



PHFC Annual Report Issue

. . . *Glorifying God by caring for children and families*

Fall Festival Welcomes Hundreds

Visitors flooded the campus of Presbyterian Home for Children during the fifth annual Fall Festival on October 17. More than 500 people came out for wagon rides, a silent auction, food, games, music and the dedication of the Home's new picnic pavilion.

Crisp fall air and gorgeous autumn color greeted visitors who helped raise more than \$10,000 for the Home's Every Day Fund.

A highlight of the day was a ceremony to dedicate a newly built picnic pavilion made possible in part by First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia. Not only did the church help fund the project, they also provided volunteer labor during construction.



In spite of a cold and grey day, hundreds of people came out for the Home's annual Fall Festival, which raised more than \$10,000 for the Every Day Fund.

Churches Collect PHFC's 100th Thanksgiving Offering

In 1909 the Presbytery of Western North Carolina held its first Thanksgiving Shower to benefit what was then known as Mountain Orphanage. One hundred years later, churches throughout the western part of the state still take up a Thanksgiving Offering to support the ministry of Presbyterian Home for Children.

Churches participating in the offering are provided with posters, bulletin inserts, sample moments for mission and giving envelopes. Traditionally, the offering is taken up

the Sunday before Thanksgiving-- November 22 this year.

Gifts go to support the Home's annual Every Day Fund, which has a fundraising goal of \$1 million.

Although the offering has traditionally been collected by churches in the Presbytery of WNC, other Christian churches are welcome to participate. If your church would like to join in making the 100th Thanksgiving Offering the largest yet, please contact Sarah Thomas at 828-686-3451 x31 or Sarah_phfc@bellsouth.net.



Larry and Maggie Bogle, parents of PHFC staff member Lori Norris-Sutphin, built a scarecrow cutout for photos at the festival.

A Word from the President - Tom Campbell



“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take

God provides the comfort, rest, and peace that we need and desire in the midst of the storm.

As a ministry we strive to honor our mission statement to “Glorify God by caring for children and families” during the good times and

the tough times. And this can only be done as we come to Christ, give Him our burden, and trust Him to see us through the adversity. We truly appreciate your prayers and continued involvement in our ministry. It is a joy to partner with you.

My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30

We all face adversity in our lives. When it comes, we have a choice to make. We can either choose to draw closer to God and stand on our faith or withdraw from God and use our own understanding and strength.

I believe that when we choose to draw nearer to God during times of adversity, it is then that our light truly shines and others are able to see the difference Christ makes in our lives and ministries. And as we draw closer to God, the adversity may not go away immediately, but

Local Organizations Support Presbyterian Home for Children

Two local organizations recently held events that helped support the Home’s Every Day Fund.

Hedrick Industries held their annual Rock the Quarry four-mile trail challenge at the Grove Stone & Sand quarry adjacent to the Home in Black Mountain. The \$1,800 raised through the race will go to help meet the daily needs of children in care at PHFC.

Black Mountain businessman Jeff Brinkley held the Douglas Clark Brinkley Memorial Golf Tournament this fall with proceeds going to support several area non-profits. PHFC was selected to receive

\$1,000 thanks to the event held in honor of Brinkley’s father.



Jason Connor (right) presents PHFC President Tom Campbell with a check for \$1,800 following the Rock the Quarry event.

Three New PHFC Board Members Named

Presbyterian Home for Children welcomed three new board members in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Ryan Baldwin, Charles Bohlen, Jr. and Dan McKenzie were inducted in August 2009.

Baldwin is Director of Marketing and Operations at Hammaker East,



Ryan Baldwin

Ltd. He is an elder at Reems Creek-Beech Presbyterian Church in Weaverville, NC, and serves on the Board of Visitors at Montreal College.



Charles Bohlen

Bohlen is a retired school administrator and educator and is a member of Unity Presbyterian

Church in Denver, NC. He is also a member of the Denver Lake Norman Rotary Club.

McKenzie is a salesman for Mann-Filter--a supplier to the automobile industry--and is an elder at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, NC.



Dan McKenzie

Donors Use Talents to Give Back

There are many ways to support Presbyterian Home's ministry--through financial gifts, volunteering, in-kind gifts and prayer. Periodically, we like to highlight some of the creative ways donors partner with the Home in glorifying God by caring for children and families.

SARA LEVAN

Sara is a talented artist who has volunteered at PHFC in the past, sharing her skills and passion for art



Sara Le Van (second from right) donated her original artwork to youth in the Independent Living Program at PHFC.

with the youth in care. In September she contacted staff to set up a mini "art show" for youth in the Independent Living Program.

Logan, Mariah and Meg not only had a chance to admire some of Sara's beautiful watercolor paintings, they each were allowed to select one original piece of artwork for their new apartment.

TOM BRAND

Tom and his wife Mona have been coming to PHFC for a couple of years now to help out with various maintenance projects. But Tom doesn't just bring his willingness to work, he has also designed, built and installed maple benches in the Home's learning center.

For two consecutive years, Tom has handcrafted benches and storage units to beautify the library, while also providing much needed seating and storage.



Tom and Mona Brand sit on a set of benches that Tom built and transported from Ohio to add seating and storage to the Home's learning center.

Honorariums to Presbyterian Home Make Memorable Gifts

Former PHFC Board member Frank Maske and his wife Jane recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by encouraging friends and family to give gifts in their honor to PHFC.

Other supporters have honored their anniversaries or significant birthdays with gifts of one dollar for every year celebrated. Jack and Jeanne Fisher have given a gift each October for several years in honor of their own wedding anniversary. As of 2009, they've been married for 64 years.

Another board member recently gave a gift in honor of her

grandson's birthday and commented that the thank you note she got in return was the nicest she'd ever received.

When gifts are made to the Home in honor of someone, the honoree receives a card in the mail that includes the name of the donor and the name of the honoree as well as the reason for the gift being given. Honorariums are also recognized in PHFC's newsletter.

Honorariums do double duty by recognizing someone special while also helping to meet the needs of abused, abandoned and neglected children.

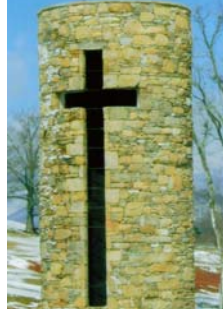
Top 10 Projects

1. **Golf Tournament Host** – willing to help organize and run a golf tournament to benefit PHFC.
2. **Teachers** – piano, guitar, crafts, etc.; 1 hour weekly for 6-weeks.
3. **Skilled Craftsmen** – welders to craft a heavy duty gate.
4. **Tutors** – help children who are behind academically.
5. **Bike Repair** – help us maintain our bicycles.
6. **Gardener/Landscaper** – able to plant or maintain landscape.
7. **Auto Mechanic/small engine repair** – someone to help repair PHFC's vehicles and equipment.
8. **Woodworker** – help youth make frames, birdhouses, etc.
9. **Plumber** – help with plumbing projects on an as needed basis.
10. **Develop Nature Area** - help clear trails and build a bridge.

Service Information

ANNUAL REPORT

Days of Care Given: 10,943
(83.3% occupancy)
Children Cared For: 51 (22 boys, 29 girls)
Ages Served: PHFC cares for children from birth through college graduation.
Sibling Groups: 8 family groups served
New Admissions: 22



Discharges: 20
7 children reunited with family
2 child entered therapeutic foster care
3 moved to other residential treatment facilities
2 children moved to a higher level of care
3 entered the Independent Living Program
3 moved to other independent living situations

Operating Finances

REVENUE

Churches	\$242,637
Public Support	\$296,955
Bequests	\$42,038
Children's Home Fnd.	\$380,000
Foundations	\$311,285
Government	\$1,270,606
Investment Income	\$96,962
Unrealized loss	(\$158,118)
Realized Gain	650
Donated Assets	\$10,730
In-Kind	\$13,800
Other	\$17,249
TOTAL	\$2,510,994

EXPENSES

Program Services - 79%	\$1,830,227
<i>Includes direct care salaries, education, housekeeping/shelter, food, clothing, recreation and transportation.</i>	
Administration - 16%	\$373,987
<i>Includes management salaries, administrative fees, office supplies and equipment, dues, training, postage, travel, etc.</i>	
Fundraising - 5%	\$103,595
<i>Includes development salary, printing and special events.</i>	
TOTAL	\$2,307,809



Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers - 1,777
Volunteer Groups - 59
Hours - 14,690

States Represented - Alabama, Florida, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Independent Sector valued a volunteer hour at \$19.51 in 2008. At that rate, volunteer hours for the past year can be valued at **\$286,612.**



Volunteer of the year Leslie Brenegar and PHFC President Tom Campbell

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Leslie Brenegar and Jason Hamilton were named Volunteers of the Year in June 2009.

PROJECTS COMPLETED

- " Volunteers from First Presbytertarian Church, Gastonia, helped in the construction of a new picnic pavilion and refurbished the volunteer quarters in Barkley Building.
- " Volunteers added a mural to the Gathering Room at the Ray Campbell Independent Living Village.
- " Local students consistently helped as tutors, as recreation volunteers and through community service.
- " The spring Work, Worship & Play day saw more than 300 volunteers on campus.



At Presbyterian Home, one of our greatest gifts is our dedicated staff.

- " House parents Steve & Ann Thurston (pictured) received the Excellence in Direct Care Service Award from CFSA-NC.
- " Four staff members earned Masters degrees in Social Work from Western Carolina University.



- " The average length of employment for staff this fiscal year was more than 4.5 years.
- " All staff members have made financial contributions to the Home's Every Day Fund.
- " Billy and Jeanie Walker were selected as house parents of the year by their co-workers while Recreation Coordinator Dan Windmiller was selected as the staff person of the year.

Program/Administrative Highlights

- " In FY 08-09, PHFC served children from Buncombe, Burke, Gaston, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Swain and Yancey Counties.
- " The Ray Campbell Independent Living Village was dedicated in December 2008--completed on time and under budget
- " The first young person entered the Independent Living Program in January 2009.
- " The Independent Living Program was fully licensed by the Department of Social Services.
- " Six high school seniors earned their high school diplomas in 2009.

- " PHFC was approved as a family foster care placing agency and completed training for three families.
- " The campus-wide GPA reached a high of 2.48 with eight youngsters earning GPAs of 3.0 or higher for the school year.
- " Thanks to generous donors, youth were able to enjoy camps, vacations and on-campus opportunities for summer fun.
- " As a result of staff stewardship and volunteer work efforts, PHFC finished the year 19% under budget.
- " Construction on a new picnic pavilion that will provide shade and bathroom facilities to the ballfields was begun.

Volunteers

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM SERVICE PROJECTS

- " Grew produce for local charities.
- " Partnered with Black Mountain Presbyterian Church to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need.
- " Adopted Highland Farms residents without families of their own for Christmas and Valentine's Day.
- " Volunteered with Meals on Wheels.
- " Completed volunteer work days at a home for handicapped foster children in Madison County and at a shelter for homeless women and children.



Youth filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Foundations

PHFC enjoyed the support of 15 foundations who provided \$177,230 in funding for a variety of projects. Foundations include: Bailey Family Foundation; Bi-Lo Charities; Blue Planet Run Foundation; David Belk Cannon; The Community Foundation of WNC; The Judith E. & Joseph C. Cook, Jr. Foundation; The Craig Family Foundation; The Eckerd Family Foundation; First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia; M-FUGE; Pearl Dixon Balthis Foundation; Rotary Club of Asheville; Target; The Phillip L. Van Every Foundation; and Wilson Family Foundation.



Gifts to the Home *August 1 - October 15, 2009*

SECOND CENTURY FUND

Individuals

Bill and Tammy T. Brown
 Brandon and Robin Bryson
 Jason and Lori Norris-Sutphin
 Jeffery and Winyah Templin
 Billy and Jeanie Walker
 David and Mildred Wilson

EVERYDAY FUND

Churches

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian
 Women of Brittain Presbyterian
 Dixon Presbyterian Church
 First Presbyterian, Asheville
 First Presbyterian PCUSA, Franklin
 First Presbyterian, Belmont
 First Presbyterian, Forest City
 First Presbyterian, Gastonia
 First Presbyterian, Hendersonville
 First Presbyterian, Marion
 First Presbyterian, Sylva
 Women of Mills River Presbyterian
 Montreat Presbyterian Church
 New Hope Presbyterian, Gastonia
 Oak Forest Presbyterian Church
 Pineola Presbyterian Church
 Presbytery of Western North Carolina
 Shelby Presbyterian Church
 Southminster Presbyterian Church
 Unity Presbyterian Church
 Waldensian Presbyterian Church
 Westminster Presbyterian Church

Businesses

Beverly-Hanks & Associates, Inc

Estates

Estate of Syble Eade Anderson
 Estate of Fred M. Wix, Jr.

Individuals

Patricia Anderson
 Donald and Doris Baucom
 Tony and Monette Bauer
 Alexandria Bourcier
 Jake and Heidi Buchanan
 Laura Carter
 Jo Ellen Cline
 Gene and Barbara Coxen
 Selwyn Damico
 Allan Davenport
 Sandra Davidson
 Charles Dehart

Ernest Few
 Marvin Floren
 Jim & Ruth Gordon
 Elroy and Dorothy Hapke
 Stacy Hart
 Sue Hawkins
 Lamar and Joann Hedrick
 Bruce and Judith Henderson
 Amy Hollifield
 Edith Jenkins
 Joel Kendrick and Eva Ann McLean
 Grady and Sally Kennington
 Carl and Anne Kunkle
 John Legerton
 Heath and Melanie Legrand
 Roger and Marguerita Lyda
 Dean and Jeanette Marlow
 Frank and Jane C. Maske
 James & Caroline Mattos
 John and Mary McLaughlin
 Ellen Mills
 Wayne and Elizabeth Montgomery
 Grady and Louise Morgan
 Thomas Nolen
 Jo Ann Owens
 David and Anna Parks
 Kevin Reynolds
 Martha Rhodes
 Bob and Sandy Robinson
 Paul Scouten
 J.B and Mary Slaughter
 Bernard Smith
 Howard and Jackie Smith
 Natalie Staschke
 Marvin and Margie Stewart
 Lillian Stott
 Ned and Joyce Straehla
 Natalie Stroud
 W.P and Carol Temple
 Jim and Sarah Thomas
 Steve and Ann Thurston
 Billy and Jeanie Walker
 Michael and Jerri Warnock
 Linda Wheelis
 Carolyn White
 Don and Marihonor Widmayer
 Don and Peg Windmiller

Memorials

Aileen Black Avery
 Tom and Virginia Avery
 John and Joyce Black
 Billie Carroll
 Doug and Anne Elam

Gwin and Sally Hilton
 Sarah Keller
 Pres. Weekday School, Gastonia
 Steven and Lynda Williams

Bud Rogers

Charlie and Barbara Byrd

Gordon Liverett

Vestal and Linda Caldwell

Jeff Griffin

Mary Canipe

John Webb

Gary and Jeannine Dickerson

Lois Ebach

Claud M. and Jeanette Douthit

Florence Coaplen

First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia

Kim Rohrer

Kim Hamrick

Jacqueline Morton

John and Helen Harris

Julius Deal

Emile and Phyllis Jacumin

James Walter Thomas, Sr.

Nancy Loudin & Sharon Clark
 Patricia Maruca

Linda Morris

James and Lorraine Morris

Helen Shaw Newbold

Jerry and Pat Newbold

Larry Patrick

Bessie Patrick

Lucian P. Deavor

Robert and Helen Patton

Graham Price

Leslie and Graham Price

Lib Harper

Margaret Smith

Dora Lee McGuire

Kenneth and Marilee Stettler

Betty Perrou Causby

William and Nancy Sutherland

Barry Fichter

James Teddy

Cathy Sheehan

Urs and Eva Tolotti

Jewell Nunnally

Betty Towe

Marion Steiner

Women of First Pres. Hendersonville

Hazel Smith

Women of First Pres., Mt. Holly

Foundations

Asbury Warren Foundation
 The Emmy Lou Tompkins Foundation
 Gloria Dei
 Target

Gifts *Continued*

Honorariums

Frank Maske

Golda Durham

A J and Patsy Turnipseed

Grady Kennington

Katie Kennington

Gene Coxen

David Wofford

Adele Burrows

Women of Bryson City Presbyterian

Peggy A. Packett Johnson

Ralph Young

IN-KIND

Businesses

Akers Florist

Atlanta Bread Company

Cheshire Fitness Club

Solstice Salon Spa

The Bake Shoppe

Individuals

Tom Avery

Bart and Christy Bounous

Ed and Leslie Brenegar

Joseph and Judith Cook

Minta Eley

Shirley Gunn

Elvis and Rebecca Lafunor

Rheta Robinson

Amelia Solada

Churches/Organizations

First Presbyterian Church, Sylva

Tryon Presbyterian Church

Annual Retreat Made Possible by Marshall Presbyterian Church



Youth enjoyed a rainy raft trip during their annual fall retreat to Glory Ridge, a camp owned by Marshall Presbyterian Church.

By Paul Scouten

The Youth Leadership Team's annual fall retreat to Glory Ridge in Madison County was a little soggy this year, but fun and rewarding for youth and staff just the same.

After a day and a half of service projects combined with fun, Marshall Presbyterian Church extended their usual warm hospitality. In preparation to welcome the children from PHFC, Marshall Presbyterian Church members came out the day before

arrival to mow, weed eat, and deep clean the cabins and pavilions youth would be using.

Congregation members also prepared a home cooked breakfast to welcome youth as they woke to a cool, crisp mountain morning. This hearty breakfast prepared children for morning worship, active games, and an afternoon of rafting down the French Broad River.

To welcome the group home, weary and wet from the river rafting trip, the church also hosted a very special dinner. For most of two days congregation members roasted a whole pig to prepare for the annual Saturday evening BBQ fellowship dinner with PHFC. In addition to the pulled pork, there were delicious sides and amazing deserts.

After dinner, congregation members were invited to join in YLT's evening of worship and games. Sunday morning, youth and staff joined in worship and a lunch buffet with Marshall Presbyterian Church.

Donor's Planned Gift Leaves Lasting Legacy

The Home was recently the recipient of a generous bequest made by Sarah Olive Croswell. Ms. Croswell was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where she encountered youth from PHFC. Having little family of her own, she opted to leave a portion of her estate to benefit the children in care at the Home.

Ms. Croswell and others who remember PHFC through a planned gift are members of the Hazel Johnson Legacy Society.

If you would like to support Presbyterian Home's ministry through a planned gift, please contact Sarah Thomas at 828-686-3451 x31.



Sarah Olive Croswell

Santas Needed



Would you like to make Christmas dreams come true for a young person at Presbyterian Home for Children? Each year we invite donors to sponsor each child in care. Give us a call to find out how you can play Santa by helping to fill a child's wish list or by sponsoring an activity over Christmas break. Call Cheryl at 828-582-4814.

Top 10 Needs

1. **Supplies for the Independent Living Village** see gift registries at Target, Wal-Mart and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Look under first name "PHFC" and last name "youth"
2. **Twin bedding for teens** - sheets and pillows for older youth
3. **Adult size winter coats** for teens.
4. **Two 60-foot I-beams** - to build a bridge to our nature area
5. **Good used vehicles** - for youth entering the Independent Living Program
6. **Gas weed eaters, leaf blowers and edgers**
7. **Porch planters and porch furniture** - to beautify campus
8. **Sound system** - for picnic pavilion
9. **Electric start generator** - to provide power for a new storage building
10. **Holiday decor** - Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, etc.



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