

Children's Home Society of West Virginia

BY THE WAY...

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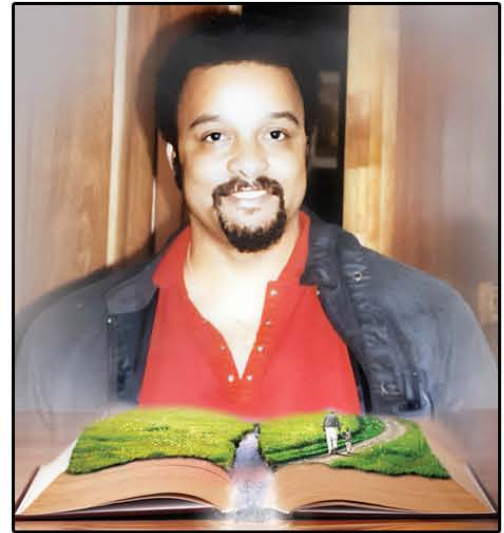


AL WADE STORYTELLING AWARD 2024

The time has come once again for the annual Al Wade Storytelling award! CHS staff can submit a special story to the review committee, who will then select the winner for the award. The winner will be recognized in the CHS newsletter and other publications. Additionally, the winner will receive a monetary award and plaque.

Submissions can be sent to Mary White by January 31 at mwhite@childhswv.org. If you would like to submit a story by mail, please send to attention Mary White at 1596 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25311.

If you have previously submitted a story that has not won, please feel free to resubmit it!



SPECIAL THANKS



Recently, the Martinsburg High School Student Leadership group expressed interest in hosting a drive for our children & families.

This impressive group of students went above & beyond with the amount of donations gathered! We are immensely grateful for the stuffed animals, clothing, teen items, and \$800! Way to go, MHS!



Children's Home Society's Romnet site would like to thank the North River Ruritan Club for providing a delicious New Year's dinner to our youth and staff!

If you have a story you would like to see featured in By the Way, please contact David Humphreys at dhumphreys@childhswv.org

PARKERSBURG MEMORIAL FUND GIVES SHOES FOR KIDS

Every child deserves a comfortable pair of shoes, and we are proud to work with area philanthropist Rob Fouss to make that a reality for area youth. Fouss and his sister, Pam Fouss Wenmoth, created the Robert E. Fouss Memorial Fund with the PACF in 1999 in

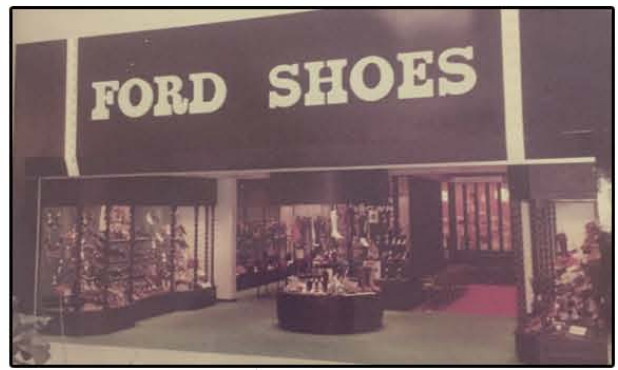


memory of their father. Robert E. Fouss, Sr. spent 46 years in the shoe business working at Fort Pitt Shoes on Market Street in Parkersburg and, later, opening Ford Shoes in the Grand Central Mall. During that time, he saw kids whose families couldn't afford to buy shoes, and so he often provided

shoes to the families through trades for fresh eggs, bacon, or other arrangements.

“My father made sure that any kids who came into his store who needed shoes, left with a new pair on their feet,” Rob Fouss said. “It is a humbling feeling to help others less fortunate and this charitable fund is a way that I can honor my father’s lifelong ambition to help those in need.”

Continuing his father’s legacy, a \$1,000 donor-advised grant from the Robert E. Fouss Memorial Fund was made to the Children’s Home Society of Parkersburg to buy shoes for all the kids at the Arthur N. Gustke Child Shelter. Each child received a pair this week and will get a second pair of shoes on Christmas morning.



To support this Fund, please consider donating online: <https://pacfwv.com/funds/robert-e-fouss-memorial-fund>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Children's Home Society of WV
BLACK & WHITE
Gala
Foster Care & Adoption Agency
Join us for an evening to raise awareness and funds for WV's most vulnerable children!

February 24, 2024 | 6pm-11pm
Valley Falls Center
5487 Country Club Rd, Grafton, WV 26354

Events of the Evening

- Fine dining/cocktails
- Live DJ
- Silent Auction
- Photographer

\$80 per person, \$150 per couple
tickets include dinner/cocktails

To purchase tickets, scan here



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