



# Open Doors

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## A LOOK AT ONE SUCCESS STORY... ON THE JOB

The PCHH Independent Living Program (ILP) is indeed rolling along and we are pleased to share Jamal's success story. Jamal is completing his high school education at our on-campus Minnick Education Center and working part-time at Food Lion.

When asked about his favorite subject in school, he quickly said English. This smart, expressive young man is full of surprises. Although his background may have been challenging, he has grabbed life with both hands and making the most of what resources that have been made available to him.

Jamal's dreams include becoming an offensive line coordinator for a college football team. He is confident dealing with people and his winning personality is only topped by his warm, caring smile. We are so pleased to have Jamal in our Independent Living Program and eagerly look forward to many more successes for this young man.



**Jamal**  
ILP Resident

## WHY DO I SERVE?

The opportunity to serve as a volunteer for this ministry has been very rewarding for me. I



**Janet Cassell**  
Board Moderator

have observed the work the home does with these children and know how important it is to provide the resources required to continue the work. Looking back over the years I have witnessed the positive effect the Home has had in the lives of children and it thrills my heart every time I get the opportunity to hear another great story of what the Home has meant to a current or past resident. As we strive to fulfill our mission "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future" I pray God will take and use our services to this ministry for his glory.



**Billy Rice**  
Executive Director

One of the things you learn when you work at the Children's Home is that your plans for the day can change in a heartbeat. We were moving through a pretty routine day yesterday when the phone started ringing. We soon found out that we would have two children coming to us within the next two hours. That set off a well structured chain of events that over the next 24 hours involved almost all of our staff. The cottage staff must make sure everything is ready for the new arrival, and there is a ton of documentation and regulations to follow.

The child must be enrolled in school and all his medical concerns must be addressed, including letting our dining hall personnel know if there are any food allergies. Most children come with very little clothing, which means a shopping trip is in order. There are so many details, and our staff does an excellent job of staying on top of them.

With all of these things going on, we have to remember that the most important thing (and sometimes the most difficult) is making the child feel comfortable in their new surroundings. Most of our children have just been removed from their home under very difficult circumstances. We need to make them feel safe and do what we can to gain their trust during a very dark time in their lives. It is challenging work, but is also why our ministry is so important. We have brought thousands of children through their toughest times and helped them turn their lives in a positive direction, giving them the hope and purpose for the future our mission statement promises to provide.

I want to remind each of you that none of this is possible without your support. The love and dedication to our ministry is enormous, and as members of the Children's Home family you should be proud of the many lives that you have touched through your generosity. As we prepare to guide our ministry into our second century of service, we ask that you keep our children and those who work with them close to your hearts. No matter what tomorrow brings, we will be there to provide a loving home to our children that will be there for as long as they need it. Thank you for making that possible!

*Billy*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
ALUMNI GATHERING  
JULY 9, 2016**

## PCHH NEEDS

### *Current Needs...*

- Pool Towels
- Bath Towels
- Linens for twin-size beds
- Softball Equipment
- Basketballs
- Fishing Equipment
- Gently used vehicles

Your assistance with these items will help us to be as efficient as possible. Thank you!

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

This is worth repeating... there are many ways of learning more about PCHH: E-Mail, website, FaceBook, campus tour, and personal visits in your home or church.

E-Mail is a popular, convenient way to communicate for many friends. To become an e-mail friend and receive periodic updates about the ministry send an e-mail to [info@pchh.org](mailto:info@pchh.org) including "Include me" on the subject line.

Our website contains information about our ministry, programs, employees, board members, a convenient way to donate, and much more.

Please LIKE our FaceBook page for ongoing tidbits about life on the hill.

If you ever have an opportunity to tour our beautiful campus, we'd love to show you around.

We LOVE sharing with you and/or your group in person!

For more information, call

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*Billy Rice*

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## ALUMNI CORNER: DORIS BRALLEY



**D**oris Bralley is one of the kindest, sweetest persons you will ever meet... just ask anyone who knows her.

However, her sunny disposition might have turned out very differently if Doris had chosen another path. She lived at the Children's Home for several years when our campus was located in Foster Falls. Doris thoroughly thrived at the Children's Home.

She recently shared in a note to the Home, *"I am so grateful I still am one of the family at PCHH. My heart will always be with you."* Our heart is and will always be with you young lady! Thanks you so much for the love you pour into all those around you so generously. You are such a blessing!

## A LOOK BACK AT A THIRTY-SEVEN YEAR INVESTMENT



**Liz Hahn**  
**PCHH 37-Year Veteran Retires**

**R**arely do people work for one company or organization for 37 years these days. However, that's the time investment that one special person has given the Home. Liz Hahn retired as Executive Secretary of The Children's Home after serving 37 years.

Liz was the kind, gentle voice you heard when you called the Children's Home. When she first started working at the Home, things were much slower-paced and much simpler. Typewriters were utilized instead of computers. Donor gifts were posted on accounting cards in locked files instead of password protected in a cloud-based software. However, one thing was common to both beginning and end... the love and care given to each child in our care.

Liz was a first-hand witness to many additions to the Home. For example, she saw the addition of the Jordan Center, the Lamb Center, the McGavock Center and extension of the Turpin Administrative Building. In addition, she worked here during several Executive Directors' tours of duty.

One look at Liz's bulletin board with the vast number of pictures tells you where her heart lay. She loved the kids and was a great influence on them. FaceBook posts by them upon her retirement expressed some of those sentiments. Thank you Ms. Liz and Happy Retirement!

# AROUND CAMPUS...



GIVING CHILDREN HOPE & PURPOSE FOR THE FUTURE

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**"Giving Back"**  
**Upcoming Events**

- April 29 •  
*Maroon Backpacks*
- July 4 •  
*Parade & Celebrations*
- July 6-8 •  
*Lions' Club Carnival*

