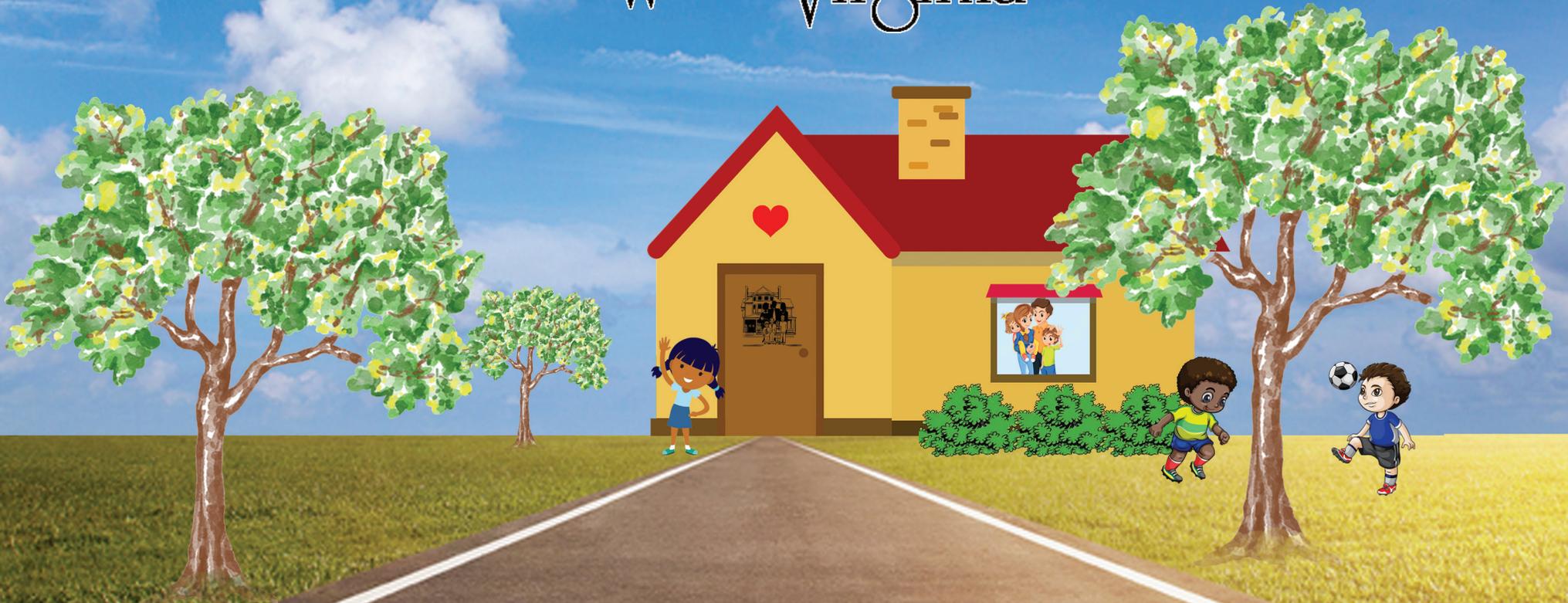


Children's Home Society of West Virginia



*Help Us Build a Better Future
One Child at a Time!*

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The Children's Home Society of West Virginia is a private, non-profit child welfare organization founded in 1896. We provide comprehensive services to children and their families from multiple locations throughout the state. Over the past 130 years, we have been finding homes for West Virginia's children, and the need for our services has never been greater.

Currently, there are more families in crisis and more kids in need of safe and stable homes than ever before. We want to make sure children have a safe place to rest their head at night and a family eager to greet them when they climb out of bed in the morning. Bringing all of these pieces together is not a simple task, but with your help, we can have the tools to care for children in need.

There are currently over 6,132 children in out of home placements in West Virginia

Our local service locations are Morgantown and Elkins West Virginia. Counties served from these locations include: Barbour, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, and Upshur. Our programs are growing due to the tremendous need for foster home and support services.

Current Programs/Services:

- Foster care & Adoption
- Private Agency Adoption
- Community Resource Room
- Independent Living Program
- Healthy Grandfamilies Service

During the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year, the Morgantown office assisted 2,572 children and families.

- Foster Care - 77
- Adoption - 16
- Community Resource Center - 1,169 adults/1,165 children
- Independent Living - 33
- Christmas Assistance - 109
- Grandfamilies - 3

Morgantown foster care program currently has 46 children in placement,
14 families in training and 45 approved families.

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Foster Care & Adoption

Fostering is an excellent way to provide a stable home for children until reunification can occur. Although, many children return home after being in foster care, when they cannot, adoption by the foster family can prevent the child or youth from having an additional move. Additionally, there are many children and youth in our state waiting for a permanent family whose parent's rights have already been terminated. These children have no family to go home to and are in danger of aging out of foster care without a loving family.



Private Agency Adoption

Our agency is unique in that we provide free counseling and adoption services to birth parents who wish to make a voluntary adoption plan for their child. We ask potential adoptive parents to create a family profile, including pictures, to share with potential birth parents.

Giving Hope Resource Center

Our Morgantown resource center can help children and families with a variety of items to meet emergent needs and to assist families in times of financial hardships. This center is supported by the in-kind donations that we receive. On April 1, 2023, 323 families in the community came by our office during our Community Giveaway event.



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Independent Living Program

This program guides participants towards independence and self-sufficiency by assisting with individual housing, employment, educational needs, and basic life skills training. The program is designed for young adults, ages 18 to 23, who were previously in the foster care system.

Healthy Grandfamilies Services

This service is designed for grandparents raising their grandchildren. Grandparents participate in a series of free educational discussion groups on the topics of parenting, communication, health literacy/self-care, stress management, legal issues, social media, public school programs and policies, family response to addiction, and nutrition. Grandparents also receive social work support services such as help locating community resources, confidential assistance in addressing unmet needs, and advocacy.

Children's Home Society has assisted hundreds of children and families in the Morgantown and surrounding areas for nearly 52 years. Our first office opened in Morgantown on September 1, 1971.

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What We Need

- A minimum of 10,000 square feet.
- Minimum of 20 office spaces.
- Conference room that can fit a minimum of 30 people.
- Training area for staff and foster families plus healthy grandfamily trainings.
- Reception area that can fit at least two people waiting.
- Laundry room that can fit one washer and one dryer to wash clothes that have been donated, as well as being used to teach Independent Living.
- Large file room for secure storage of confidential client files.
- Multiple storage areas/closets.
- Multiple bathrooms for staff, clients, and community members.
- Kitchen with pantry space and room for two refrigerators and a freezer, as well as a place to sit and eat lunch.
- Two private family visitation areas that are large enough for multiple people with space for games and activities.
- Outdoor area for family visitation.
- Large room for our resource center that consists of donation items for the community.
- Large room for storage of Independent Living Program household items.

Our fundraising goal for
a new home:

\$2,000,000

To Donate:

Online: Scan QR Code. If using paypal, please use the "Special Instructions to Seller" text box to indicate the Morgantown Capital Campaign.

By Check: Make Checks payable to Children's Home Society of WV and send to:

*11 Commerce Dr., Suite 102
Morgantown, WV 26501*



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Why We Do What We Do

Oliver

In May 2019, Brayden, Oliver, and Ellie were removed from their biological mother due to substance use and failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, supervision, medical care, and an education. Oliver was the target of the abuse by his biological mother. At the time of the removal, Oliver was found inside a locked room in the home, and he was extremely malnourished to the extent that he required hospitalization. Officials said that a complete outline of the child's rib cage was visibly apparent from the front and back views, and the child had no formed buttock, due to the emaciation. Oliver was three years old and weighed 22.6 pounds. There were also lacerations to the child's lower section and his genitals showed signs of trauma. When an examiner asked the child about the injuries, he responded "mommy did it with pliers."

When Oliver was placed in his foster home, he would overeat to the point that he would throw up because he was used to not knowing when he would be fed again. Due to concerning behaviors surfacing between the children, they ultimately were not able to stay together. All of the children are happily adopted and they continue to maintain contact since the closure of the case.

From Hopeless To Hopeful

A 14 year old felt helpless and had no one to turn too. She took herself to the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) to report the neglect she was enduring. She had not showered in five days and did not remember when her last meal was. She had head lice and did not have a back brace she needed for her severe scoliosis. She slept at the WV DHHR office until she was placed in a foster home. Upon meeting the child, the Children's Home Society worker could tell she was afraid and was hopeless for a happy future. The child did not have adequate or appropriate supervision while living with her biological mother and she witnessed substance abuse by many adults. The child disclosed sexual and physical abuse. After she disclosed her abuse, the CHS worker allowed the child to hug her until she felt safe again. At 14 years old, this child had never knew what love was. Before taking her to her foster home, the social worker took the child to Olive Garden and through a carwash, and she was in awe.

Even after enduring so much abuse and neglect, this child found hope again. With the love, stability, and support that she has from her foster parents, she was able to see that there are good people in this world and that the entire world is not as cruel as the one she grew up in. She is learning that there are good aspects in life, and although the bad will always exist, she has developed a better understanding of how to cope with the bad and turn it into good. She went from having unexcused absences and failing out of high school to earning all A's and B's in her classes. She reports loving school, which is something she never thought would happen. She is currently in an adoptive home and has a positive outlook on life, all because a foster family took a chance on accepting a teenager. She now dreams of having a house and a family someday, as well as dogs and a ferret. She laughs all the time and is always excited to go do things such as walking the dogs, shopping for clothing, going to the grocery store, you name it. She has grown into the wonderful, kind, caring, loving, energetic, and empathetic young lady that she could never see before. Now 16 years old, her entire life was transformed for the better in just two short years. She is on a positive path and thanks her foster family and her family at CHS for providing her hope for a bright future.

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The Children's Home Society seeks your support to help us fulfill our mission to promote the well being of children. Our current efforts are directed at helping children find lifetime families, protecting and nurturing children, and helping to preserve and strengthen their families.

Legacy Gift - \$25,000 and above

Naming Opportunity (Room or Rooms)
Listing on Legacy Donor Wall
Recognition in Annual Report
Recognition during Grand Opening
Grand Opening Program Listing
Children's Home Society's Legacy Medal

Champion for Children Gift - \$10,000 - \$24,999

Naming Opportunity (See below)
Listing on Champion for Children Donor Wall
Champion for Children Medal
Recognition during Grand Opening
Grand Opening Program Listing
Recognition in Annual Report

Permanency for Children Gift - \$5,000 - \$9,999

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Recognition in Annual Report

Strengthen Families Gift - \$1,000 - \$4,999

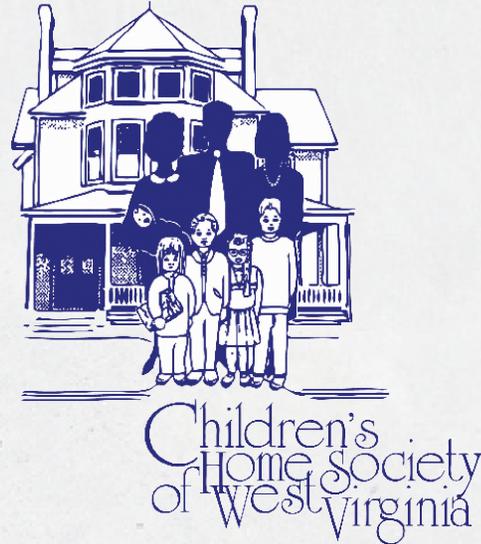
Recognition on the Strengthen Families Donor Wall
Strengthen Families Medal
Recognition during the Grand Opening

Friends of Children Gift - Up to \$999.00

Recognition on the Friends of Children Donor Wall

Naming opportunities exist for those individuals or businesses who sponsor a room. We recognize that this is an opportunity to remember or honor loved ones, a way to show support by a business partner, or perhaps a way to acknowledge the work of an outstanding individual in child welfare.

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