

## 2019 BALL DROP TICKETS GOING FAST

One special fundraising event held at our golf tournament is a “Ball Drop” 50/50 fundraiser where interested persons purchasing a golf ball number between 1 and 200 have a chance to receive \$5,000 on their \$50 donation. All 200 balls are placed in a bucket, lifted high over Hole #18 at the Wytheville Golf Club and dropped towards the hole. The number on the golf ball that goes in the hole or comes closest is declared the winner.

In the event all 200 golf balls are not sold, then only the ball numbers sold will be dropped and the winner will split the total amount of the sold balls. However, last year was our first year to offer this event and ALL balls were sold. We anticipate even more demand this year but there will only be 200 offered.



## 100 Miles for 100 Years - Travis Hooker will run Endurance Race

Travis Hooker of Bridgewater, VA, a former police officer, is stepping up in a big way to support our 100th Anniversary Campaign and our ministry in general. On September 27, 2019, Travis will embark on the **Yeti 100 mile trail race** in Abingdon, VA. This is one of the premier running events in the country and takes place on the beautiful Virginia Creeper Trail. Travis and his family are dedicated to this fantastic cause and are hoping to gain YOUR support as well. Please visit our website to make a pledge and help Travis raise money for the Home. Travis has a fantastic story about his life and how he has been lead to our ministry and is planning to be a continual supporter. We are blessed to have Travis, his wife Erica and their twin girls Charlie and Kanoa as members of the Children’s Home family of supporters. To make a pledge to this great cause please visit [www.pchh.org](http://www.pchh.org) or call 276-228-2861. Travis will also be running a GoFundMe campaign to help as well. Please remember 100% of the proceeds go directly to the home.



## Centennial Memories



for more photos visit [www.pchh.org](http://www.pchh.org) or Facebook

# Open Doors

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## Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry

### Hard Work Pays Off for Sean

Sean Valerga graduated with honors from the University of Virginia’s College at Wise on May 11th. Sean was a cum laude graduate, selected as a member of the prestigious Darden Society, and received the Joseph M. Scolnick Jr. Excellence in Government and Public Service Award. Sean will continue his education at the Cevro Institut in Prague, Czech Republic. He has been accepted into the Master’s program in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Sean came to the Children’s Home in 2013 and graduated from George Wythe High School. He attended Wytheville Community College while living in our Independent Living Program before transferring to UVA Wise.

The staff at the Children’s Home are extremely proud of Sean and grateful for our supporters that allowed us to give Sean the help he needed during his journey.

Congratulations Sean!



### 100th Anniversary Events

September 2019 is a landmark date for the Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands. This ministry will be 100 years old!

We have been celebrating with our 100th Anniversary Campaign for the last 3 years. Our goal of raising **\$1,000,000** is within reach and we are super excited. Thus far we have raised **\$906,151** towards our goal. If you haven’t participated yet, we encourage you to join in the excitement. Matter of fact, one of our alumni has raised funds to memorialize her deceased brother and sister on one of the columns in the Garden of Hope who grew up at the Children’s Home along with herself and five other siblings.

September 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> will be the official culmination of celebratory events. We will have a chapel service and ice cream social at Foster Falls on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and an on-campus celebration on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

The ice cream social on the 19<sup>th</sup> will be at Foster Falls State Park, the location of our first campus. There will be signs and people directing visitors to parking spaces for the social so come join us. Reservations are not required.

Our campus will open at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> for celebration activities. An official dedication ceremony for the Sarah Ellen Harless Garden of Hope will be held at noon at the Garden (in front of the administration building).

The afternoon has no scheduled events so visitors may mingle, share stories, meet staff, board members, residents and former residents. Food and activities will be provided.

## Executive Director Comments



When you are blessed to be involved in the ministry of working with children in need, there are problems to be dealt with on a daily basis. When you are consumed with problem solving, it is easy to let the successes and milestones our children reach pass us by without proper recognition. We try very hard not to do that, because recognizing our children's accomplishments is not only good for them, it is invigorating for our staff. Our children's progress

makes us feel good, and it gives us the energy to help our children tackle the problems our children face every day.

With that in mind, you can imagine the pride that we feel as we celebrate the accomplishments of Sean Valerga. The details of Sean's graduation from UVA Wise and the awards he received are listed in the cover story, but for those of us who work here it goes much deeper than that. Sean has been with us since 2013, and we have been through all the highs and lows along the way. His story is uplifting, and one that everyone in the Children's Home family can be proud of and that we can all relate to.

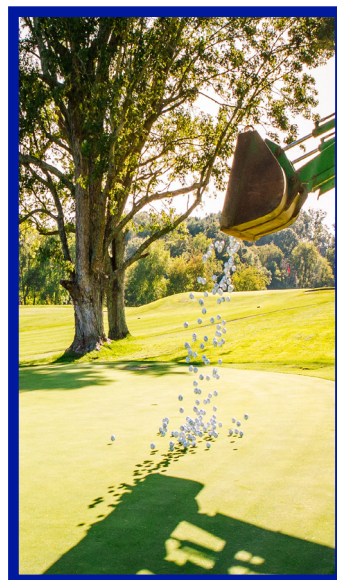
It is important that for every overwhelming success such as Sean's, there are hundreds of significant accomplishments that our children have made over the years. Not all of them have graduated from college with honors, but many have broken the cycle of abuse and neglect within their families and are productive members of their communities. Many of these men and women will be attending the 100th Anniversary Celebration, and will be glad to tell you how our ministry changed their lives. It is why we are committed to remaining a Children's Home, and why the generosity of our loyal supporters is more important than ever as we continue to make our mission, "giving children hope and purpose for the future", a reality.

Please remember to put **September 21<sup>st</sup>** on your calendar. It is going to be a wonderful day and we want to see you there!

With hope,

*Billy*

P. S. ANOTHER REMINDER THAT WE ARE SELLING 50/50 BALL DROP TICKETS FOR OUR BALL DROP ON AUGUST 2, 2019. WE SELL 200 TICKETS AT \$50 A TICKET GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO WIN \$5,000 AND THE CHILDREN'S HOME GETS \$5,000. IT'S A "FUN" FUNDRAISING EVENT. SEND YOUR CHECK AND DESIGNATE IT FOR 50/50 BALL DROP AND WE WILL SEND YOU YOUR TICKET OR TICKETS!!!



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## PCHH NEEDS

### Current Needs...

- Quality used vehicles
- Cornhole Boards
- Gift Cards (Walmart, McDonalds or Wendy's)
- Badminton Sets
- Sponsorships for our golf tournament (ex: \$100 Hole Sponsor)
- Daily prayers, always!

Keep track of more needs by checking our website:

[www.pchh.org](http://www.pchh.org)

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign is doing well. As of May 20, 2019 the total amount donated is **\$906,151**. As we have shared with you before, every dollar contributed to the campaign is restricted for our endowment.

The future of this ministry is dependent upon funds raised for scholarships for future residents. As our methods of receiving children changes from local Departments of Social Services to private placements, so does the funding mechanisms.

By the way, PCHH now has the ability to accept monthly donations via your credit card. It's a simple way to ensure your wishes of helping us each month is accomplished. Call our office at 276-228-2861 and we'll accept your information to make it happen.

## Old Problem : New Solution



For many years the pond at the entrance to our property has needed applications of chemicals to help control algae and "muck" on the surface of the pond.

After much brainstorming and research we decided to try another approach. We installed a water fountain to not only deal with the health of our pond, but to provide a beautiful visual feature for everyone to enjoy. At night beautiful lights provide colorful lighting that highlight the spray. Come take a look!

## Mark Your Calendar



Friday

**August 2, 2019**

Annual Teeing Off Fore the Children Golf Tournament



Saturday

**September 21, 2019**

has been designated as the on-campus day of celebration for our **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

## SPECIAL NOTE TO ALUMNI

One-hundred years of providing a home for boys and girls has been our mission and privilege.

We look forward to your presence during our on-campus celebration.

Bring your stories to share and join all of us as we celebrate your lives.

May God continue to bless you.