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**Autumn 2019**

The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section has a dark blue background with white text. The right section features a colorful, stylized profile of a person's head with a pink and blue gradient, set against a white background. A small logo of a child reaching for a tree is in the top right corner.

**FACES** 2019  
*Annual Gala for The Children's Home*  
Presenting Sponsor - ExpressCare

**GREATEST EXPECTATIONS**

**Friday, November 1, 2019**  
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Grand Lodge of Maryland | Hunt Valley, Maryland

The FACES Autumn Gala is growing in popularity and positive effects for at-risk youth in the region. 2019 is the year of ***Greatest Expectations*** - encouraging youth to reach for the stars and strive to be their best, while asking the community to exceed expectations in participation and support. Innovations for this year include a new logo (above) and new venue. Local graphic designers, Sophia Designs, Inc. worked with TCH in creating a design, which inspires passion to support our annual FACES Gala. Our new venue is the impressive Grand Lodge of Maryland located in Hunt Valley.

So many ways to enjoy the event and support at-risk youth:

- Attend by purchasing a ticket(s). Tickets available at [www.bidpal.net/faces2019](http://www.bidpal.net/faces2019).
- Buy a table for friends/family/company/organization and enjoy a discount.
- Be a sponsor and enjoy the benefits. Sponsorship information is available at [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net).
- Donate item(s) to the Live and Silent Auctions (restaurant certificates, gift cards, vacation weekends, sports tickets, etc.)
- Bid on the items at the Live and Silent Auctions (take home memories and treasures)
- Not able to attend? Support The Children's Home with a donation ([www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net) / Donate / Memo: **FACES**)

Come for the gourmet food, fine wine, inspiring presentation, music, activities, and our famous – Live & Silent Auctions!

For more information, contact Gail Lee, Director of Development at [glee@thechildrenshome.net](mailto:glee@thechildrenshome.net).

## Café makeover campaign

Every autumn, choose a project - create an appeal – at the FACES Live Auction and as the focus for our Giving Tuesday appeal. In the past, this seasonal appeal has provided a new mini-van and increased family programming.

The Café demands a versatile design to meet many needs – current and potential. The complex has multiple uses – dining, classes, meetings, and special events. Wear and tear is extreme with the amount of daily use. Industrial-strength features are necessary.

The Café Campaign includes improvements for flooring, furniture, serving area, multi-media resources, and color and lighting for an inviting, comfortable, and utilitarian facility. Structure changes will improve the ability to expand into the lounge and outdoor deck to accommodate large meetings and events.

“The Dining Hall is a vital component of everyday life at the Home for its many uses for residents, staff, and the community,” said Wally Havener, Director of Environmental Services. “The good food provided by our dietary staff helps express the comforts of home. The atmosphere of the Dining Hall should also be comforting.”

Make a monetary donation at:  
[www.thechildrenshome.net/](http://www.thechildrenshome.net/)  
Donate / Memo: **CAFE**



## Message from the CEO



### The Expectation of Excellence

At The Children's Home there is only one standard – **excellence** - in everything we do – every program, every facility, and the competence of staff and volunteers.

Efforts for excellence come from both internal and external resources by maintaining relationships with professionals and associations in the field of residential services, trauma-informed therapies, and child care programs.

The Human Resources Office is conducting regular Job Fairs followed by new employee orientation and training to find the best and brightest. Current staff members continually fulfill requirements on training including the new CARE curriculum.

We enjoy many improvements to the campus—through the work of staff, volunteers, and community funding. This summer, volunteer groups and our Summer Youth Employment Program accomplished amazing projects inside and outside.

We have 156 years of excellence to emulate and surpass. As we strive to encourage the “Greatest Expectations” from our youth – we will lead by example – expecting greatness from ourselves.

Our efforts for excellence are found on our website ([www.thechildrenshome.net/](http://www.thechildrenshome.net/)), our Facebook page, ([www.facebook.com/thechildrenshome.maryland](https://www.facebook.com/thechildrenshome.maryland)) and at **FACES 2019 – November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

*Andre G. Cooper*



## ***misperception*** at Towson University

This summer the Towson University Center for the Arts Holtzman MFA Gallery presented a unique exhibition, ***misperception***, of works created by youth from The Children's Home seeking to convey our common humanity and to build community connections. Kimberly Hopkins, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design at Towson University, led workshops to teach art/design skills such as how to generate ideas, create patterns, choose color palettes, and explore composition.

*Photo: Kimberly Hopkins, Andre Cooper, and Hayley Furman - Gallery Assistant.*



## **Brothers on a Mission**

*Benefitting the youth at The Children's Home*

Bryant Orlando Oden, Jr. (11 yrs old) and Brayden Solomon Oden (7 yrs old) have always been giving kids. BJ and Bray, as they are affectionately known, love helping other children.

With the help of family and friends, BJ and Bray donated backpacks and school supplies to the youth of The Children's Home for the third straight year.

BJ came up with their name for their vision – **Brothers on a Mission**. He wanted the name to be on a globe. Asked BJ why the picture of the globe? He stated, "Because I want this Mission to go Global." These two brothers are very serious about their mission to help others.

*Photo: Bryant and Brayden deliver 58 backpacks filled with school supplies to Andre Cooper, CEO of The Children's Home.*

## **2019 Walk for Youth**

Seventy-five walkers participated in this year's annual 5K Walk for Youth, raising approximately \$4000 to help fund this year's summer program – New Adventures Camp. Walkers were ages 2 to 85 and all enjoyed a day of food, fun and fitness. Kudos to the VR girls for the largest resident participation. Thank you to our sponsors:

**ABM Education Services**  
**Mosaic Christian Church**  
**Roy P. Sachs**  
**Bill's Music House**





# Thank You!

To the volunteer groups who recently made major improvements to The Children's Home campus and presented special programs for our youth:

- Keller Williams Realty (4&5)
- Mosaic Christian Church Impact Week (1,2,3)
- Christian Temple (6&7)





## SAVE THE DATE



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Information on  
The Children's Home  
project for Giving Tuesday,  
Café Makeover,  
is found on Page 2.

## Community Engagement Success

### Intergenerational Partnership

**Brightview Senior Living - Catonsville** has selected The Children's Home as their Charity of Choice for their Fall Designer Purse Bingo proceeds. This partnership has a goal of "Intergenerational Programming." Brightview is committed to having our select youth come to them for program activities as well as their residents working with our youth here e.g. gardening, crafts, life skills, etc. The bingo event is November 7th. Stay tuned for more details.

### Catonsville Frederick Road Friday

The Children's Home was the charity participant in the August 9<sup>th</sup> Frederick Road Fridays concert, earning \$600. **Thank you to the volunteers from Mosaic Christian Church.** They came early and stayed late to set-up, operate the beer and wine tents, and cleaned up at the end. ***We could not have done this without you!*** Also, thank you to TCH staff members – Jamie Kempler, Wally Havener, Mark Maguire, and David Guest for supporting this event.

One Year Anniversary Celebration benefits TCH

### DOMAIN by Laura Hodges Studio

Catonsville business owner and advocate, Laura Hodges, celebrates her interior design studio's one year anniversary by giving back to the Home. The anniversary celebration will feature lemon treats, lemonade stand, and beautiful gift basket raffle with the proceeds donated to the Home.

### Giant Food Community Bag Program

Giant Food Store, 4624 Edmondson Avenue, selected The Children's Home as their fall charity of choice - to benefit from their annual **Community Bag Program**. During the month of October, TCH will receive \$1 for every reusable \$2.50 Community Bag purchased at the Giant Food store located at 4624 Edmondson Avenue.



As a part of the BGE Green Grant, a Purple Martin house was added to the campus behind the Administration Building. Thank you to TCH staff members, Mark Maguire and David Guest, for construction and placement.



*Established 1863*

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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 Services 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.

## Holiday Giving Program

The Children's Home **Holiday Giving Program** provides gifts and activities for the youth at the Home through the generous donations from the community. The Children's Home is a residential facility for youth in out-of-home placement, ages 13 to 21, due to abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment. We invite you to help brighten the lives of children and youth who have experienced difficulties in their lives.

During the holiday season, The Children's Home reaches out to individuals, families, faith-based organizations, and the community-at-large requesting their support to help make the holiday season a joyful experience for the residents in our care.

If you wish to purchase specific gifts for specific residents, we provide a "Wish List" on our website at: [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net) in early November. We also provide a set of guidelines to assist donors.

The Children's Home is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact **Gail L. Lee**, Director of Development, at 410-744-7310 x 131 or email at [glee@thechildrenshome.net](mailto:glee@thechildrenshome.net). With your help, we can make the 2019 holiday season special for our residents.



Our thoughts and condolences go to friends and family of **Kimberly Lamphier**, a community activist and TCH Board Member 2014-2017.

# Congratulations



## 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.”

**July**                      **Ronald Byrd**  
**On-Grounds Supervisor**

**August**                **Janice Lunn-Burrus**  
**Child Care Specialist**

**September**   **Wally Havener**  
**Director of Environmental Services**

## 2019 Annual Meeting

The Children’s Home presented the Annual Community Service Awards to those who have gone above and beyond to support the residents of the Home. The following awardees were honored at the Annual Meeting in June:

DOMAIN by Laura Hodges Studio  
Paulina Beeche  
Home Depot  
Liberty Church, PCA  
Baltimore County Police - Wilkens Precinct  
St. John’s Episcopal Church  
Jennifer Stair

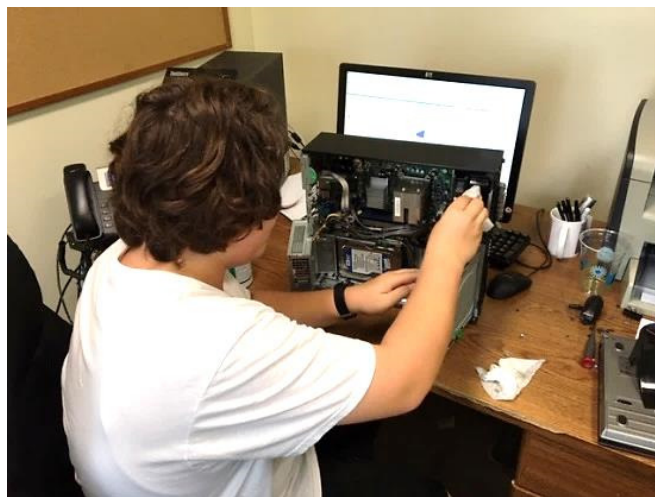
Also, thank you to our keynote speaker,  
Lieutenant Stephanie Wall

The 2018 Annual Report Summary is available on our website: [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net).

## Summer Youth Employment Program

Special thanks to Child Care Specialist, Megan Seymore, for managing this year’s Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) assisted by Mike Ebb. The program was funded by the Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development with the assistance of Beatrice Tripps and Kevin Armstrong.

TCH residents worked for six weeks beautifying the grounds, housekeeping, gardening, washing vehicles, and light office duties. They also learned valuable life skills such as budgeting, plus the importance of dependability, responsibility and possessing a positive attitude.



Computer maintenance



Woodworking project



# Thank you—FACES 2019 Sponsors

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The Mike Coleman Team at Keller Williams

Westview Animal Hospital



## Impressive Furniture Donation

Thank you to Tim and Laura Hodges from DOMAIN by Laura Hodges Studio, for making the connection with Waranch & Brown, LLC. The Lutherville law office remodeled their agency and needed a place for existing furniture. The Administration Building Conference Room has a new look with many other furniture pieces and artwork being distributed around the campus.



## Please invest in our Life Skills programs and more!

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Café Makeover          | <input type="checkbox"/> Family-Centered Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Residents' Enrichment / Education |
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