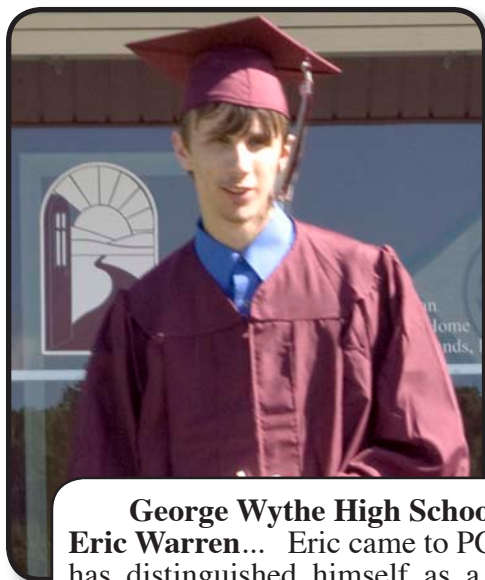




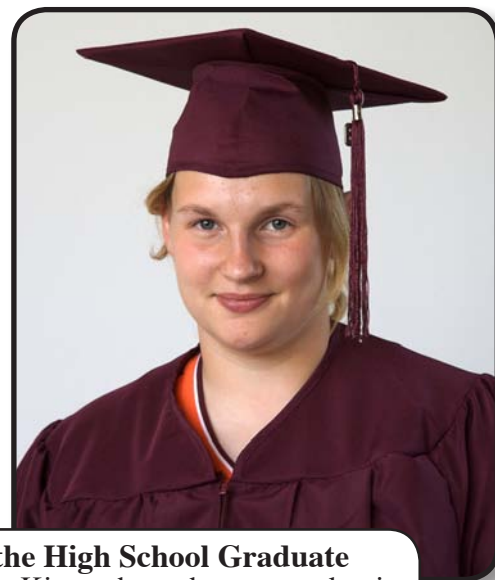
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PCHH CELEBRATES TRANSITIONS TO SUCCESS



Giving Children Hope & Purpose For The Future

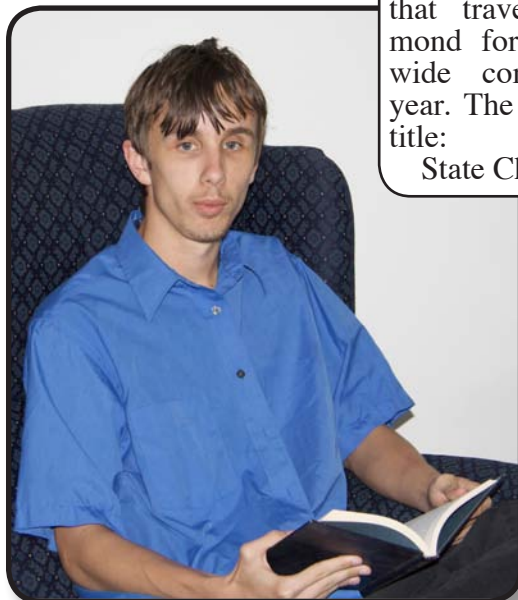


George Wythe High School Graduate Eric Warren... Eric came to PCHH in 2006 and has distinguished himself as a member of our family. He was honored with the PCHH Distinguished Citizen Award in 2007 and is an inspiration to staff and residents. Staff members are always complimenting Eric on his respect for staff no matter how stressful the situation might be.

George Wythe High School Graduate Kirsty James... Kirsty has shown academic brilliance as well as top-notch athletic abilities while at PCHH. She has managed superior academic scores while serving as a goalie for the school's soccer team. Kirsty's career plans include attending the local community college.

State Competition...
Eric was one of the members of the George Wythe's forensic team that traveled to Richmond for of the state-wide competition this year. The team won the title:
State Champions!

**Grit/Determination/
Competitive Spirit...**
attributes that describe what Kirsty brought to each game for George Wythe High School girls' soccer team. PCHH students have the opportunity to participate and excel in extra-curricular activities offered by the local middle school and/or high school programs.



SENIOR SALUTE





Billy Rice
Executive Director

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR COVENANT CHURCHES

We print our newsletter in two colors to keep costs to a minimum but provide a downloadable "pdf" file of it on our website (<http://pchh.org>) for anyone wishing to view or print it in full color.

We welcome the following churches as partners in ministry through our Covenant Church Program. Thank you for your commitment to the Lord in this way.

Thank you for your support. We work hard to use our funds wisely and get the most for each dollar we receive. We hope you enjoy our news.

IMMEDIATE NEED

The Children's Home needs a good **riding lawn mower** to be used by our maintenance support workers this summer. If you have a good new or used riding lawn mower to give, please call (800) 987-0301.

Life creates many special events for us, but few of them match the significance of your high school graduation. It combines the celebration of years of accomplishment with the realization that adulthood is upon you. I think most of us can recall the excitement and uncertainty that existed during that time in our lives.

As you read our cover story about Kirsty's and Eric's graduation, I am sure most of us can recall the emotions associated with the event. The memories of my own graduation ceremonies and those of my daughters come back clearly to me at this time of year.

However, there is a special sense of pride and joy that is reserved for the graduation of our Children's Home family members. For most of our children, the problems they are dealing with when they come to the Children's Home make education a low priority in their lives. Many of them are years behind academically and they need to work very hard to make up for lost time, all the while working through the issues that brought them to our ministry. They have suffered in ways most of us will never understand, and as a result their accomplishments are all the more meaningful.

As a member of the Children's Home family, you helped make this possible. Please join us in celebrating Kirsty's and Eric's accomplishments, and keep them in your prayers as they start their journey as adults.

Billy

Alumni Gathering
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For Remembering
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BOARD MEMBERS: STRONG COMMITMENT TO PCHH



Patsy Weeks
PCHH Board Moderator

Our Board of Directors is a vital part of the ministry of PCHH on many levels. Not only do they ponder and make important decisions as to the operation of this Home, but they also give of their time and resources to make a difference in the lives of our children.

Patsy Weeks, our Board Moderator, recently provided a life skills class for our residents on taxes. Not only did our residents learn about taxes, our staff learned a lot as well.

Patsy received an accounting degree from National Business College in Roanoke. She was married for 53 years to the same man, gave birth and raised nine wonderful children, and now has twelve grandchildren. This undertaking was made possible by Patsy opening one of the first small accounting/bookkeeping businesses in her home in 1957. She was able to help small businesses with all their bookkeeping, payroll, payroll taxes and income taxes at an affordable price. Patsy still owns her home business and with her husband expanded by opening another accounting business in Christiansburg. She is an elder of the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church in Radford. Patsy is and has been very active for many years in all levels of Women's work and active at the Presbytery level of the Governing of the Church.

Patsy first became involved in the ministry of PCHH around 1986 when her church's women (from Fairlawn Presbyterian Church) decorated a room for two of our residents in one of the boys' cottages at PCHH. She vividly remembers that visit and the excitement of the boys after seeing their room refinished with blue spreads, curtains, rugs and trash cans.

That was just the beginning for Patsy in her involvement with PCHH. She has served on our Board since 1999. She, of course, has rotated off the Board as required by our Bylaws but has returned after the required time off to serve again. Patsy has been Moderator of our Board since 2006.

One of Patsy's favorite events at PCHH is our annual Awards Banquet. She enjoys seeing the excitement of the students as they are recognized for their accomplishments.

As Board Moderator, she would like to see everyone become a member of the New Dawn Society. Her greatest wish is for the Home to continue helping each child that comes our way and send them out into the world a much happier, better prepared adult to live productive lives on their own.

Our Board Members are indeed a special blessing to this ministry. They are dedicated to our mission of giving children hope and purpose for the future.

Thank you, Patsy, and all of our Board Members for your commitment and dedication to this ministry.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Several years ago our Board of Directors and PCHH Leadership Team decided to produce a clear, written description of expectations and challenges for PCHH Board Members.

The result was the implementation of several key items necessary to recruit good board prospects. We provide them with a detailed orientation to PCHH, give them a Board Member manual which includes information covered during the orientation, and produce a communication instrument published each month informing them of the happenings at PCHH. We are blessed with a Board that works hard so we can accomplish our goals and objectives of this ministry.

Thank You Board Members!

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMPUS...



Babcocks Move North... Two more of our Babcock children have left and moved to New York to live with relatives. Their move has been a very positive one and they are growing and developing with their family. You may remember Kyle was adopted last year, however, we are fortunate to still have Heather with us.

Campus spruce-up... Take one committed staff person, add 4-6 strong youngsters, several plants, and a few tools, plus time and you get some gorgeous landscaping. Mr. Cato has been working with several of our residents to spruce-up our campus. Mr. Cato's perfect touch of "boss"/motivator/partner produces beautiful results. Come see what they've done.



One-On-One... Our staff is committed to working with our residents one-on-one as needed.



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YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE
CHILDREN'S HOME.
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AND PCHH STAFF DOES THE REST.

Individualized Training... Mike Woods has applied considerable skills, experience, and expertise to various jobs at PCHH over the past 7 years. One of his many contributions to our family is to provide individualized training for residents (and staff) wishing to tone, develop, and get themselves in better physical shape. Mike understands that each person has a unique set of abilities that need the correct level of activity in order to achieve their goals.