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Giving Children Hope and Purpose For The Future

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Jeremiah 29:11

SHAPING THE FUTURE!



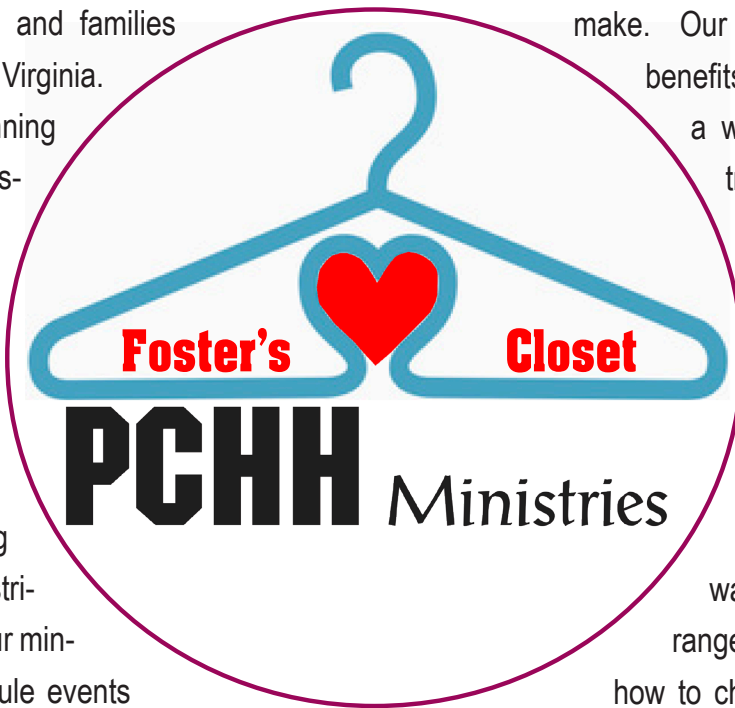
Billy Rice
Executive Director

I want you to imagine that you are part of a ministry that has provided a home for children in need for over 100 years. This ministry is blessed with thousands of supporters that make sure you have everything you need to care for the children that God has delivered to your door. You are fulfilling your mission, but you feel called to do more for your children and the communities that support you so generously. You also want your children to feel the satisfaction of helping people who could use a hand up at this point in their lives.

On May 5, 2023 the PCHH Board of Directors gave our ministry and the children we serve that opportunity. They unanimously approved "Foster's Closet" a clothing ministry that will allow us to distribute clothing FREE OF CHARGE to individuals and families in need across the state of Virginia. The name honors the beginning of our Children's Home at Foster Falls in 1919, and the image of a hanger with a heart speaks to the mission of our new ministry. We will be building a warehouse on our campus where we can clean and sort the clothing and prepare the items for distribution. In conjunction with our ministry partners, we will schedule events where we will distribute the clothing to people

in need. Moving forward, we believe that we can touch the lives of thousands of people each year.

I want to make sure that everyone understands that our children's needs come first in every decision we make. Our children will receive many benefits from this project, including a workforce development and training program. We are adding a storefront to one of our buildings where our children can learn about selling clothing in a retail setting. They will learn how to sort clothing, place items on the racks, wait on customers that we arrange to come to the store, and how to check people out when they finish. They will also have the opportunity to



Shaping the Future Continued

be involved in the clothing distribution events. Our children need the opportunity to be a part of a giving community, and this will allow them to be part of a culture of giving on a daily basis.

This is certainly a large undertaking, but I believe that we are uniquely suited to be successful in this endeavor. However, we need your help! We have churches, civic groups, and individuals that faithfully and generously support our children. We have no doubt that when our warehouse is finished and it comes time to ask for clothing, the response will be overwhelming. It is also crucial that we receive the financial support that will not only get this ministry off the ground, but also sustain it for years to come. I ask that you prayerfully consider a special gift to our new ministry that will positively impact our children and bring clothing to countless people in need.

The clothing ministry fits perfectly with the Matthew 25 initiative currently undertaken by the Presbyterian Church USA. Matthew 25 speaks of "good news for the least of us", and we believe that by reaching out to those in need and providing clothing we are helping to meet that charge. However, I would like to call attention to another Bible verse, Luke 12:48. Part of that scripture tells us "For whomsoever

much is given, of him shall be much required". For those of us who work with the youth at our Children's Home, we know that our children and staff have been truly blessed by what we have been given to help care for and provide healing for our children. As a member of the Children's Home family, I hope that you will help us touch the lives of people in need of clothing and provide our children with the opportunity to feel the satisfaction of helping others while expecting nothing in return. The ways you can help are listed below. It will be another way that we can make our mission, "giving children hope and purpose for the future", a reality.

With Hope,

Billy

How You Can Help!

Foster's Closet Immediate Needs:

- Prayers – we need them daily as we move forward with this project.
- Financial support to help build the warehouse and get the workforce development program off the ground.
- A box truck to transport clothing to events.
- A van or SUV to pick up clothing.
- Good used vehicles are welcome!



Staff Update



Debbie Riggs



Jacob Scales

We have had changes in our Program Department. With the resignation of Erin Stafford, Debbie Riggs has been promoted to Program Director and our new Case Manager is Jacob Scales. Congratulations to both on your new positions!



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RESIDENT NEWS...

Debbie Riggs, PCHH Program Director



Destiny's work *Evil Jealousy* was chosen for publication in *Twisted Tales – A Rip In Time*, a book showcasing young writers! Her work was part of the Young Writers' writing contest. The contest included entries from middle and high school students across the United States. According to Young Writers the aim of the contest is to encourage reading, writing, and enjoying creative writing. The contest states Destiny was selected due to her imagination, creativity, and her use of language. *Evil Jealousy* was based on a villain's point of view of a familiar story. Her story had the additional challenge of being limited to a hundred words or less. Destiny was awarded a certificate and bookmark, as well as being published.



Lucas achieved an awesome score! As part of the school's preparation for the Standards of Learning (SOL) testing, each student takes benchmark tests during the school year to determine their progress toward the goals. During this school year, Lucas has achieved a perfect score on two of the Math Benchmark Assessments. This achievement

meets a high bar set by the school system and the Virginia Department of Education. It is an accomplishment to score a perfect score on one test. Lucas has achieved this mark twice this school year!

2023 Dates to Remember

August 4, 2023 - Golf Tournament

August 4, 2023 - Ball Drop

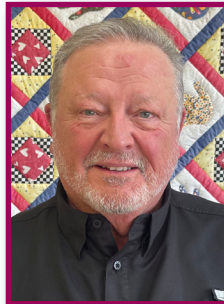
Dates are tentative and subject to change. Please watch our Facebook page and website for updates due to weather.

Development News



The Development Team is busy preparing for the expansion of our ministry as I'm sure you read about in some of the earlier stories in this newsletter. However, we cannot forget about the things that we are currently working on such as our annual Ball Drop and Golf Tournament. Now more than ever **WE**

NEED YOUR HELP. We have approximately 75 tickets left and need help selling those. If you would like to enter for your chance to win one of our awesome prizes such as the \$5,000 grand prize, please return the slip on the back with your payment and we will get a ticket to you ASAP. This is a major fundraiser for us and we want to make sure all of the tickets get sold. We also need help supporting the golf tournament. If you are interested in becoming a hole sponsor, donating a prize, or entering a team please contact me at dale@pchh.org or call 276-228-2861. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day filled with fun and fellowship as we continue to follow our mission of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future!"



I would like to take a moment to welcome Mr. Clayton Riggs to our Development Team. Clayton will be filling our Development Officer position and is going to be an amazing addition to the team. He will be on the road visiting churches as well as donors so when you see him, please make him welcome. He is

very outgoing and will be a great ambassador for PCHH. WELCOME CLAYTON!!!



DON'T FORGET OUR...

Annual Ball Drop & Golf Tournament

benefiting the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

Friday, August 4, 2023

No more than **250 balls** will be sold. All balls will be dropped on a designated green. There will be a hole designated for each of our three (3) prizes. The ball that is closest to or enters one of the holes will win **\$5,000.00 Grand Prize, \$1,000.00 Second Prize or the Third Prize from P.R. Sturgill Fine Jewelry.** Each ball will cost **\$50.00** and each ticket number will represent the ball number. Tickets will be sold until all are gone or until **1:00 PM on Friday, August 4, 2023.** All proceeds benefit PCHH. Donate online at www.pchh.org or simply mail a check designating \$50.00 to the Ball Drop. We will randomly select a number and return the stub to you for your records. Tickets will be available on a first come first serve basis. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN**

Donate \$50 for a Chance to Win \$5,000

BALL DROP PRIZES:

1st - \$5,000 • 2nd - \$1,000

3rd - P.R. Sturgill Prize

50/50 REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Payment CHECK CREDIT CARD ~ Number of Tickets _____



**Presbyterian
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Golf Championship

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Player 1 _____ Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____ Player 4 _____

Contact Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Payment CHECK CREDIT CARD ~ Preferred Tee Time AM PM

Sorry I can't play but I would like to be a sponsor of this great cause \$ _____

