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Giving Children Hope and Purpose For The Future

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Jeremiah 29:11

PANDEMIC IMPACTS CAMPUS



Spring is an especially beautiful and vibrant time around campus. The children and staff are busy with wrapping up school, planning for proms and graduations and preparing for the busy summer months ahead. This year, however, has been different. With the impacts from the Coronavirus we have our children on campus 24/7. They have not been allowed to leave campus since before Governor Northam issued his stay at home order. We made this decision in an effort to protect them to the best of our ability. Even though this spring has been different, our children have shown a resilience like never before. They have bonded in ways like never before. We are blessed to have a great staff who have been bending in all directions to accommodate our residents in an effort to keep things as normal as possible. New things such as distance learning, counseling and doctors appointments have offered learning opportunities for everyone involved. We all know that God is in control and is using this crisis to teach us all, bring us closer together and especially closer to Him. We look forward to the days when our children can once again go to the movies, attend church, go to school, and most of all, enjoy our community. This will happen, however, we are blessed to have the campus and facilities that we have where they can ride their bikes, play basketball and be cared for in a loving environment. Please know that the children and staff are doing great and greatly appreciate your prayers and support as we continue to navigate this pandemic.



Executive Director's Comments



Billy Rice
Executive
Director

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world as we know it, and our ministry is certainly not immune to the chaos. The day in mid-March when school was cancelled for the year caused us to immediately adjust what we needed to do to keep our children safe and offer them what they need programmatically. Safety had to come first, and we immediately stopped access for visitors and restricted our children to campus. We are monitoring their health closely, which includes taking their temperature daily. While we are still accepting children, we are very cautious into looking into their background to minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus. We are blessed to live in an area with a very low infection rate, and I assure you that keeping the coronavirus away from our campus is our top priority. The other big challenge is keeping a group of teenagers busy and making sure they continue to progress in their areas of need. I have described it as summer without access to all the things we take advantage of in the community. Our most immediate concern was education, and we answered that by contracting with two teachers to give our children four hours of individual instruction per day. This has gone very well, both from an instructional standpoint and providing some

time off during the day for our houseparents. We were in the process of evaluating our counseling services and have made changes to give our children more access to individual and group counseling, as well as psychological evaluations. Our recreational opportunities are restricted to our campus, but we are blessed with 89 acres of land and a gymnasium. Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church generously provided each of our children with a bicycle and a helmet, and the advent of spring means that they are taking full advantage of those gifts. We also have lots of board and video games that are very helpful on rainy days, and our pool will be available as the weather gets warmer. Some days are longer than others, but it is also a great time to count our blessings. Dale has an article in the newsletter concerning the difficulties of fund raising during this time, and I encourage you to read it. I do want to say that we are so blessed by the love and devotion of the Children's Home family to our ministry. We could not withstand the expenses of adding additional staff and the added expenses of having the children with us 24 hours a day without your faithful support. While you will not see us at Presbytery meetings or giving a program at your church for a while, please know that we are thinking of you and grateful for all that you do for our children. Please stay safe as we look forward to when we can meet together again.

With hope,

Billy

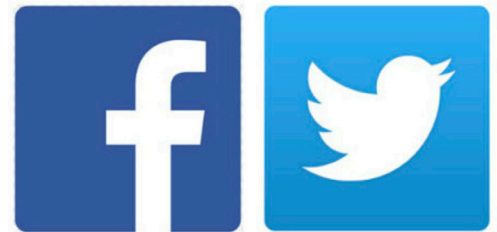
PCHH NEEDS

Current Needs...

- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Photo albums
- Clorox wipes
- Detergent pods / Dryer sheets
- Snack items
- Good used vehicles
- Prayers for our future

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Development Update



The task of being a Development Director has numerous challenges; however, it is one of the most rewarding jobs you could ever have. Being able to assist donors in making the difference in a child's life while leaving lasting impressions on these children is completely and totally fulfilling. Jobs like this allow you to live God's work on a daily basis. For the PCHH Development Office, 2020 began on a high note. We were coming off of the success of the 100th Anniversary Celebration and Campaign, coupled with the success of our annual golf tournament and 50/50 ball drop and were looking forward to a wonderful year. Zac and I had a year full of learning and donor development planned, which would have helped to further elevate what has always been a first-class development team that was rooted in our past and building for our future. However, things changed, and such is the case with the introduction of the Coronavirus. Things that have been on the calendar have quickly unraveled and have left our 2020 calendar in shambles. I am confident that you, our supporters, will completely understand the changes the leadership team and I have been forced to make. For the foreseeable future we will not have in person visits. Trust me, it's not because we don't want to be out there, it is for the safety of our children. We are working diligently to update our website and Facebook pages more often to help keep you engaged. One new tool that I feel all of us have learned about is Zoom. We have our own account and would be more than happy to meet with you individually or as a congregation or group. Please feel free to reach out to us for anything you would like to learn about. This virus has left us all confused and at times scrambling to adjust; however, I am convinced we will all come out of this stronger. As the Development Director I am making a personal appeal to each of you to help us fill the gaps that lies before us. Again, this is not because we are choosing to work from our campus, but because it is the safest possible option for the safety of the children we serve. I know our donor base and know that you will help us meet the challenge. God has given us an amazing opportunity to serve in ways we had never imagined and has entrusted His children to us all. We must serve in every way possible and continue to be sure we are "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future!"

With Blessings,

Dale Yontz, Development Director

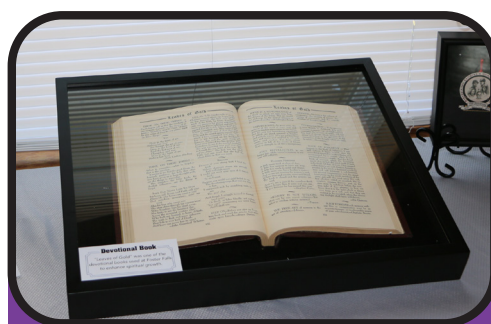
Carolyn Arbuckle 1942-2020



The Children's Home family was saddened to hear of the passing of Carolyn Arbuckle, former Executive Director of our ministry. Carolyn came to the Children's Home in 1978 as our Program Director and was promoted to Executive Director in 1981, where she served until her retirement in 1988. Carolyn's dedication to the children she served was unparalleled. The relationships she formed with our children were deep and lasted during her entire lifetime. When children from Carolyn's tenure were grown and returned to visit, they talked about how she influenced their lives and continued to stay in touch after they left us. When she would stop by Carolyn could not only tell you about our former children, but also their spouses and children and how they were doing. She touched the lives of so many in a way that few have accomplished. Carolyn's final gift to our Children's Home was a request that gifts be sent to our ministry in her memory. It is a loving tribute from a woman who touched the lives of so many children. We will strive to continue her legacy as she looks over us from above.

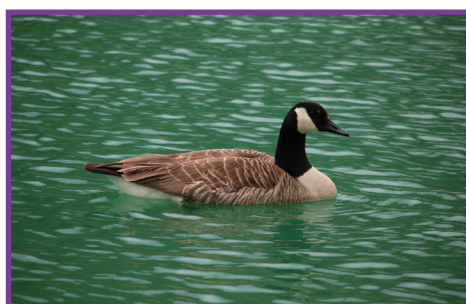


A Glance Around Campus



During our 100th Anniversary we developed a historical display which was featured on our campus and will be featured at some future date in the Wytheville Department of Museums displays. For those of you who were unable to attend our celebration we have decided to feature some of the items in our newsletters.

The item in this edition is entitled Leaves of Gold. This is an original copy of an educational and devotional book that was used at the Foster Falls Home. Many of the residents fondly remember the impact these wonderful books had on their lives and faith. Stay tuned for more items in future newsletters.



We Proudly Accept:



RESCHEDULED

Annual 50/50 Ball Drop

Friday, October 9, 2020

No more than 200 balls will be sold. All balls will be dropped on a designated green. The ball that is closest to or enters the hole will win half of the proceeds. In the event of a tie the balls will be re-dropped until a winner is clear. In the event that all 200 balls are sold the half of cash proceeds will be \$5,000.00. 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, October 9, 2020. 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. Two additional prizes will be awarded this year as we will have additional markers on the green and the closest to the marker will win that prize.

Donate to Win \$5,000



P.R. STURGILL
FINE JEWELRY

**New for 2020 -
2 Additional Prizes**

- 1 BALL WILL WIN \$200 IN MERCHANDISE
FROM VA FURNITURE MARKET**
- 1 BALL WILL WIN A DESIGNER WATCH FROM
P.R. STURGILL FINE JEWELRY**



The Ball Drop has been rescheduled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Tickets are still on sale. Help us by purchasing your tickets today for an opportunity to win \$5000 or one of our other great prizes. Please designate this on your donation slip or check. Thank you for your support and we look forward to your participation.



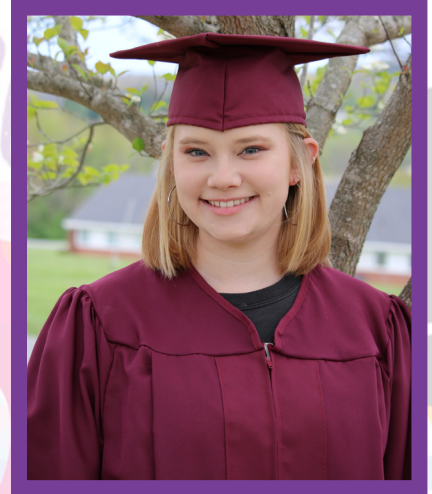
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Children's Hospital of the Piedmont
CANCELLED

Friday, August 7, 2020

THIRD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual golf tournament has been canceled for 2020 due to the current Pandemic and Economic situation. Please mark your calendar for **Friday, August 6, 2021** as we will once again "Tee Off FORE the Children!"

2020 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



This year we are blessed to have two graduates here at PCHH. They have been a blessing to our family and we wish them nothing but the best as they transition to the future and being PCHH Alumni. Congratulations Josh and Daisie!

Josh is a young man who has spent many of his childhood years growing up at the Presbyterian Children's Home. Josh has expressed an interest in attending Virginia Highlands Community College in order to study and become an electrician. He is smart, personable and has many gifts and talents. One talent he has exhibited throughout his high school experience is woodworking/carpentry. Josh was in the process of constructing an antique style foot stool with two steps and a storage compartment for competition at Skills USA. Unfortunately, the event was put on hold due to the pandemic. We trust that Josh will build a successful future for himself and we are proud to have played a part in his achievements.

Daisie is an independent young lady. Not only is she graduating but she is also turning 18 and has some definite ideas about what she wants to accomplish. Daisie has expressed a desire to attend cosmetology school. She would like to be her own boss. Daisie is pleasant and personable and has a great sense of humor with just a hint of mischievousness that keeps things lively. She is also quite style conscious and has the potential to do very well in her chosen field.

New Family on Campus



We are happy to welcome a new family to our pond. This spring we had a pair of geese take residence on our campus. Mr. Foster and Mrs. Falls have since acquired a nest and have settled in really nicely. The staff and children are anxiously awaiting their goselings to arrive!

