

Children's Home Society of West Virginia

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CELEBRATING FOUNDER'S DAY AROUND THE STATE



Special Occasions in Logan was host to an Adult Prom fundraiser for the Children's Home Society's June Montgomery Harless Shelter on June 22, which was organized by Jaimie Adkins.

Event attendees were treated to dance music by DJ Anitra Ellis, photography by David Hager, and o'dourves provided by Southern Mercantile, as well as given the chance to participate in silent auctions and donate monetarily to the shelter.

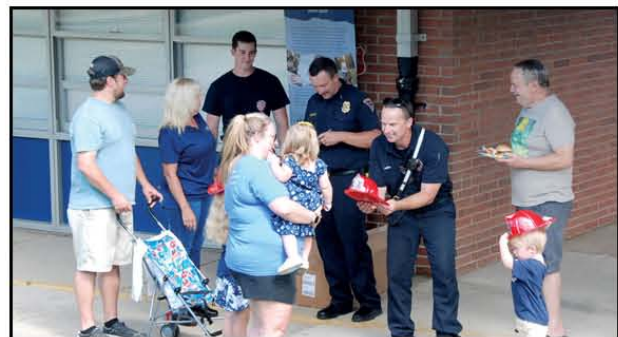
The nearly five-hour event saw many posts to social media showing the fun had by all. After final tallies, the inaugural event raised \$3,500 for the local shelter.

"Such a great time at the Adult Prom this evening." Crystal Gore, owner of Special Occasions said. "If

you weren't there you missed out on a great time. Thank you to all of those who supported the event and Jaimie Adkins for hosting."

"Adult Prom was amazing," Jaimie Adkins, organizer of the event posted to social media. "So thankful for each person that came, contributed and just helped in any way. It took a village of people and we helped a great cause. Special thanks to my hubby for putting up with my crazy."

(Josh Brown, the Logan Banner)



The Children's Home Society of West Virginia's Parkersburg office this month celebrated 128 years of promoting the well-being of the Mountain State's youngest residents.

Technically, Founder's Day for the organization falls in May, but Denise Hughes, director of programming, said they slated the second annual event on West Virginia Day be-

cause more people would be able to participate.

Renovations are ongoing at the former Worthington Elementary School where the organization plans to move, but representatives of the Society and other organizations that provide services to children and families set up outside the buildings.



“We’ve had students stop by; we’ve had ex-teachers stop by,” Hughes said. “We do want everybody to know that we’re going to make good use of this space and ... be good neighbors.”

Services to be provided at the site include visitation for children in foster care with their birth families, pantries to provide needed supplies to families, shower and laundry facilities for teens who have aged out of foster care and recreational space for kids at the Arthur N. Gustke Child Shelter. Nobody will be staying overnight at the former school.



The Health Plan and UniCare were on hand Thursday to provide information about their services, along with the Circles Campaign of the Mid-Ohio Valley, Westbrook Health Services and Community Resources Inc. The Parkersburg Art Center offered craft activities, the Parkersburg Fire Department gave kids an up-close look at one of their trucks, and food and ice cream was available, along with games and a cupcake walk.

Parkersburg resident Erin Fulmer brought her daughter Hannah to the event

“She loves the face-paint and the games,” Fulmer said, adding that it’s important to her to support the Children’s Home Society because “they do good work for the community.”

Heather Morgan, of Davisville, said she was grateful to have the opportunity to learn about organizations she might be able to work with in her job, as well as have an activity for her kids.



Morgan and her family took home some free fruits and vegetables from Community Resources. Bri Burchard, community service specialist, said she hoped to tell visitors about the organization’s Hope Grows Garden, which provides its food pantry with fresh produce.

Hughes noted that the Society is continuing to raise money for renovations to the former school. People interested in contributing can contact her at 304-485-0650 or dhughes@childhswv.org.

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SPECIAL THANKS



Thank you to the Eastern Panhandle Board of Realtors, Inc. packed 70 bags with various hygiene items and fun stuff for teens that was donated to the Children's Home Society of West Virginia Martinsburg Site. Collections can be tough during the summer months, so this was a great way to fill the need and help provide some necessities for them. We appreciate you!



Thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed this month's Toddler Tuesday at the Grand Central Mall! Children's Home Society of WV - Parkersburg Site Parents as Teachers program appreciates the support!



We would like to acknowledge and congratulate two long time CHS employees who are retiring at the end of the month. We thank them for their years of service to our children and families.

Francis Coyne-Davis works in our Parents As Teachers program in Parkersburg and **Barbara Penn** works at the Greenbrier Valley Children's Home in Rupert. We wish them both an amazing retirement. They have many memories to carry with them.

