



# Open Doors

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## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



Christmas is a special time of year here at PCHH. During this Holy Season we are able to show the children how very loved they are through support from donors just like you. Not only are we able to share the love of Christ with our children, but we are able to share the love of our community and supporters for our children. It is always amazing the bountiful blessings that pour in to our campus from churches, businesses and individuals who want to make sure that our children have an amazing Christmas. This Christmas season was unlike any other as our children experienced a pre-Covid Christmas for the first time in several years. It was just like old times with visitors and loved ones on campus for our annual Christmas Dinner and Celebration. We had a traditional Christmas meal in the dining hall with all of the fixin's and fellowship one could hope for. Upon conclusion of this wonderful time together we moved into the Chapel where bounds of presents awaited the children. After the traditional singing of several Christmas Carols and the traditional reading of the Christmas story, the residents received their gifts with great appreciation. They were surprised, humbled and thankful for the love that was shown to each of them through these gifts. Each of them, however, fully understood that the greatest gift was the Love of Jesus Christ.





# Executive Director's Comments



**Billy Rice**  
Executive  
Director

One of the great blessings of the work I am privileged to do is seeing the children who lived here when they come back to visit as adults. Right after Christmas I had a visit with Josh, one of the first boys that came to the Children's Home right after I started here as Executive Director 23 years ago. I have a lot of memories of Josh, many of which are associated with Josh's participation in George Wythe's JROTC program. I remember going to football games and watching Josh as a leader of the color guard performing during the National Anthem. Josh took a lot of pride in being a JROTC member, and he carried that into his adult life as a member of our Armed Forces. Josh served in Afghanistan, where he received injuries that have limited his mobility. Josh has stayed in touch

with us, and it was great to see him in person.

During our conversation Josh told me that he knew his life would have taken a very different turn if not for the two years he spent with us. He recalled the staff members that worked with him and the difference they made in his life. Josh has moved back to the area with his wife and child, and what stood out to me was his obvious love for his child and the joy he takes in being a father. It is a wonderful experience when our children come back as adults and they are successfully raising their children. It tells us that the work we do in breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect that so many of our children experience has taken root.

My visit with Josh was inspiring, but it is also humbling to know that God has granted us the power to change children's lives through our ministry. The Children's Home is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. We are always there to provide a home for children in what is probably the lowest point in their young lives. Josh is one of over 900 children that have lived here since 2000. There are many organizations

doing great work, but very few are able to bring children into a loving home situation at moment's notice. It has been our mission for over 100 years, and with your help our doors will remain open for some of God's most needy children.

With hope,

*Billy*



- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash / Deodorant
- School Supplies
- 3 Ring Binders
- Laundry detergent pods
- Dryer sheets
- Dishwasher pods
- Craft supplies
- Good used vehicles
- Remember PCHH in your Estate Planning
- Schedule to visit our campus
- Prayers, Prayers, Prayers

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## Giving Back Program Returns

The Giving Back Program is one that has great importance here at PCHH. It has been sidelined however, since the start of the pandemic. We are blessed though that we are now able to begin slowly rolling this program back out into our community. We began working on this during the most recent Christmas season. Our residents spent several weekends making various crafts which they then delivered to a local nursing home. The gifts were a huge hit and allowed us to return some of the love we have received back to those in our community who may be sick and shut in. If you would like more information on giving back please call

276-228-2861 or email [dale@pchh.org](mailto:dale@pchh.org) and we will be happy to share the information with you and possibly assist you by Giving Back.



## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for so many arts and crafts supplies. You made my Christmas a lot better. Thank You!

Love,  
Madison

My favorite Christmas present was my boots.

-Emberlyn

Thank You so much for all the presents. I am so blessed to be a part of your lives.

-Destiny

Thank you for the Christmas presents. My favorite was my scooter

-Caiden

Thank you for the Christmas presents I loved all of them!

-Tiquan

My favorite presents were the drawing sets! Thank you for all of the presents!

-Devon

## 2023 Dates to Remember

**August 4, 2023 - Golf Tournament**

**August 4, 2023 - Ball Drop**

Dates are tentative and subject to change. Please watch our Facebook page and website for updates due to weather.

## Fill the Tree in '23

Dale T. Yontz, Development Director



The opportunity to directly impact the lives of the children we serve is one of the greatest blessings I can think of. We have many ways of doing here at PCHH, however one of the most impactful and poignant is through our New Dawn Society. We have set it as a goal for

2023 to fill the leaves of our memorial tree with the last 75 names. We only have 75 spots available and would love to see you committed to this longterm level of support. For those of you who do not know the NDS requires no immediate financial support, only a commitment that you have decided to include PCHH in your estate planning and leave a gift of your choosing to our ministry. This is a great way to honor yourself or another loved one. For this commitment you will have your name inscribed on the NDS Tree in our boardroom for everyone who visits to see. The leaves look like the one pictured below:



Please take the time to consider a gift such as this so that we can honor you for your generosity and vision for the future here at PCHH. Your love and support will help to ensure another 100 years of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future". Please make a note on your reply envelope that you would like to join or call 276-228-2861 or email dale@pchh.org for more information. Lets stand together and fill the tree in 2023!

*Every pledge is significant to our children regardless of the amount!*





# CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

