

Children's Home Society of West Virginia

BY THE WAY...

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WEST VIRGINIA GOES BLUE FOR CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH



(Above: Huntington Staff and advisory Council members at Jan's House)

For decades, blue ribbons and pin-wheels have served as a symbol of child abuse awareness. In 1989, Bonnie Finney tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her minivan as a way to honor her grandson, Michael Wayne "Bubba" Dickenson, who tragically lost his life because of the abuse he endured.

Over the years, from town to town and state to state, local businesses, schools, churches, and social service agencies began displaying the blue ribbon as a way to spread awareness about child abuse prevention.

In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Hoops Family Children's Hospital Child Advocacy Center held a special ceremony earlier today to plant pin-wheels in front of the hospital to raise

awareness for victims of child abuse. Pin-wheels are used as a national symbol for child abuse prevention and are meant to reflect the playfulness and innocence of childhood. (Below)



Children's Home Society wishes to congratulate the following employees on their achievements!

- Dianna Trout – Promoted to BSS2 Greenbrier Valley Children's Home
- Zachary Billings – Promoted to BSS3 Southern West Virginia EYES

SPECIAL THANKS



CHS' Martinsburg site had a surprise visit today from Girl Scout Troop 15124! This group of Daisy Girl Scouts donated 36 pairs of brand new children's shoes as part of their take action project! We are extremely grateful to be the recipients of this thoughtful and generous donation.



(Left) Our staff in Lewisburg challenged community businesses and others to wear blue. Pictured is City National Bank employees who took that challenge on!



(Right) Also pictured are our friends at the Robert C. Byrd clinic who continue to support our efforts. We appreciate you!

Many thanks to Hampshire County Community Foundation for giving our Romney shelter a grant for arts and craft supplies and sports equipment! We thank you for your kindness and generosity!



MOTHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN

OM&GA and CHS' annual Mother's Day Campaign starts Monday the 15th and runs until Mother's Day. We will have about 560 stores participating across the state, including GoMart, Little General, Par Mar, DeFazio Oil, BFS, City Fuel and Ice, ROCS, and Mini Giants.

When you stop in one of these convenience stores and see the pink paper flowers, please share your appreciation for what they are doing to help us



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