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The Children's Home Life Skills Programs

Beyond providing basics needs, The Children's Home (TCH) conducts Life Skills programs for residents to develop talents, relieve stress, build self-confidence, learn to work cooperatively, prepare to join the workforce, and learn basics of money management. Skills gained provide a critical step in transitioning from government-assisted living to independent living. Presenting a comprehensive menu of programs is beyond the financial support supplied by government contracts. To achieve positive outcomes, community partnerships are essential to sustain innovative and life enriching programs. Below is a current list and wish list for Life Skills programs.

- Art (painting, photography, etc.)
- Book Challenge
- Career Excursions (colleges, businesses, trade schools)
- Chess Club
- Cultural Center: Music / Theater / Dance
- Design / Fashion Seminars
- Equestrian Program
- Exercise, Fitness, Aquatics, Sports
- Family Engagement Fund
- Garden Project
- Guest Speakers' Series
- Nature / Environment
- New Adventures Camp (summer activities)
- Successful Starts
- Summer Youth Employment Program
- Technology Initiative
- Writing Symposiums

Message from the CEO



Sailing the Seven "C's"

The Children's Home welcomes spring with a nautical metaphor. The past few months have been busy with essential activities for the good of the organization.

We are launching a new program model for the Home. Through research and recommendations from similar organizations, the leadership of The Children's Home chose the **CARE** Program Model. CARE is an evidenced-based trauma informed model for improving services for children in out-of-home care. The model enables agencies to organize and deliver quality care of children according to research-informed principles. CARE brings agencies' current practices closer to well-researched best practices in residential care and help to achieve congruence between all levels of staff in order to improve how the entire agency functions. Training starts later this year.

The Home is pursuing the process of reaccreditation. The staff spent many weeks to collect and submit the documents, plus interviews, necessary for **CARF Accreditation**. Reports from the CARF personnel are positive with a few official recommendations to be followed. Accreditation is a reflection of your good work and a national seal of approval - recognized by the community, potential funders, and referring agencies.

On the morning of April 4th, the Home hosted a **cultivation** reception based on our 2019 theme - *Greatest Expectations*. Donors, volunteers, stakeholders and community partners enjoyed coffee, with delicious pastries from Atwater's, to gain insight on our programs and services.

And for the rest of the "C's" – there's **Community, Commitment, Cooperation, and Courage** – all necessary to help TCH youth grow and thrive.

If you missed the Greatest Expectations cultivation reception – join us online at www.thechildrenhome.net, or the **5K Walk for Youth** in May, or the TCH Annual Meeting in June.

Andre Cooper

Greatest Expectations



Awareness is the first step on a path of support. This was the motivation behind a recent event. Attendees filled the Dining Hall for The Children's Home **Greatest Expectations** spring break breakfast reception on April 4th.

Community leaders enjoyed information, conversations, displays, and delicious pastries provided by Atwater's in Catonsville.



Current friends and new friends were updated on the Home's activities, events, and programs - including the integration of a trauma-informed care model.

Follow-up activities and communication will build on the enthusiasm gained for long-term commitment to the mission of the Home.

MINI-VAN CAMPAIGN



Thank you to everyone who donated and/or supported the Mini-Van Campaign. The success of the campaign enabled the Home to purchase two brand new mini-vans. The campaign began at FACES, raising \$11,800. Fundraising efforts continued through "Giving Tuesday" and end of year donations, raising more than \$25,000. Gail Lee and Nicky Reid stand next to the burgundy van while residents show their appreciation at the gray van.

LIFE SKILLS: Art, in many forms, has been a popular program at TCH with items for auctions and gallery displays - combined with the satisfaction of learning a life-long skill and a feeling of accomplishment.



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The Children's Home – Federated Campaigns:

Maryland Charity Campaign # 7127
Combined Charity Campaign # 5174

Founded in 1863 as an orphanage for victims of the Civil War, The Children's Home has a long-standing history of commitment and experience serving children in residential care. A non-profit 501(c)(3), the organization is registered as a charitable organization with the Secretary of State of Maryland. The Children's Home is licensed by the Department of Human Resources to serve dependent, neglected, and abused children ages 13 to 21. The Home provides long-term and short-term services that include a group home, emergency shelter, Diagnostic Center for girls, high-intensity program for boys, and a Treatment Foster Care program.



New Adventures Summer Camp Wish List

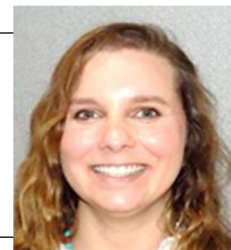
Help bring joy to a youth in-need this summer:
(Swimming Pool opens May 15th)

- ◆ Walmart Gift Cards to purchase swimsuits and swim shoes
- ◆ Art supplies (paint brushes, canvas, easels, markers, etc.)
- ◆ Sunscreen
- ◆ Water bottles
- ◆ Pool swim noodles
- ◆ Swim goggles
- ◆ Gift cards to Rita's, Coldstone Creamery, and 7-Eleven
- ◆ Beach towels

Donations are accepted Mondays- Fridays
between 9am-4:30pm

Welcome, Merrill!

The Treatment Foster Care program welcomes Merrill Groff as the new Social Worker for the TFC Team.



Home Depot delivers

On a Wednesday in October, a Home Depot truck arrived on campus with boxes of winter coats, toiletries, plus cash donations and gift cards.

Thank you to all the District 27 Home Depot employees for your generosity!



5K May 4, 2019
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The Children's Home presents the 5K Walk for Youth on Saturday, May 4th, beginning at 9:00am. The Walk begins and ends on the Home's campus at 205 Bloomsbury Avenue in Catonsville.

The Walk winds through the neighborhoods and downtown area of historic Catonsville. The primary route is approximately 3.5 miles for the hearty hiker with shorter courses for the casual walker. Beyond the Finish Line are horse rides, bounce house, food, games, prizes, and music.

The 5K Walk for Youth is open to teams of any size and individuals of all ages. Companies, clubs, faith-based groups, youth groups, and families are encouraged to participate in the spirit of good health and competition. Pre-registration is \$25 for each walker and \$30 on the day of the event. Teams of five or more walkers will receive a registration-fee discount. Those unable to participate can support the Walk with an "I Wish I Could Be There" contribution of \$75.

Participants will also enjoy a variety of local vendors promoting their crafts, businesses, or organizations. Vendor space is available with a 12' x 12' area for \$50.

Proceeds from the 5K Walk for Youth support the **New Adventures Camp** for at-risk youth during the summer. Throughout the summer, youth are involved in activities promoting health and wellness, elevating academic performance, sparking curiosity, and gaining work experience.



For more information or to register for the 5K Walk for Youth, contact The Children's Home at 410-744-7310 or go online at www.one.bidpal.net/5kwalkforyouth for information and registration.

2019 Annual Meeting



June 20th, 6:00pm
On TCH Campus



5668 Baltimore National Pike

Mobile Spirit Fundraising Day for TCH!

Tuesday, May 7th and Tuesday, May 14th

Download the **CFA ONE APP** and include **SPRIT NIGHT** in comments/special instructions. Fundraising contribution is 20% per mobile order. Share news with friends and family.

LIFE SKILLS: TCH residents have enjoyed horse riding lessons since 2006 with horses and instruction provided by City Ranch.

FACES 2019

Greatest Expectations

November 1, 6-10pm

Grand Hall Lodge

Hunt Valley, Maryland



Sponsorships Available Now!

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Holiday

Giving

Program

December



Watch for announcements in
November to contribute in
making joyful holidays for the
Home's youth.

Frederick Road Friday

August 9th – The Mews at Mellor

Enjoy a concert by Marquis Soul.
Volunteers from Mosaic Christian
Church and the Home help facilitate
the event and share in the proceeds.



SAVE THE DATE



#GIVINGTUESDAY

LIFE SKILLS: Self-expression and rap music happen at the on-campus recording studio supported by SongBuilder Studios.



TCH Employee of the Month

Following the theme – *Greatest Expectations* – TCH leadership introduced the Employee of the Month recognition for those who reach our greatest expectations. These individuals are known for their hard work, adaptability, pleasant personality, and professionalism - always in mind of the TCH motto: "Children First."

January	Teresa Hamlette
February	Sonya Smith
March	Lena Cromwell
April	Nikisha Marion

TCH Residents enjoyed an autumn visit to the Curtis Bay - U.S. Coast Guard Yard.



Thank you for supporting FACES 2018

Thank you to attendees, monetary sponsors, in-kind sponsors, media sponsors, contributors, volunteers, plus TCH staff and residents for a successful FACES 2018. It was an evening of good friends, good will, good time, and good wheels (funding for vans).



LIFE SKILLS: TCH Nutritionist, Mellissa Woods, teaches regular classes on nutrition and cooking (cover photo).

The FACES 2018 Gallery



We need your help to realize our “Greatest Expectations” for Life Skills and more!

Here is my gift of \$ _____ / items: _____ in support of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Giving Program | <input type="checkbox"/> New Adventures Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Family-Centered Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Residents' Enrichment / Education |
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The Children's Home, Inc., Development Office, 205 Bloomsbury Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228,
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