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Giving Children Hope & Purpose For The Future

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Proverbs 10:7

Remembering The Past...



Let's take a brief look back at 1919... Woodrow Wilson was President, Andy Rooney, Tennessee Ernie Ford, and Nat King Cole were born and Theodore Roosevelt and Frank Woolworth died. The Green Bay Packers were founded, the Black Sox Scandal rocked the World Series and Babe Ruth was sold to the New York Yankees for an unbelievable \$125,000!

During all of these occurrences, something else happened in our area that would impact countless lives. Iron Coal and Coke Company donated a summer resort railroad hotel to Abingdon Presbytery to start The Abingdon Industrial School. What began as a refining school for girls eventually became the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, a home for both girls and boys. After more

than 40 years at the original location in the hotel building on the New River, the Children's Home moved to a new facility in Wytheville and with many additions and renovations remains there today.

Our many successes to date are the results of the vision of many dedicated staff and supporters. This Home exists because of caring people like Rev. George H. Gilmer of Draper Valley and the dedication of Miss Charlotte Webb and Miss Rose Walker, who were placed in charge of 6 girls that very first year. It's doubtful they or any of the subsequent leaders, volunteers and donors, many of whom we'll be highlighting over the next 3 years, could have ever envisioned so many young people and families being changed by the work and gifts that have been dedicated to PCHH for the past 97 years.

Those of us involved today, whether volunteers, employees or donors, are blessed to be a part of PCHH during a time of celebration as we near our 100th Anniversary. It is certain our humble start showed little signs of the great achievements to follow. Likewise, it is with excitement and anticipation that we not only look back to the beginning and the changes that have occurred throughout our history, but that we also look forward to new visions and even greater possibilities. We may have started in simpler times with humble beginnings but as God has called us to reach even more young people from increasingly difficult situations, we have continued to change lives in a positive way. The world, the families we serve, our location and even our methods may have changed but our mission of "Giving Children Hope and Purpose for the Future" remains constant.

As we move toward our 100th Anniversary Celebration, "A Century of Hope and Purpose", we ask you to join us in "Remembering the Past, Living the Present and Building the Future!"

Billy Rice
Executive Director



BIRTHDAYS ARE SPECIAL



Birthdays are special and we recognize the importance of them and celebrate them accordingly!

Although birthdays of the past may have been overlooked, forgotten or not acknowledged in any way, we take the time to prepare the birthday resident's favorite dinner meal complete with cake and presents.

Open Doors

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PCHH NEEDS

Current Needs...

- Kitchen towels
- Pillows
- Prepaid VISA/Mastercards
- Walmart gift cards
- Canned soup
- Cake/cookie/brownie mixes
- Pots/pans/food storage
- Sports equipment
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Soap/shave cream
- Portable CD/player/radio
- Fishing gear
- Gently used vehicles

Keep track of our current needs by checking our website:

www.pchh.org

Special Note

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



SOCIAL MEDIA

Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook and keep up on latest happenings at the Home. For example, follow this link: <https://m.facebook.com/PCHHInc/?ref=bookmarks>



Find us on
facebook

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

Since 1919 thousands of children have entered the doors of our ministry, each with one thing in common – they needed a home. From our humble beginnings in Foster Falls to our current campus in Wytheville, we have been there to provide a loving home for girls and boys at the most difficult time in their lives. We believe that the best way to help children heal from the hurt and anger they carry inside them is to live in a home surrounded by loving professionals who are dedicated to show them a new and different way to live their lives.

This year we will be unveiling the plans for our 100th Anniversary Campaign and Memorial Garden. The goal of the 100th Anniversary Campaign is to make sure that our ministry will be able to continue to provide a home for children in need for generations to come. Your gift to our endowment fund will help us ensure that we can continue to open our doors to children in need and give them the opportunity for future success.

Our Memorial Garden will honor or memorialize those who care enough to assure a second century of success for the children who will continue to need our love and support. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to our labor of love. You will help us ensure that our mission "giving children hope and purpose for the future" is viable for years to come.

With hope,

Billy

GRADUATION 2016



CONGRATULATIONS DEANA!

Deana may be just graduating High School but she already has big plans! She is enrolling in the LPN program at WCC and hopes one day to be an RN, working in a private practice. She also loves to read and write and with her determination, drive and great smile, we are equally sure she will do great things! Join us in wishing her congratulations and best wishes for a bright future!

GIVING BACK CONTINUES



CALLING ALL ALUMNI

It's that time again! Every 3 years our Alumni gather to reminisce, rekindle old friendships, share stories and celebrate successes.

Over our 97 year history thousands of residents and staff have called PCHH home... some for only a short while and many for a large part of their life.

On Saturday, July 9, 2016, many of them will make the trip back, not only to Wytheville but also back in time to a period that for one reason or another changed their path and helped make them who they are today. The stories are as varied as the individuals, but what they all have in common is that PCHH played a key role in shaping their life.

Whether the purpose is to close out a chapter of your life, look back fondly on a pivotal part of your history, reconnect with friends and loved ones or to simply share a fun day at a place you once called home, Alumni Day 2016 is the time to do it!

We suggest arriving around 10:00 AM in order to have time to meet others and enjoy some time on campus before lunch is served at noon. The swimming pool will be open for Alumni and their families and of course all other outdoor activities will be available. The traditional softball game is always a welcome activity and kids of all ages contribute their skills and abilities to this long-held tradition.

We would love to have an idea of all that intend to join us, so please call if you plan on being here. Since it's possible not everyone is on our mailing list, be sure to reach out to all Alumni you know and encourage them to come as well.

Feel free to call with any questions and we hope to see you this July 9 as we celebrate what has always made PCHH special... you!

Building The Future...

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Jeremiah 29:11

**Exciting
Times!**



**Come
Join Us!**

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Now we look to tomorrow, to the next decade, the next century. It is abundantly clear that our world has changed dramatically since 1919 and so have we. However, one thing remains constant- there will always be a need for young people to have a home where they are loved, cared for and directed on their paths. That was our mission in 1919 and it remains the same today. In many ways, the changes in our society have caused an even greater need for homes just like ours. However, due to no fault of thir own, it is even more demanding to continue to serve the children that need us most. We now must implement innovative program changes, meet more stringent regulations and minister to young people from increasingly difficult situations.

To ensure our ministry thrives long after we are gone, our Executive Director, Billy Rice, and the entire team at PCHH has set a lofty goal of building an Endowment to carry us through the next 100 years of service. While it would be difficult for any one of us to accomplish this alone, when a family works together they can accomplish great things!

We are asking you to prayerfully and seriously consider joining us in our 100th Anniversary Campaign. As part of this very special event we are constructing the PCHH Memorial Garden to lastingly memorialize all who choose to leave a legacy that will extend into PCHH's "Second Century of Hope and Purpose".

Stay tuned for updates through our newsletter, website and social media sites.



Our pond has shared many memories and hours of self reflection with residents and we look forward to many, many more.