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Giving Children Hope and Purpose For The Future

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Jeremiah 29:11

CHRISTmas Reflections



We have been blessed over the past century to celebrate the Christmas season with thousands of children. Despite their individual circumstances, it is always a blessing to share this Holy Season with each and every one of them. We have shared the fact in the past that for many of our residents this is the first time they have heard the actual Christmas story as recorded in scripture. To have the opportunity to teach these children about the birth of Christ is a blessing beyond measure and a truly empowering experience. Thanks to our loyal supporters this is an event that will hopefully continue for another century. The residents and staff want to say **THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts for allowing us, through your thoughts, prayers, gifts and financial support, to continue this blessed tradition. Please take a moment and enjoy these photos of our annual Christmas celebration!



Executive Director's Comments



Billy Rice
Executive
Director

The second century of our ministry has arrived, and with it comes the challenges of operating a Children's Home during these changing times. Many of you have heard me speak about the implications of the federal Family First legislation on Christian ministries that do not want to change to a treatment center model, but prefer to remain a home that offers a family style environment. While we are working with our friends at the Departments of Social Services on ways we can help with children that come into foster care, there is no question that this legislation will adversely affect our ability to work with foster children. Our Board of Directors and our staff are committed to remaining a Presbyterian Children's Home and finding a way to help children and their families that need a home when they are unable to make theirs work.

In order for this to happen, we need to strengthen our relationship with the Presbyterian churches across Virginia. We are the only Presbyterian Children's Home in the Commonwealth, and we will need the support of all of our congregations in order to achieve our goals. With that in mind, we are starting an Ambassador program within the Presbyterian churches. We are looking for an Ambassador from every church that will be the

liaison between the church and our ministry. We will provide the Ambassador information about our program that can be shared with the congregation, as well as help them organize the Thanksgiving offering for Children's Services and designating it to us. We need your support more than ever as we continue to provide a home for the children that desperately need us.

Please enjoy all of the pictures of the fun things our children experienced over the holidays. They are examples of the wonderful experiences your generosity allows us to provide our children. Thanks again for all of your love and sup-

Billy



During our 100th Anniversary we developed a historical display which was featured on our campus and will be featured at some future date in the Wytheville Department of Museums displays. For those of you who were unable to attend our celebration we have decided to feature some of the items in our newsletters.

The first item we will feature is the Foster Falls Bell. This bell which is encased in glass sits proudly in the Eckman Chapel on the PCHH Campus. The bell is an original piece from the Foster Falls Orphanage and is something that we treasure dearly. Residents who have seen it have reflected that they remember house parents using it to wake them in the morning, or to call them to dinner. It is truly an amazing piece of our history and one that we are blessed to possess. If you listen really close when the chapel is empty you can hear the old bell calling children to their hope and purpose!

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Please keep the Kelley family in your thoughts and prayers for their recent loss. Catherine was a valued member of our Board and will be greatly missed!

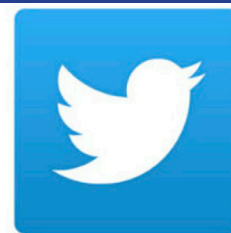
PCHH NEEDS

Current Needs...

- Photo albums
- Clorox wipes
- Detergent pods / Dryer sheets
- Snack items
- Good used vehicles
- Writing journals / coloring pencils / adult coloring books
- Prayers for our future

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CASH DONATIONS — Donations are always useful! Your generosity helps pay the bills providing all the needs of our ministry.

PCHH AMBASSADOR — Our 100th Anniversary year was a great success! Thanks to everyone who helped make it so successful. As we enter a new year (and century) of ministry to children and youth and are seeking new ways to enhance our presence and grow the PCHH Family. One idea that we want to implement is to establish a network of “Ambassadors” who can be our key persons in each church. So... we are seeking an individual from each church to become a PCHH Ambassador for Children. Basic duties will be to share information about the Children’s Home with your church family or group members. We anticipate most communications will be done via periodic e-mails so it will be easy and convenient. Each Ambassador should become familiar with our website because there is a wealth of knowledge about the ministry presented there. Each Ambassador will be mailed a folder of information that contains a ton of information in one simple-to-use folder. A big part of being a successful Ambassador is to be familiar with the ministry and its mission.

Requirements are relatively simple; provide us with your contact information, start reviewing our website (www.pchh.org) and we will mail your information folder to you. You can send us your contact information via mail (PCHH, PO Box 545, Wytheville, VA 24382) or e-mail it to Dale Yontz (dale@pchh.org). You will be our eyes and ears in your area and we look forward to joining our ministry in this special way. You can make a difference for this ministry as we carry out our mission of “Giving Children Hope & Purpose for the Future.”

Other Opportunities

SCHEDULE A VISIT – either plan to visit our campus or schedule to have us attend an event of your choosing to spread the word about PCHH.

PICNIC PAVILION — We now have our new Victoria Beam Pavilion available for use by groups and individuals. Located beside our pool, this beautiful facility allows visitors to enjoy the beauty of our campus with the scenic views of Wythe County all around.



2020 at a Glance

We are actively working on our annual fundraising opportunities. Please mark your calendars for the following dates.

Charity Auction TBA – We are now accepting donations for a new fundraising event. If you have any good items or antiques to donate please contact dale@pchh.org and we will arrange pick-up of the items and will store them until we are able to schedule the auction.

August 7, 2020 – THIRD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual golf tournament will be held again at the Wytheville Golf Club. We will once again be offering morning and afternoon tee times so contact us today to sign up as we are sure it will fill up fast.

August 7, 2020 – THIRD ANNUAL 50/50 BALL DROP

This is your chance to make a \$50 dollar donation for the chance to win \$5,000. NEW This year we will have two additional prizes placed on the green as we have had donations of a designer Citizen watch courtesy of P.R. Sturgill Fine Jewelry and \$200 in merchandise from VA Furniture Market. Tickets are on sale now so get yours today! To purchase contact wynette@pchh.org

September 25, 2020 – YETI 100 RACE

Again this year Travis Hooker will be running 100 miles to raise money for PCHH. Last year Travis completed the race and will be looking to improve on his time this year. To make a donation or pledge please e-mail dale@pchh.org. The race was a rousing success last year as Travis raised over \$3,000 for our ministry.

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