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## **A Message from the CEO**

At the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, The Children's Home sent an email blast to our mailing list with much of the following message. It is important to repeat this message to assure the community that we are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of our youth, staff, and the community.

The Children's Home has been working to protect and promote the good health of our residents since 1863. Right now, we are teaming with staff and community leaders to address the risk posed by COVID-19.



Here are some things you need to know:

- All Children's Home activities and events are cancelled/postponed. The campus is closed to visitors and volunteers until further notice.
- To minimize risk, we regularly screen our residents and staff for signs of illness, and have instructed residents and staff on safe handwashing methods. These and other instructions have been published in accordance and submission with requests from our regulatory bodies.
- Our staffing patterns have been adjusted to ensure adequate coverage and the safety of our residents, especially during the school closures. On-campus visitation has been restricted to emergency and mental health service providers.
- We are working diligently to meet the social, recreation, and academic programing needs of our youth and treatment families to make the best use of their down time.

When we chose the theme "Game Changers" for 2020, no one predicted the dramatic events of the past months and the effect on the operation of the Home. The theme was intended to be a proactive message of positive change. Now, it is a reactive defense against a worldwide pandemic. We are absorbing the knowledge from health experts and adapting how we operate – always ensuring the safety of residents and staff. All this must happen while maintaining the general operation of providing shelter, food, activities, and counseling.

We must also consider the additional costs associated with the situation. Additional staff hours and additional meals are needed due to school closings. Creative ways are needed to maintain academic progress and conduct activities to engage idol minds.

To achieve these goals, we once again reach out to a supportive community. Though access to the campus is limited, there are ways for everyone to lend a hand. We encourage you to follow us on our website, [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net), and make a special donation to help us meet the needs of our youth.

*Andre G. Cooper*



## 2020 Annual Meeting

Unusual times call for change, innovation, and creativity. The 2020 Annual Meeting for The Children's Home will employ a wealth of ingenuity to produce an event like no other in the history of the organization. A visual and verbal extravaganza through social media will lead us through the event to enlighten our stakeholders, recognize outstanding contributions, and fulfill a requirement of nonprofit organizations. We will look back at 2019, present our annual Community Service Awards, and hear inspiration stories from those close to the Home.

Please watch our website and emails for details. If you are not on our mailing/email list – send the information to [smoore@thechildrenshome.net](mailto:smoore@thechildrenshome.net) or mail to The Children's Home, ATTN: Sharon Moore, 205 Bloomsbury Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228.

The virtual 2020 Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 2020 Theme

# Game Changers

"The only constant in life is change." The quote is attributed to Greek philosopher, Heraclitus (535BC-475BC). Little did we know at the beginning of the year that change was not only inevitable, but dramatic.

***Game Changer*** is the theme for 2020. What is a Game Changer? **A visionary transformation to accomplish extraordinary results.**

### Methods:

Incorporating the CARE Program Model by Cornell University will change attitudes and develop expertise with partial funding provided by a grant from the France-Merrick Foundation.

### Abilities:

Discovering new training opportunities in trauma-informed care, to broaden our programs to service a diversity of populations and situations.

### Support:

Initiating staff restructuring to improve customer service and communications, adapting our special events and appeals to world situations, and building an active volunteer corps to improve programs and community outreach.

There is an important role for you. If you would like to claim the title of game changer, we can accommodate. Go to our website [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net) for volunteer and support possibilities.

## Roof Replacements

A week of activity around the campus in March brought new, much needed and long overdue, roofs to the Administration Building (right), Maintenance Building, and Building "I".



# Around the TCH Campus

## Treatment Foster Care

Treatment Foster Care continues to be vibrant extension of The Children's Home programs to match children and adolescents with qualified foster parents in the community. In the past six months we have recruited and trained foster parents and placed youth in their homes. A vital feature of the program is the active support from social workers on staff to assist parents and youth. In 2020, we are adjusting to staffing changes and the worldwide pandemic. Training techniques and interactions with clients will change while striving to maintain the highest quality. Special accolades go to Jamie Kempler and Sharon Moore who continue to be role models of professionalism in difficult circumstances.

*Carol Bryant-Parker, Program Manager*



## Volunteers at TCH

Volunteers provide an essential service to the success of a nonprofit organization. Energized members of the community supply instruction, mentoring, support, fundraising, and advocacy. To volunteer at The Children's Home, special qualifications and procedures are necessary for a successful volunteer experience.

A vital part of a successful volunteer program is the leadership skills within the organization. Volunteers need training, guidance, and assistance with the necessary documents.

The Children's Home began recruiting and training new volunteers with two Open Houses in February. Christy Page, Development Coordinator, led the programs that attracted 14 potential volunteers. Christy shared information on the Home and volunteer process.

With the current situation dealing with COVID-19, volunteers are encouraged to do what's possible from home. We look to the future when once again our campus is open and caring community members can work to make a better life for young residents.

## Summer Youth Employment Program

The Children's Home will once again work with the Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development to offer 12 residents a summer job on the TCH campus. The Summer Youth Employment Program is from July 6th through August 14th. Participants work a 25-hour week, earning \$11.00 per hour. Jobs include landscaping, housekeeping, kitchen aides, office and clerical work, and light maintenance.



## Sharon, Harry, and Torrey

Sharon Moore attended a Town meeting at the Catonsville Library for 7th District Congressional Candidate, Harry Spikes. Also attending was Torrey Smith, former Baltimore Raven. Both gentlemen became aware of The Children's Home and made an unscheduled visit to a couple cottages. Thanks, Sharon, for representing TCH, benefiting our youth!

## Holiday Giving Program Thank You!

2019 Holiday Giving Program raised a record-breaking \$18,550 and still counting! Residents in every cottage program expressed their happiness and appreciation for the presents they received.





# Around the Community



**Brightview Senior Living** in Catonsville raised \$3000 for The Children's Home at their Bingo Night.



Ms. Mabelle Thomas from the **Catonsville Women's Giving Circle** with Mr. Cooper, as she presents a check for \$925 to improve the horse arena at TCH.



## Health & Wellness on MLK Day

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter, hosted a Health and Wellness event on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Stations included: Height and Weight, Dental Hygiene, Healthy Snack Preparation, and Exercise and Line Dancing.



Coats from **CARMAX** with Kelly Cole and TCH's Christy Page.



## Corner House Realty Service Day

Corner House Realty of Catonsville conducted their first service day on campus in February. The crew of 20+ spent the morning getting our *house* in order – moving and organizing a wealth of donations and giving the gymnasium a good cleaning. Their generous donation of time and energy was the epitome of spring cleaning in winter.

## VR Cottage Kitchen Remodel

Thank you to the **Rotary Club of Catonsville** and volunteers from **ICF**. Also, thank you to Wally, Mark, and Stephanie for their hard work.



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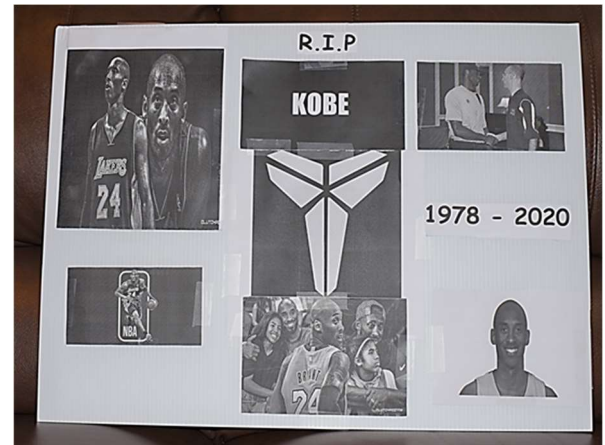
## What it Means to be 100

The General German Orphan Home (presently The Children's Home) purchased an estate in Catonsville in 1919 so the children could enjoy healthy, country living. By 1925, four new buildings, three residential cottages and a support building, joined the existing mansion to allow the move from downtown. In two years, we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of the VR Cottage. During those years many changes have occurred in the surrounding community and the Home's campus.

The presence of the Home in the Catonsville includes many benefits to the community:

- Employment – an average of 60 fulltime and 20 part-time employees
- A significant consumer – food, supplies, repairs, updates, and occasional construction
- Green space – in a crowded suburban community, the Home has a percentage of the 44-acres in a forest buffer plus athletic fields, stormwater management areas, and a garden
- An outlet for altruist activities - providing opportunities for volunteering and contributions

One hundred years is a long time. Among the older buildings is an atmosphere that is young and full of hope.



## Black History Month Dinner

Thank you to all the participants of The Children's Home traditional **Black History Month Dinner**. Keonte and Kyle presented a tribute to Kobe Bryant (above).

Zaria read an original poem. Zaria was joined by Diamond and Asia in a dance to celebrate the occasion.

Thank you to the Dietary Staff, Diana and Annie, for an exceptional dinner.

## Local Events Benefitting The Children's Home

**CatonFest 2020** – Caton Tavern, Edmondson Avenue, Catonsville  
Saturday, August 1st

**Frederick Road Friday** – Greater Catonsville Chamber of Commerce  
August 7<sup>th</sup>, Shops at Mellor, Catonsville

***Events are subject to change due to the COVID-19 crisis.***

Watch our website, [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net), for updates.



## The Children's Home

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#### **The Children's Home – Federated Campaigns:**

Maryland Charity Campaign # 7127  
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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.

# Congratulations



## TCH Employee of the Month

Game Changers for The Children's Home include dedicated employees. These individuals are known for their hard work, adaptability, pleasant personality, and professionalism - always in mind of the TCH motto: "Children First."

<b>October</b>	Mary Moore
<b>November</b>	Camilla Allen
<b>December</b>	Telethia Menefee
<b>January</b>	Katherine Agostini
<b>February</b>	Mike Whitehead
<b>March</b>	Warren McGill
<b>April</b>	Omalara Alderbigbe
<b>May</b>	Mark Maguire

## Congratulations to Mosaic Christian Church

Mosaic Christian Church received one of two faith-based awards at the 36<sup>th</sup> Governor's Service Awards Ceremony on October 21, 2019. The church was nominated for the award by The Children's Home. Volunteers from the church have been involved in many Home activities including the 5K Walk for Youth, Frederick Road Fridays, Holiday Giving Program, and a special time of volunteering – Impact Week. We congratulate and thank all the volunteers from Mosaic Christian Church, and leader Heart Sutton, for their many years of generous service.

Our thoughts and condolences go to friends and family of Jacqueline Lampell. Jacqui was an inspirational and dedicated volunteer helping to make the FACES Autumn Gala a great success.

# Treehouse Café update



While it has served our needs for the past 62 years, time – and the hundreds of adolescents we have served – have taken their toll. We look forward to updating both the aesthetic and the utility of our dining facility. The Treehouse Café design by **Laura Hodges Studio** is attractive and comfortable to express a feeling of “home” rather than an “institutional” feeling. The design considers the stress and anxiety suffered by youth in out-of-home placement. Harsh colors and dark corners are replaced by warm colors, improved lighting, industrial-strength furniture and flooring, and natural elements represented by the wall murals. The design uses every available space to display positive messages in the murals, printed quotes, media programs, and postings on bulletin boards.

Changes to the dining hall allow flexibility for use as a classroom. Tables and chairs are placed in a variety of configurations for classes, workshops, and seminars. The normal seating configuration serves 64 people. Structural changes will improve the ability to expand into the lounge and outdoor deck to accommodate large meetings and events.

The Treehouse Café Campaign began at the FACES Live Auction, continued through Giving Tuesday, and will be the focus of fundraising in 2020. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$35,000. Donations can be made on our website: [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net) / **Donate with the memo: CAFÉ.**

**Your donation is a “Game Changer” for at-risk youth!**

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

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