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Groundbreaking Ceremony



Pictured: David Dickerson, Board Member; Emily, resident; Paul Lindamood, First Virginia Bank & Trust; Linda Gueringer, Board Moderator; Billy Rice, Executive Director; Jacob, Resident.

On Thursday, October 5, 2017 the beginning of a dream came to fruition in the triangle area in front of our administration building. It was the official Groundbreaking for the Sarah Ellen Harless Garden of Hope. As many of you already know this Garden is 100% funded by the Sarah Ellen Harless trust allowing us to honor/memorialize those who give to our 100th Anniversary. It means that 100% of all 100th Anniversary gifts will go to our endowment.

Thanks to Ms. Harless we will have a wonderful way to not only memorialize her, but also those of you who choose to make a special gift to our 100th Anniversary.

Those in attendance, included our children, staff, local leaders, board members and many other community members. The groundbreaking included remarks by our Executive Director, Billy Rice, as well as by Reverend David Dickerson, a long-time supporter of the Home and

member of our board. After the official ceremony those in attendance were treated to a celebratory time of fellowship and refreshments in our dining hall. This event also kicked off our bi-annual Board Meeting when we share the fruits of our labor with our Board Members. Many more special events are on the horizon and our 100th Anniversary Celebration will culminate with special on-campus events on September 21, 2019.



Billy Rice
Executive Director

When the calendar turns to a new year it is a time both for reflection and planning for the future. In many ways it was a wonderful year for our Children's Home. Forty children found a home with us, we successfully kicked off our 100th Anniversary campaign, and our loyal supporters provided increases in both the number of gifts and money received. While we were blessed in so many ways, we were also devastated by the heart attack that took our beloved Program Director, Travis Wirt, from us at the tender age of 34. His love for our ministry and the children we serve continues to inspire us.

Our immediate future coincides with our long-term goals as our 100th Anniversary campaign moves forward. While our Program staff continues to do a great job providing love and support to our children, our Development and Administrative teams are focused on ensuring the future of our ministry. The 100th Anniversary campaign is focused on increasing our endowment in order to allow our Children's Home to weather unforeseen setbacks so we can always provide a home for young victims of abuse and neglect. Many of you have joined us in this cause, and we hope that many more will do so as we move toward our second century of service. None of the exciting things you see in this newsletter – our children's Christmas, the funding for Sean's education, or the success of the 100th Anniversary – is possible without your love for our ministry and your dedicated support. We are truly blessed!

With that in mind, please plan to join us on September 21, 2019 for

a celebration of 100 years of ministry by the Children's Home. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our Children's Home family. In the meantime, I hope 2018 is filled with many blessings for each of you!

Billy

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday

September 21, 2019

has been designated as the
on-campus day of celebration
for our 100th Anniversary!
Many exciting activities.

PCHH NEEDS

Current Needs...

- Digital radio alarm clocks
- Bath towels & wash cloths
- Quality used vehicles
- Gift cards (Walmart, VISA, McDonalds, Wendy's, Bojangles)
- Combs & brushes
- Medium sized totes
- Daily prayers, always!

Keep track of more needs by
checking our website:

www.pchh.org

REMEMBERANCE

The first week of November we held a tree planting ceremony on our campus with CPMT and FAPT in honor of Travis Wirt, our Program Director who passed away in February. Travis' mother and stepfather, as well as our staff and members of FAPT and CPMT, participated. This tree will undoubtedly take root and grow as a permanent memorial to someone who touched the hearts of so many here at PCHH.



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Billy Rice

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Conquering the Next Frontier...

In the Third Quarter of 2016 we featured an article on one of our Independence Living residents Sean, covering his journey to a higher education through the University of Virginia's College at Wise.



Since then Sean has been very active in many ways and has made great strides toward completion of his education. At this time we are happy to provide the following update on this young man and his amazing journey. Currently Sean is on the Dean's List and is on track to Graduate in late 2018. During this final year Sean's plans include studying abroad in Germany through an international program between UVA Wise and colleges in Hannover and Luxemburg. As for his degree he is still concentrating on his passions of Philosophy and Political Science while attaining a minor in German, Economics, as well as Political Science. While at UVA Wise Sean has gained a wealth of knowledge about politics, working on many campaigns and meeting many well known individuals in this field. Sean has had the opportunity to attend the Young Americans for Liberty conference in Washington, D.C. as well as founding a YAL Chapter on the campus of UVA Wise, which currently boasts 30 members. Upon graduation Sean plans to pursue Constitutional Law and Economics as well as look to run for public office and become an entrepreneur.

We here at PCHH are so proud of his accomplishments and look forward to seeing him achieve his dreams. Sean is a prime example of the power of Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future.

NEW FACES ON STAFF**Dale Yontz****Zac Carter**

A new year always brings new opportunities and fresh perspectives. This year is no different here at PCHH as we have added two new members to our development staff.

As E. C. Hill cuts back on his schedule with us, Dale Yontz will be named our Development Director. Dale brings with him a wealth of knowledge from the public and private sector. He was brought on board last year as a consultant for the 100th Anniversary and has since transitioned roles. At the age of 39 he currently resides in Rural Retreat with his wife Robin and their children Madison (12) and Dayton (10). While in Rural Retreat Dale has been an active member of the community, serving for 12 years on the town council and currently as Vice Mayor and has been Chairman of the towns Heritage Days festival for 10 years. He is a 2000 Graduate of Emory and Henry College with a BS Degree in Business Management and a minor in Economics.

Zac Carter joined our team January 1 as our new Development Officer. A native of Rural Retreat, Virginia, he and his family have always been active community members. Zac is a 2016 Graduate of Emory and Henry College with a BA degree in Interdisciplinary Social Studies with a Masters in Education. While attending E&H Zac was named his hometown's Citizen of the Year for a Spanish class he developed and was teaching on a volunteer basis to preschool children in the Emory area.

Both of these gentlemen have hit the ground running and are already bringing a plethora of enthusiasm to our team. If you happen to see one or both on the road please take time to welcome them to the Children's Home's family and to our legacy of Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future.



This year we seemed to have more residents who were not able (for various reasons) to visit in their own homes for a few days so some of the gifts were saved for opening Christmas morning in the cottages rather than at our Christmas banquet. All this was made possible by our generous donors. As you can imagine, many of the children who come to us have NOT had the kind of Christmas most of us know. Thank you for your continuing love and support of these children! We make a difference because of your care and support.
THANK YOU!

