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Giving Children Hope & Purpose For The Future

PCHH

Proverbs 10:7

College... the next frontier



Sean came to us 3 years ago as one of our early residents in our Independent Living Program. While he brought with him dreams of bigger and better things to come, like all young men he had much he needed to accomplish. While with us he has made great headway in achieving his lofty goal of someday being an attorney.

Sean graduated from Bland High School, got his Drivers License and finished 2 plus years at Wytheville Community College while at PCHH. He is now a student at UVA Wise as a junior. He is a pre-law student with concentration in Philosophy and Political Science.

Sean spends much of his time studying government, past and present and is very interested in politics. He is a member of Young Americans for Liberty and plans to start a chapter at UVA Wise soon. He hopes to build on his musical experience as a member of the marching band in high school by participating in the band at UVA Wise. Another area of interest to Sean is history. He also has decided to pursue German as a foreign language and is very excited to be studying German in his first semester at Wise.

Earning a Law Degree and becoming an attorney are grand goals for anyone, especially when you may not have the support network that many young people enjoy. However, with the help of the PCHH staff and our wonderful supporters at PCHH, Sean is well on his way to a very bright future. Like the families that send their young adults off to college, military or work, we have high expectations and even some trepidation but we know he's headed in the right direction.

Sean has good reason to be proud of his accomplishments thus far. The staff, Board Members and supporters of PCHH can be satisfied as well, knowing that we have all truly played a part in "Giving *Sean* Hope and Purpose for the Future!"



Billy Rice
Executive Director

Some people listen to music during the day, but anyone that knows me will not be surprised that ESPN Radio is constantly on in my office. During the end of July and early August, there was a parade of college football coaches being interviewed as they prepared to start their season. A common theme of the interviews was the “culture” that they had either established or were attempting to bring to their program. As I listened to them it occurred to me that like a sports team, the culture we establish at the Children’s Home is very important.

How would I describe this culture? I believe it begins with the unconditional love we give to our children from the moment they arrive, no matter their background or the circumstances that brought them to us. That love is transmitted to them in the cottages they live in while they are with us. A major part of our culture is the belief that children who come to us, come to have the best chance to heal and grow in a loving, home-like environment. We are committed to this belief and it will continue to be a cornerstone of our ministry. Our culture is also driven by our mission statement “giving children hope and purpose for the future”. This encompasses the goal for all of our programs and activities, whether it be daily chores and life skills, educational pursuits or recreational activities.

I think this culture of love and commitment to our children shows through in the articles and pictures you see in this newsletter. From Sean’s educational success to our

awards banquet winners and the joy of our children participating in our summer activities, the depth of our culture shines through.

There is one more indispensable part of our culture. It is the members of the Children’s Home family whose support allows us to provide this ministry for our children. Your love and generosity have been vital to our first 97 years of success, and you will be the driving force that takes us into our second century of service. With your help, our culture of changing children’s lives will continue for years to come.

Billy

Special Note

With the advancement in technology we are now able to provide this newsletter cost effectively in color!

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PCHH NEEDS

Current Needs...

- Canned soup & vegetables
- Boxed macaroni & cheese dinners
- Walmart, McDonald’s or Wendy’s Gift Cards
- Rolls of paper towels
- Dishwasher detergent pods
- Quality used vehicles
- Peanut butter (no glass jars)
- Bottled water
- Storage totes (16-32 gal)
- Daily prayers, always!

Keep track of more needs by checking our website:

Love is the single most powerful and important word and notion in culture and language. Until the power of love supersedes the love of power we have no chance of ever being successful.

Bill Walton
NBA Star & Sportscaster

Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook and keep up on latest happenings at the Home.



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Check out our updated website too. You will find a wealth of information about our past, present and our plans for the future.

www.pchh.org

A LASTING TRIBUTE

A very special part of our Alumni Day was the planting of a Memorial Tree for one of our beloved family members.

Sadly, Lisa Rigney Marshall passed away this year but her family lovingly memorialized her life with the planting of a tree just outside of Webb Cottage. Lisa remained close to both residents and staff throughout her life and she is missed greatly by all.

The end of life is always a poignant reminder of just how precious the time we're given truly is. Let us all learn to embrace life, love others and live a life worth memorializing, as Lisa so clearly did.



On July 9th of this year former residents and staff gathered at our campus for our semi-annual Alumni Day to eat, fellowship and share memories of their time at PCHH.

Hugs, laughs and smiles were all in abundance as residents and staff, past and present played corn hole, poured over pictures from days gone by and spent the day making new acquaintances and rekindling old friendships.

Whether residents spend only a few weeks or several years at PCHH, they all take with them memories that last a lifetime. For some it is simply a safe, welcoming place to lay their heads. For others their time at the home gave them the opportunity to find stability and build lifelong friendships. And still some even find a calling to help others that find themselves in difficult situations. The paths that bring us all, residents, staff, board members and donors to somehow find PCHH are certainly varied. However, one thing remains constant, as long as there is a need we will be here "Giving Children Hope and Purpose For The Future"!



2016 Summer Fun

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Jeremiah 29:11



Tiffany
2016 PCHH Citizenship Award Winner

HONORS



Isaac
2016 PCHH Victory Achievement Award Winner

FUN



Fun outing at
Beagle Ridge Farm

GOOD CHOICES



Accepting Jesus and
following him in baptism



Olympic dreams
during outdoor fun

TEAMWORK



A favorite past
time for all ages