

# Open Doors

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*Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future*

## PCHH

Jeremiah 29:11

## GARRETT'S JOURNEY



Turning 18 is a huge milestone in most of our lives, marking the beginning of independence and adulthood. Imagine if you can being 18, totally going out on your own and entering PCHH in our Independent Living Program. We are blessed to have a place for young adults to turn to in their time of need and to be able to assist them in bridging the gap into adulthood. This is a very formative time and one that is of exceptional importance. This year we have been blessed with one of our newest residents, Garrett. He came to us looking for a place to assist his transition into the next chapter of his life and through God's Blessings we found each other. This young man has been more than one of our Independent Living residents, he has been a ray of light to many on our campus. Upon arrival to our program Garrett was clearly college material and showed great interest in entering our local community college program. We have seen great progress in Garrett since his arrival and have seen him really come out of his shell and become a model for all of his peers. Further, during his journey here at PCHH Garrett has been identified and is participating in the Virginia Workforce Development Program. This program helps young people who are attending post high school programs and will further assist them in their future career goals. Please join us in both welcoming and congratulating Garrett on his arrival and successes here at PCHH. His story is one of success and shows the impact that you our supporters have on the children on our campus. With your continued love and support we are sure that Garrett will achieve his goals and dreams. He is a beacon of success and living proof of our mission statement "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future".

# Executive Director's Comments



**Billy Rice**  
Executive  
Director

As you read this, our children will have been in school for about a month. Many of our students are behind academically when they come to us, and those who have joined us over the summer will have to adjust to being in a new school. We take a great deal of pride in giving our children the best possible opportunity for academic success. It begins with making sure they are in the right academic situation, whether it be in public schools, specialized education at the Minnick Education Center, a GED program, or Wytheville Community College for our Independent Living residents. Many of you have helped us make sure that our children have the school supplies they need, as well as new clothes that make them feel comfortable among their peers. Our children's academic deficits are usually not about ability. It comes from dealing with dysfunctional family situations that cause education to be a very low priority in their lives.

We have found that while we can give our children all the material advantages that I mentioned above, the greatest obstacle we have to overcome is getting our children to understand the need for structure in their lives and to accept that we love them enough to put that structure in place. Most of us have not experienced a childhood where we were left to our own devices due to parental substance abuse, fear of physical

violence, lack of food, or just plain neglect. If you are a child who has experienced very little adult guidance in your life, a loving structure will seem strange to you. Many of them rebel against it, but most come to realize they need to structure their lives not only for academic success, but also as a guide for a productive life in the future.

Our cover story about Garrett highlights one of the many achievements of our residents. When you see these accomplishments in our newsletters, please know that you are part of their success. Our mission, "giving children hope and purpose for the future", is unattainable without your love and support. Thank you and God bless!

With hope,

*Billy*

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*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*  
Billy Rice

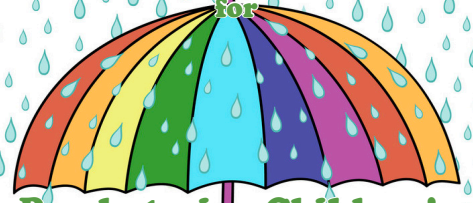
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## Shower of Blessings



### Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Craft supplies  
Good used vehicles  
Remember PCHH in your  
Estate Planning  
Schedule to visit our campus  
Prayers, Prayers, Prayers



**UPDATES COMING  
SOON!!!**

## Ways to Help

There are many ways you can make a difference in the lives of our young people...

You can become a member of our New Dawn Society by remembering PCHH in your will or other estate plans.

You can use one or more of the following estate planning instruments:

- Wills
- Trusts
- Donation of Stock
- Real Estate Donation
- Personal Property Donation
- Life Insurance
- Annuities

Contact your attorney or other financial planning professional for help with the details in how you can help PCHH continue "giving children hope and purpose for the future."

## RSO Coming to Millwald



The Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands is proud to announce that they will be participating with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra in December 2023 in debuting the Brass Ensemble to the Millwald Theater.

The Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, also known as the "RSO" was established in 1953 by Gibson Morrissey and a number of other music lovers. Gibson Morrissey served as the conductor until his death in 1975. The Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, under the leadership of Maestro David Stewart Wiley, has professional musicians who are awarded positions through competitive auditions. It is indeed a pleasure for the RSO to be in partnership with the Millwald Theater in bringing the Brass Ensemble to Wytheville in December.

The Boards of the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands and the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra Board look forward to your participation in this event. Tickets can be purchased through the Millwald box office. Hope to see you in December at this event to enhance your holiday spirit.



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## 2023 Golf Tournament

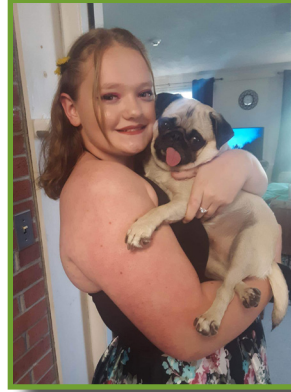
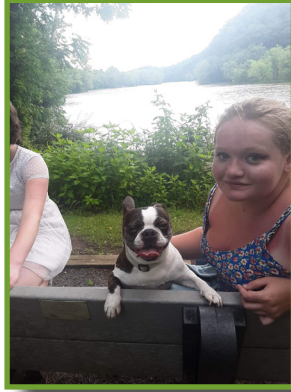
Dale T. Yontz, Development Director

One of our biggest annual events is our Golf Tournament and Ball Drop. This year was no different. 2023 was the most successful event to date and saw us receive resounding support from many different avenues. We were blessed with an abundance of sponsors who whole heartedly supported our ministry. This year's event was blessed with 20 teams as well as 85 hole sponsors. The weather was perfect and was just what we needed to cap off such a great event. Another element of this event which continues to be a rousing success is our annual Ball Drop. This year was as successful as ever with all of the tickets being sold in advance. When all was said and done our winners were \$5,000 - Ferd Harvey, \$1,000 - Alexis Cassell, and Diamond Necklace - Ferd Harvey. Congratulations to all of our winners and THANK YOU to everyone who participated in both of these events. Your participation greatly furthers our mission of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future."



## 2024 Dates to Remember August 2, 2024 Golf Tournament and Ball Drop

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