHERING

THE 2013

PCHH ALUMNI GATHERING

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2013

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

ON OUR CAMPUS

- **SWIMMING**
- **SOFTBALL**
- **HORSESHOES**
- **SHARING STORIES**
- **REMINISCING OVER PICTURES**
- **LUNCH AT NOON**

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LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Giving Children Hope & Purpose For The Future

Campus Needs...

- New roof for Gilmer Cottage
- Good used vehicles to transport residents to/from never-ending appointments
- Beach towels
- Corn-Toss games
- Badminton games
- Gift cards are always good gifts that help

Your assistance of helping supply many of these items goes a long way in helping us to be as efficient as possible.

Thank you!

WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS...

EVERY DAY!



Count your blessings... name them one by one, count your blessings... see what God has done. We do count our blessings daily! God has been good to this ministry and we are amazed at the many ways He provides for our many needs.

One of our blessings that we count daily is the support we receive from our many donors. Billy Rice, our Executive Director, signs thank-you letters daily and includes a personal note on each... each one that goes out our door. We are grateful for your support and feel that the personal touch Billy adds to the letters hints of just how much we appreciate your dedication to this ministry

WE ARE BLESSED to have caring, generous supporters who help sustain this ministry to abused and neglected children. God is so good!

In today's world of such wild and crazy times, it is refreshing to pause every day and thank God for all His blessings. There are so many wonderful people helping make this ministry possible. Many people, companies and organizations make a difference in the life of this ministry. The list is long... board members, staff, volunteers, churches, and friends of the Home from across the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond. **WE ARE BLESSED!**

It is a common sight to see Mr. Cato and a crew of residents out working on campus... making it look great. He exemplifies the heart of our staff and the unique insight and understanding our residents need.

Houseparents, program staff, administrative staff, support staff... all contribute in such talented ways enabling the ministry to provide the kinds of results we see.

WE ARE BLESSED with caring, talented, devoted staff members that make a difference every day in the life of this ministry. Thank you God for sending such dedicated workers to this ministry. They are honored to serve as Your hands and feet in the lives of these young people.



CAMPUS LIFE IS NEVER BORING...



GIVING CHILDREN HOPE & PURPOSE FOR THE FUTURE

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WWW.PCHH.ORG

*At the 2013 *NFCCE Conference, one of Annie's drawings earned 1st Place.*



Lora Morgan, our new Case Manager for the Independent Living Program, settles into the job quickly



Spring planting always brightens up the campus



We are blessed to have Wally Hutton and his family take care of our pool. They do a wonderful job! Thank you so much!

