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Giving Children Hope and Purpose For The Future

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Jeremiah 29:11

RESIDENT REFLECTIONS



Seeing the children's smiling faces as they open their gifts from people they don't even know is a true blessing. They are amazed that they are so loved by people they have never met. Teaching them about God's love and the love shown to them through you, the supporters of this ministry, is a wonderful gift. Thank you for being a part of the Children's Home family.

I am so happy with my new weighted blanket and squishmellow, thank you! My favorite part of Christmas was spending time with all the people that were here and the Chapel service.

I really enjoyed all of it!

Love,

Da'Myria

My favorite thing I got for Christmas was my Remote Control car.

-Theo

My favorite Christmas presents that I got was all of the fuzzy blankets!

-Dakota

My favorite Christmas presents were all of the nursing materials.

I am beyond grateful!

- Maddy M.

Thank you for the weighted blanket and all of the fishing stuff. It was a great Christmas

-Dylan

My favorite Christmas present was my art supplies.

- Emberlyn

Executive Director's Comments



Billy Rice
Executive Director

When you are reading this article, I hope it is a lot warmer than it was while I was writing it! The cold weather presents some challenges with a cottage full of children. Between the Christmas vacation and the ice and snow, our children went 26 days without going to school. You can imagine that a house full of youngsters that are stuck together during the freezing weather might get on each other's nerves, and you would be correct! As we are dealing with these predictable behaviors, I am reminded of what our children would be going through if they were not with us. Our Christmas was filled with joy and the celebration of the birth of our Savior, while many of our children's

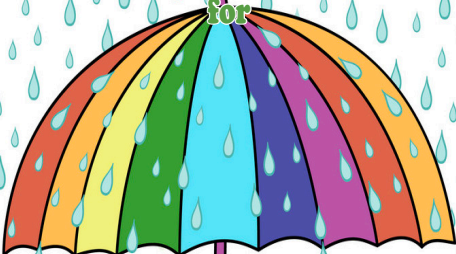
homes are dealing with substance abuse, domestic violence, and child abuse. Some of our children lived in homes that were sometimes without utilities, and some have spent time being homeless. Even when they are upset, our children can tell you that they appreciate the opportunity to live in a safe place surrounded by people who truly care about them. As a member of our Children's Home family, you are helping us provide this ministry for our children and literally bringing them out of the cold!

I want to say a quick word about our wonderful staff. As we were dealing with the challenges of the winter, we received a surprise visit from our licensing specialist. The review found no violations, which continues a run of excellent inspections. It is a reflection of our staff members attention to detail and the high level of care we provide for our children. I am proud of each of them, and as one of our supporters, I hope you are too!

With hope,

Billy

Shower of Blessings for



Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

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



Items that we are in immediate need of are:

- New Pillows • Diapers (All Sizes)
- New Underwear (All Sizes)
- All Infant, Toddler & Youth Sizes
- "Teenager" Approved Clothing
- New Socks (All Sizes) • Jackets (All Sizes)
- Closed Toe and Athletic Shoes (All Sizes)
- Toiletries • Laundry Detergent & Dryer Sheets (Non-Allergen and Fragrance Free Preferred)

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BREAKING NEWS!!!

Garrett, one of our Independent Living Residents, completed his Advanced Manufacturing Technician Certification on January 2nd. He spent 4 months working towards the completion of this certification. It included several assignments weekly and several in person on-site training days. The requirements for completion of this certification included 92 courses, 4,093 pages of content and 1,994 test questions passed. Completion of this certificate shows Garrett's hard work and determination as he continues to grow on his journey in life.



A LASTING IMPRESSION



Eural Clippard was a faithful supporter of the Children's Home and displayed his love and support by serving on our Board of Directors, sharing with others about our ministry and his faithful monetary support. Eural wanted to continue his support long after his death by including PCHH in his Estate Planning. His wife, Priscilla, delivered a check sharing that Eural had left the Children's Home as the sole beneficiary of his estate. He wanted to ensure that he was making a lasting impression on the children we serve. Our New Dawn Society is Imperative to the future of this ministry. Please consider becoming a member of our New Dawn Society. Call 276-228-2861 for more information or you can email billy@pchh.org or dale@pchh.org.

PCHH ALUMNI GATHERING 2025

We are having our Alumni Gathering on **July 12, 2025**. This is a time for all alumni to gather and share stories, look at old pictures and reminisce about their stay at the Children's Home. Thanks to Becky Bedsaul for her help in reaching out to former residents to make this "homecoming" possible. The Gathering will begin at 10:00 am and end whenever you want. We will serve lunch at noon and the pool will be open for those who want to swim. We look forward to seeing you on the **12th of July!!!**



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2025 Dates to Remember

July 12, 2025

ALUMNI DAY - PCHH CAMPUS

August 1, 2025

GOLF TOURNAMENT & BALL DROP

SEASONAL MEMORIES



Christmas Smile!



Mr. Jerrell Decorating the Tree



Mr. Devin Looking Sharp!



Garrett Opening Gifts!



The Girls Enjoying Presents!



Mr. Bob Leading the Christmas Service.



Mr. Cato Bagging Groceries!



Bagging Groceries for Charity!



Staff Luncheon Gift Exchange!



Presents galore thanks to YOU!



Ugly Sweater Day!

