

Upcoming Events...

Work, Worship & Play!

March 18, 2006 10 AM to 2 PM
80 Lake Eden Road, Black Mountain, NC

Work

Carpentry, Plumbing, Cleaning, Painting, Yard Work, Clerical Work, Sewing.

Lunch and Devotions

We still need a group or two that will help us provide a portion of the lunch.

Play

Group Games and Activities with the Children.

For more information or to sign your group up, please call Tom at 828-686-3451.

**PHFC Spring Open House
April 7th, 3PM - 6PM**

Top 10 Needs List

1. Microwave oven
2. Welding & torch Equipment
3. Recreation equipment: softballs, jump ropes, etc.
4. Digital cameras
5. Sleds (all sizes)
6. Chainsaw
7. Children & youth Bibles
8. Tupperware & laundry baskets
9. Gift cards - to use as incentives and birthday gifts
10. Arts & crafts supplies: Playdough, paint by numbers kits, etc.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please stop by the Home or call (828) 686-3451

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For over 100 years...

Presbyterian Home for Children

...Glorifying God by Caring for Children and Families

It's Planting Time Again...

Did you know that until the mid 1950's, the Home was a working farm that provided a bounty of food for its residents? Alumni who lived at the Home during that time can relate how important lessons in character, responsibility and integrity were learned throughout the planting and harvesting cycles. Over a half-century later, the children at Presbyterian Home will once again have the chance to roll up their sleeves and learn from the land.



The two 12' x 20' greenhouses donated by Dr. John Wilson of Black Mountain

Our farm will consist of two 12'x20' greenhouses donated by Dr. John Wilson of Black Mountain, NC. Directly behind the cottages, there is an area already prepared for dwarf fruit trees and thirteen raised beds designated for high bush blueberries, grapes, blackberries and raspberries.

Shortly after our announcement in last summer's newsletter, we began receiving calls from a variety of individuals, groups and businesses wanting to donate their time, plants and supplies to

help get the PHFC Youth Garden Club off the ground. One such call came from Bill Metts, a retired manufacturing manager and gardening enthusiast. As a Buncombe County Extension Service Master Gardener and a Master Pomologist (Fruit Bearing Tree Specialist), Bill travels from his home in Fairview, NC to the Presbyterian Home campus to provide his

expert advice on planting, preparing beds and building trellis systems for the spring planting. Mr. Metts and other volunteers will continue to mentor the children in the garden club.

Like the children of yesteryear, our youth will learn the importance of responsibly nurturing another living thing. Our prayers are that these young gardeners will experience the hand of God and the miracle of life by learning to prepare the soil, plant seeds, tend their crops and harvest the fruit of God's love.

Garden Club Needs

We are establishing a garden club for the youth of Presbyterian Home. In order for this ministry to be successful, we need volunteers to help teach soil preparation, seedling starting, transplanting, and plant care and maintenance.

As we approach the Spring planting season, we are also in need of the following plants and supplies.

PLANTS: (Please donate two gallon or larger size plants in order to produce a harvest sooner)

- 45 "High Bush" variety of blueberry plants
- 7 Seedless grape plants: Canadice, Concord and/or Vanessa variety
- 50 Red raspberry "Heritage" variety plants
- Dwarf peach or dwarf plum trees
- "Heirloom" variety vegetables/herb plants (allows for seed collection)

SUPPLIES:

- Starter trays (flats)
- Small/medium/large containers for transplanting
- Potting soil and organic amendments
- Fertilizer, fungicide and insecticide
- One 3-4 gallon back pack sprayer
- Assorted garden tools (*shovels, rakes and hand tools*)



If you would like to donate any of the above items or if you can share a few hours of your time with a child, please contact Tom Campbell at Presbyterian Home for Children (828) 686-3451.

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A Word From the President

True Love in Action at PHFC

February is the month when we often focus on our closest relationships and think about love. Each week at PHFC, we have a campus-wide staff meeting that begins with an opening prayer and devotion. Many times during the past year, various staff members have chosen *1 Corinthians 13* as their topic. True love as described in the Bible is patient and kind, not jealous, boastful, proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, nor does it keep a record of wrongs. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance."

I believe these verses are chosen so often because it is the staff's desire to love the children and youth in our care with this kind of "perfect love". It is the only way to reach many of the children we serve. The Lord tells us not to give up



on them and that is why we use the term "at-promise" when describing our youth instead of "at-risk." I believe all of us desire to receive this type of love.

Dan Hensley, an alumnus of the Home and a Board member, recently passed away. He was an excellent example, like so many of our Board members, of "love in action". Dan used his gifts and talents to do what he could to make life a little better for the children at the Home. Charldine Bradshaw (former Board Chair and Children's Home Foundation Chair) also went to be with the Lord in 2005. Her love for our children was at the heart of everything she did to make Presbyterian Home a caring and safe place for children for many years to come. We will miss them both.

As usual, there is a lot going on at the Home. There are youth retreats planned, trails to clear, games to be played and flowers to plant. Please pray for our staff, the PHFC Board and our volunteers that they may continue to put love in action, and for the children to accept, appreciate and learn from our efforts.

There is always room for more loving souls to share in our ministry and join in the adventure of shaping young lives. Please remember our next scheduled **Work, Worship and Play Day on March 18th from 10:00-2:00**. I hope to see you there!



A Second Century of Caring Begins...

During their November meeting, the Board of Directors for Presbyterian Home for Children reviewed the results of a year long feasibility study and approved plans to conduct a capital campaign. The Second Century of Caring campaign celebrates the Home's 100-year heritage and demonstrates our commitment to a second century of caring for children.

The Second Century of Caring campaign provides donors with an opportunity to support a variety of needs in different areas that appeal to them. For example, contributions to The Every Day Fund address the day-to-day costs of raising children and operating expenses of the Home. That includes everything from food and clothing for our children, to utilities for the houses and gas for the vans. Increasing donations to The Every Day Fund will balance our budget and continue to ensure the Home's quality of care to the children and families we serve.

As the name suggests, the Second Century of Caring fund provides for the future of Presbyterian Home for Children. It will address raising capital for campus improvements and renovations; building two new Transitional Living Homes to provide teens with a home where they can develop the "life skills" they need to make it on their own; and ensure the long-term operation of Presbyterian Home through funding endowments.

Campaign Update... Throughout the early stages of the campaign, Board and staff support have been overwhelming! 100% of the Board of Directors and the Children's Home Foundation have pledged their support to The Every Day Fund and/or the Second Century of Caring Campaign. In addition, 100% of the staff have also contributed to the campaign.

Next Steps... Given the Home's roots and legacy of support from the WNC Presbytery, there are plans to conduct a series of cluster events throughout Western North Carolina. We are planning to host at least one event in each cluster to increase awareness and raise funds for the Second Century of Caring campaign.

How can I help? As we strive to get our message out, we are in need of cluster leaders and committee members who would be willing to organize an event in each of the clusters. Those areas include:

- Cluster A (*Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain*)
- Cluster B (*Buncombe, McDowell and Madison*)
- Cluster C (*Cleveland, Henderson, Polk, Rutherford and Transylvania*)
- Cluster D (*Gaston area*)
- Cluster E (*Burke, Caldwell, Catawba and Lincoln*)
- Cluster F (*Avery, Mitchell and Yancey*)

Cluster events will take place in the spring and summer of 2006. If you are willing to step out in faith for our ministry and/or are interested in finding out more about organizing an event in your area, please contact Presbyterian Home for Children at (828) 686-3451.

Over the next year, you'll be hearing more about the Second Century of Caring campaign and some of the projects we'll be addressing on campus. As someone who cares about the future of abused and neglected children in Western North Carolina, we hope you'll consider giving your prayers, talents and financial support to this important ministry. If you would like to find out more about the Second Century of Caring Campaign, please contact Tom Campbell of Presbyterian Home for Children.

Celebrating PHFC Staff

It's no secret that one of PHFC's greatest assets is the experienced, caring and well-trained staff. Whether involved in direct, hands-on care of the children, taking care of the campus and buildings, or busy working behind the scenes in the office, each person is a vital part of our ministry team! That's why, this year the staff had the opportunity to nominate and vote for the team member who has made a significant impact on the day-to-day life of our Home. This year's winners exemplify team spirit, selfless giving, humility in spirit and a willingness to go the extra mile "to glorify God by caring for children and families."

Staff Person of the Year

In 2005, two outstanding staff people consistently won the confidence and praise of fellow team members. Congratulations Lori Norris-Sutphin and Delores Roberts! Thank you for everything you do to make our ministry more effective.

Lori Norris-Sutphin, Residential Case Coordinator



Lori works one-on-one with the houseparents and children of both Watkins and Mountain House. Each day she works with county social service agencies to provide appropriate placement of children at PHFC and update caseworkers on their status. In addition to supervising eight house parents, Lori also helps facilitate staff training for PHFC. Despite her busy schedule, her door is always open to both children and staff who need a friendly smile or an encouraging word. When asked what the favorite part of her job was, Lori replied "Spending time with the kids! Every day when I go home, I know that I've been blessed with the opportunity to touch the life of a child."

Delores Roberts, Administrative Assistant



The friendly voice that answers the telephone or greets you graciously at the front door of the Smith Building is likely to be Delores Roberts. Delores' fingerprints touch many corners of the campus and she is always willing to lend a hand, whether it is opening mail, receiving gifts, handling volumes of correspondence or assisting with transportation with the children. She is the gentle strength. When asked why she enjoys working at PHFC, she responds with "I jokingly say that I finally found what I want to be when I grow up. Having a small part in this giant ministry of 'Glorifying God by caring for children and families' brings me joy and a sense of purpose. I thank God continually that He chose this area of service for me. Listening to a young teen talk about her day, or a youth speak of his dream for the future as we travel to a doctor's appointment; this 'one on one' time with these precious children means so much to me."

House Parents of the Year



Steve and Ann Thurston have served as House Parents with Presbyterian Home for over seven years. During that time, they've had the opportunity to be mother and father to hundreds of children. When asked about how it felt to be house parents, Ann and Steve replied, "It's a great job, but it can be stressful too. If the children will open up and give you the chance to work with them and help them, we can do a lot." Over the years, the Thurstons have watched many children come and go. "It can be very emotional," Ann said. "But if they're moving on to a better placement or going back to a better family, it can be a good thing." Steve added. When asked about other career choices, they both agreed, "we just couldn't imagine doing anything else!"

Our Steel Magnolia

Charldine Felker Bradshaw



After a short period of declining health, our friend and colleague, Charldine Bradshaw quietly slipped away from us on November 16, 2005. Charldine was born in Walnut, Iowa, and

graduated from Iowa State University with a BS degree in Dietetics in 1944. In 1985, she and husband Marvin moved from Chicago to the small community of Tryon, NC where they would find retirement to be anything but dull.

Charldine was blessed with a "Servant's Heart" and a passion for helping people. Her desire to connect with others professionally led her to become a founding member of the Tryon Chapter of the AAUW (American Association of University Women). As a member of Tryon Presbyterian, Charldine produced the church's monthly newsletter for several years and served as a Deacon and Elder. She served on the Presbytery Stewardship Committee, where her love for the Lord was an inspiration to everyone she met.

From 1998 to 2005, Charldine Bradshaw brought leadership and direction to Presbyterian Home for Children. She was an excellent parliamentarian and will be fondly remembered for such key phrases as, "there is a motion on the floor", and "point of order." As the Chair for the Board of Directors, Charldine helped plan and organize a successful capital campaign in 1998 that was responsible for raising \$3.1 million to build four new residential houses and renovate several buildings on campus. She later accepted the Chair position for the Children's Home Foundation, a Board dedicated to growing and managing the Home's investments.

Charldine Bradshaw, along with many others, helped change the face of residential childcare and provide a brighter future for the children of Presbyterian Home. Her quiet wisdom and gentle strength made her a remarkable woman whose legacy of love will not be forgotten.

Although she was from Iowa, she will always be our Steel Magnolia with some "grits" stirred in.

Christmas 2005 Moments to Remember

On behalf of the Board, the staff and the children of Presbyterian Home, we'd like to say "Thank You" to all of the individuals, businesses, church and civic groups that took time out to share the 2005 holiday season with our children.

It was the best Christmas ever!



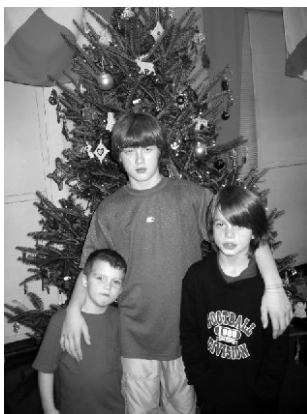
It's a "little bit" Christmas



'Twas the night before Christmas...'



'Not a creature was stirring...'



'While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads...'



Three wise girls sharing gifts!



A Waldensian Christmas



Santa's little helper



Haley & Friends bring birthday surprises



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

Thank You!

Christmas Memories by the Kids at the Presbyterian Home for Children

By Loretta, Vice-President PHFC Youth Leadership Team



Christmas Memories

Parties, gifts, love, generosity and kindness - all these things were a part of our Christmas! We really enjoyed doing all of the activities that were planned for us and we'd like to share a few of the comments made by the children here at Presbyterian Home.

There were lots of Christmas parties hosted by churches and community groups. "We had a great time at all of the parties! Just knowing that there are people out there that really do care, makes me feel loved." said Loretta. Another one of our residents, Katie, said, "the love that people put into their gifts was just wonderful."

For the first time, the kids threw a Christmas party for the staff. The kids did the planning, decorating and cooking. We even made gifts for each of the staff. Two of our residents, Matt and Lakeisha, said, "The staff/youth party was great. Just seeing the expressions on their faces was amazing!" Andy said, "Being able to cook for the staff/youth party was good too!"

The adults had some good comments, too. We asked them what the best part of Christmas was. Shannon said, "Seeing the joy on the kid's faces as they showed off their new bikes." Mrs. Cheryl said, "Being able to come up the hill and seeing the Christmas lights on the campus." Mr. Tom said, "Watching the children prepare the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child was great."

To everyone who helped make our Christmas so special, we want to say thank you and God bless!

Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Traditions

On a cold December day, three teenage boys patiently and diligently sketched against the cold to reveal the Nativity images hidden in a few dull, lifeless pieces of plywood. Birthed from the mind of these three young artists, rough shapes formed and soon characters began to march forward to be counted. A camel, some sheep, three wisemen, shepherds... the cast was slowly coming together to form the newest addition to the Christmas traditions at Presbyterian Home.

Early in November, PHFC residents Shannon, Jay and Matt decided to create their own holiday keepsake in the form of a Christmas Nativity scene. As you can imagine, this was no easy job! There were donkeys, camels, wisemen, shepherds, and of course, Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus to create. Each of the young artists took responsibility for sketching parts of the Nativity scene.

After weeks of drawing, re-drawing, and preparation, the boys were finally ready to take their vision to the next level. They worked together as a team to enlarge and transfer their sketches onto marine-grade, treated plywood. The process involved working several afternoons after school and on weekends to sketch, cut, sand and paint the figures. Imagination, dedication and attention to detail were the keys to creating this beautiful rendition.

Excitement and anticipation grew as the day came to unveil their creation. With the help of staff and fellow children at the Home, the figures were mounted near the entrance on the southeastern slope of the Presbyterian Home property for all to see! The boys were filled with pride and a feeling of accomplishment as they surveyed their finished work. This was an opportunity to give something back to the community by sharing their creative talents. The Nativity Scene will not only be a wonderful keepsake, but it will also become a part of our heritage and the Home's holiday tradition for many years to come!



Matt, Andy, Joe and Jay and the Holy Family. (Shannon not pictured)

Calling All Alumni...

Presbyterian Home for Children is calling you home! We need your help in planning the annual Alumni picnic. Last year's event was so much fun as old friends returned, memories were rekindled and stories were shared. As we enter into a Second Century of Caring for children, we hope you'll provide your support in planning the arrangements and activities for our annual Alumni Picnic. To lend your support and ideas for this year's event, contact Tom Campbell at Presbyterian Home for Children at (828) 686-3451.

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Our Alumni...

Daniel S. Hensley, Sr.



On January 15, 2006, we said good-bye to our friend Dan Hensley, age 64.

Dan was born January 22, 1941 in Asheville. After the death of his mother in 1951, he went to live at the Mountain Orphanage in Black Mountain—now the Presbyterian Home for Children.

Dan graduated from Owen High School and went on to further his education at N.C. State University, where he received a degree in animal science. In 1969, he returned to his native Asheville and started Hensley Dairy Equipment Supply. In 1984, Dan joined the staff of Montreat-Anderson College where he served as Maintenance Supervisor.

Throughout his life, Dan always remembered his roots in the Swannanoa Valley. As an alumnus, he returned to serve on the Board of Directors at the Home, as well as the Property Committee and the Campaign Planning Committee for the Home's Second Century of Caring Campaign. In addition, Dan was an active member and elder at Lakey Gap Presbyterian Church in Black Mountain.

Dan Hensley will be missed by his family, his church, the Black Mountain community and especially by the staff, Board and children of Presbyterian Home.

We will not forget Dan's warm smile and his commitment to our children. Dan Hensley and his family continue to remember the children of Presbyterian Home through the establishment of The Dan Hensley Endowment Fund for Higher Education. It was his hope that other children could begin to pick up the pieces of their lives and strive for a successful future.

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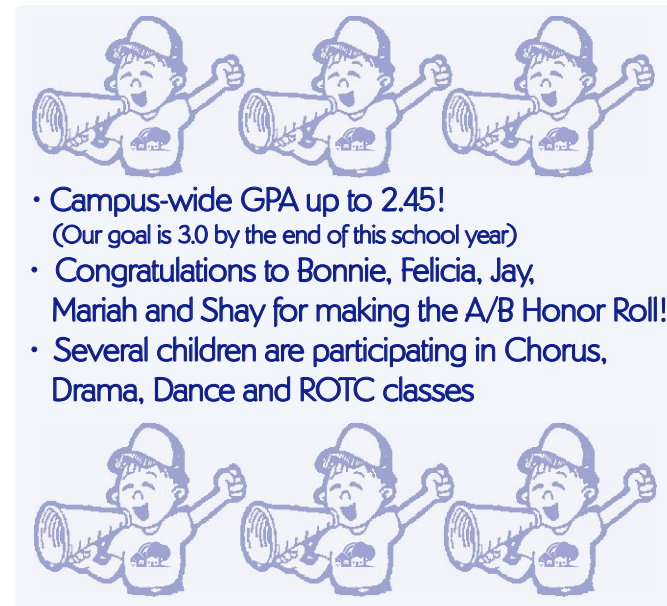
School Pep Rally

Children in foster care often experience numerous changes in placement that require changes in schools. Each time they are moved, they must adjust to new teachers, new classmates, different curricula and rules.

As a result, studies have found that foster children perform significantly worse in school than do children in the general population. The poor academic performance of these children affects their lives after foster care and contributes to higher than average rates of homelessness, criminality, drug abuse and unemployment among foster care "graduates." (American Institutes for Research, 2002)

Given that data, there is a reason to rejoice when the children of Presbyterian Home work hard and succeed in their studies to beat the odds!

On January 16, 2006, the Presbyterian Home held its first School Pep Rally to celebrate our children's academic performance and provide encouragement for the upcoming semester. Youth were recognized for improving grades, maintaining positive school behavior and for taking part in extra-curricular activities during the past semester. A formal School Awards and Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held in the spring.



- Campus-wide GPA up to 2.45!
(Our goal is 3.0 by the end of this school year)
- Congratulations to Bonnie, Felicia, Jay, Mariah and Shay for making the A/B Honor Roll!
- Several children are participating in Chorus, Drama, Dance and ROTC classes

This is a celebration of hard work, inspiration and thanking God for the gifts he's given. Every day after school under the leadership of Mildred Wilson, Educational Coordinator, the PHFC Learning Center is busy with students from Montreat and Warren Wilson colleges and other volunteers who work closely with our children to tutor them in subjects like Math, English, Science and Social Studies.

The staff inspires our children too! Paul Scouten, the Home's Covenant Coordinator, offered a challenge to the youth that if they reach the 3.0 GPA goal, he will cut his very long hair and donate it to Locks of Love, who help make wigs for cancer patients.

Perhaps the biggest factor is treating our youth as "At-Promise" instead of "At-Risk." It's like seeing the glass half-full. When you do that, everyone can achieve his or her best!

A Dump Truck Named Creampuff

Great business deals often happen over casual lunches and that is how Presbyterian Home for Children became the owner of a 1974 Ford dump truck.

Board member Gene Coxen of King's Mountain, NC was having lunch with a former employee, David Gilmore, now general manager of Bruce's Iron & Metal in Gastonia.

Gene mentioned that he was looking for a dump truck for the Home or even a lifting system to put on the trailer. David said he would keep it in mind. David called Gene and said he had a truck. It had been in the shop yard for some time and seldom used. It had 19,000 miles on it.



Bruce's Iron and Metal put on four new tires, replaced a rear window and got it in great shape. Maintenance Coordinator Bill Brown and Volunteer Tom Hoffman drove to Gastonia to pick it up.

Many, many thanks to Bruce's Iron & Metal, David Wofford, David Gilmore, and Gene Coxen for making this happen.

If you see a large white dump truck on campus, it is named Creampuff.

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Wanted: Digital Cameras

There's a budding young artist in each of our children! We'd like to bring that out by starting a Photography Club for our youth. Due to the high cost of developing film, we'll be using digital cameras to build our skills. If you have a used digital camera that you'd be willing to donate, please contact Paul Scouten at Presbyterian Home for Children at (828) 686-3451.

