

Children's Home News

2025 Christmas News

The "Knight's" Book of Christmas Magic





...In Beckley

By: Tabatha Conn

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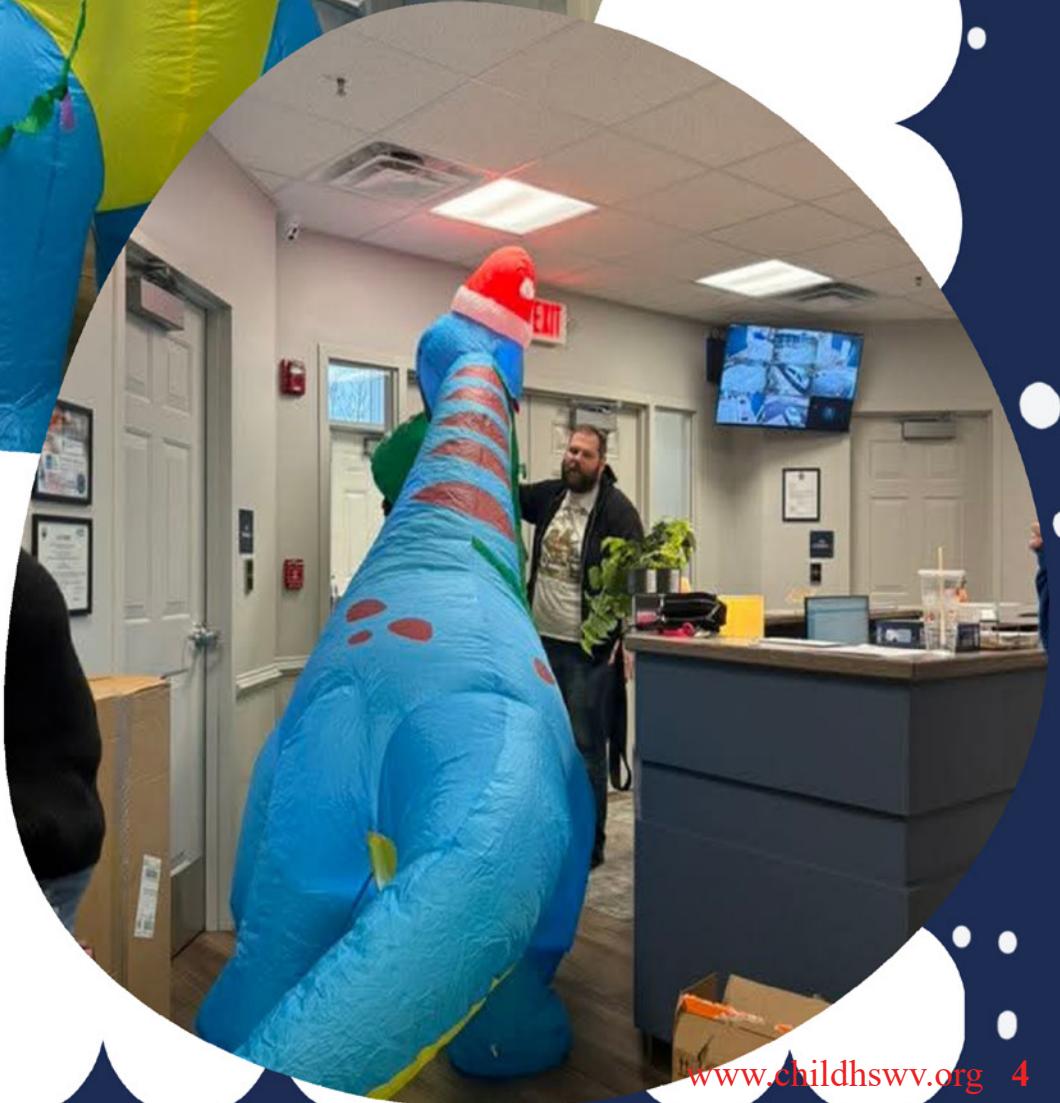




Our very First Christmas at The Matthew Pack Children's Home

The Christmas season at the Matthew Pack Children's (MPCH) Home was nothing short of memorable. With the first Christmas celebrated in the books, Christmas was filled with magical moments that will last not only for our children but also for the staff who were honored to spend the holidays with some amazing children.

Staff at MPCH wanted to ensure the Christmas season was PERFECT for the children and decorated with purpose, making sure we had their favorites. Dinosaurs are a big deal around MPCH, so of course we needed a 10-foot dinosaur. But don't worry, he made his way outside to greet kids when they were coming and going.

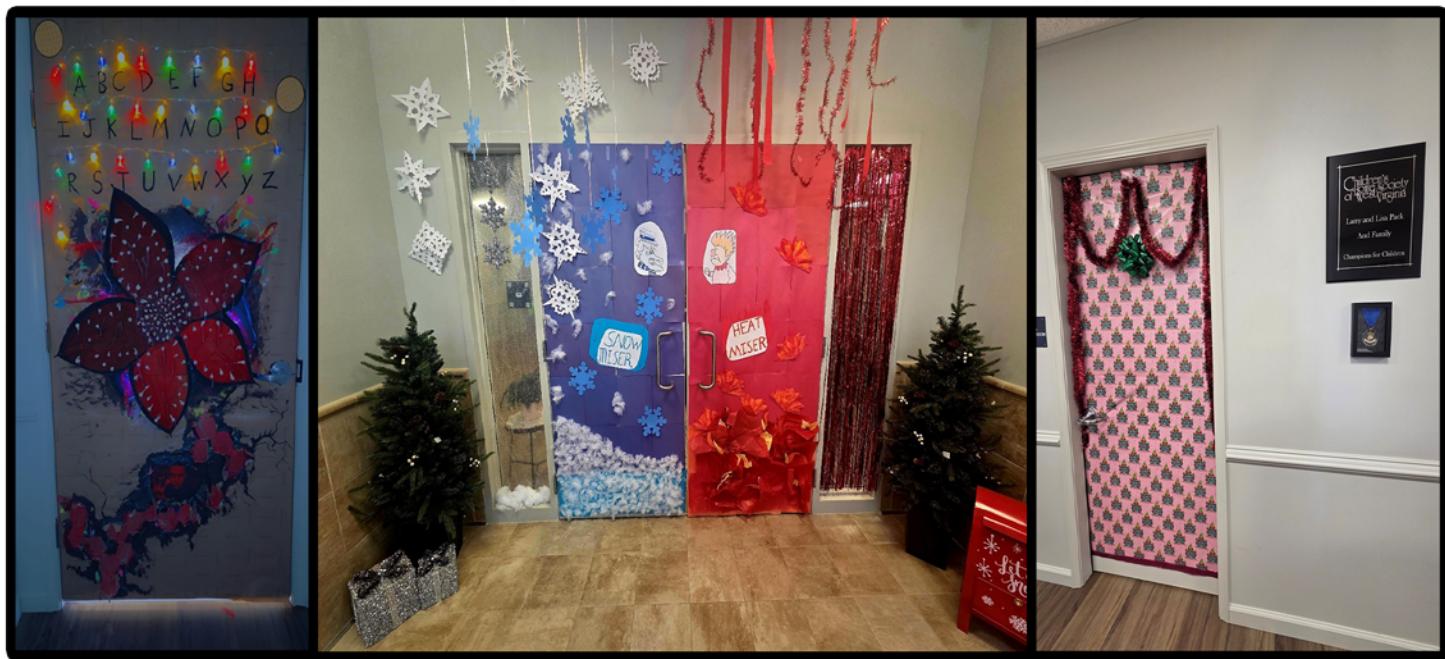




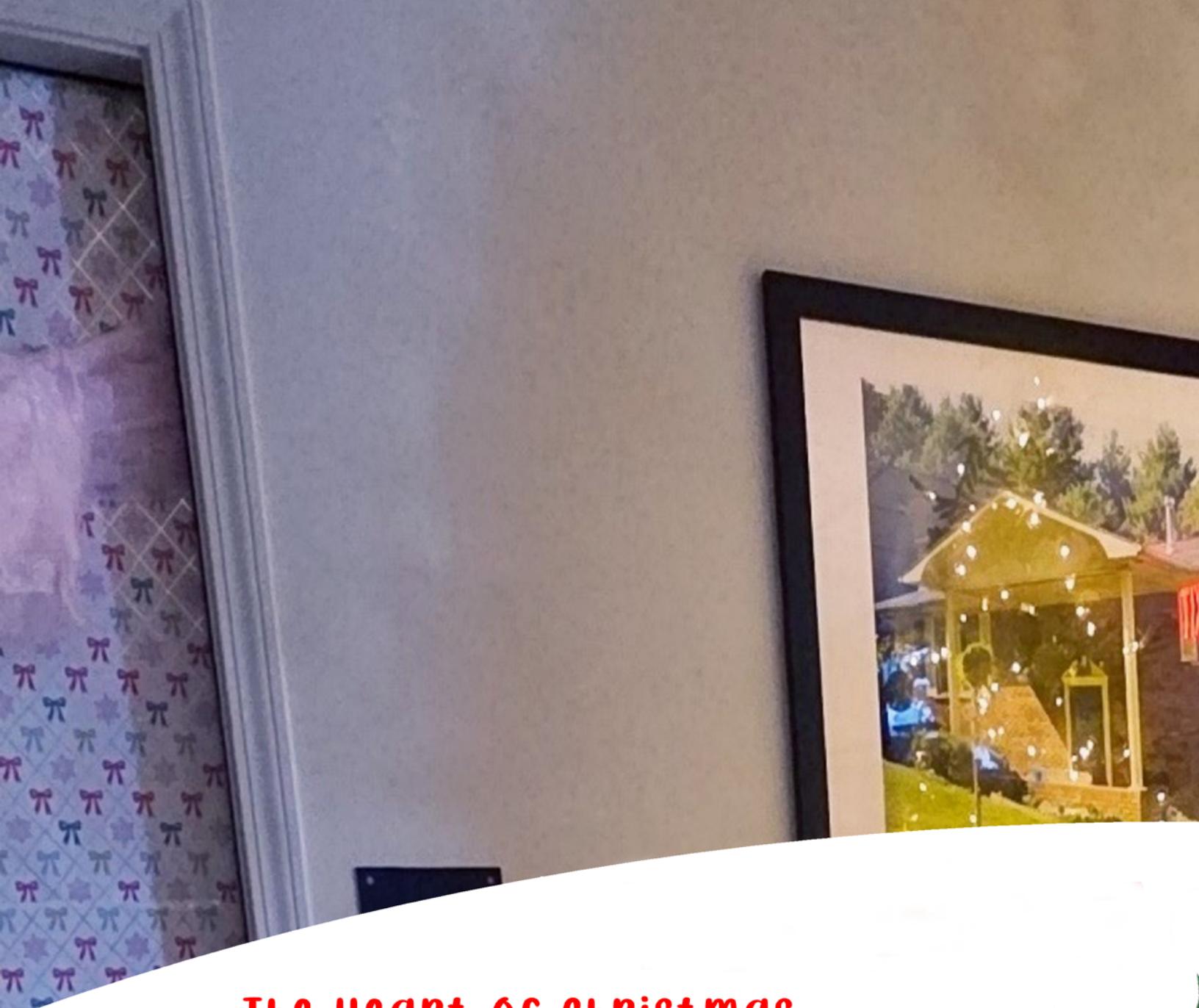


Time TO Get HOLLY & JOLLY

The walls & doors of MPCH were decorated by staff and kids to prepare for Santa's arrival, with some friendly competition of course. Through agency door decorating contests, the children wanted to be a part of the fun and decorated their own doors and Christmas tree.







The Heart of Christmas

Stumbling upon the sweetest kiddos, one resident went all out, crafting handmade gifts for everyone. Residents and staff alike, then wrapped them with glee, counting down to Christmas. When asked about the mystery pile on her dresser, she beamed like a Christmas tree, thrilled to share how she'd whipped up a unique gift for each child at MPCH.



Christmas is Here

Christmas has arrived. The eagerly awaited day is finally here, and Santa is on his way. The children have prepared homemade cookies and carrots for Santa and his reindeer, ensuring they also penned a heartfelt letter before settling into bed. Once Santa completed his rounds, he carefully arranged the presents, positioning the children's favorite characters and stuffed animals to greet them on Christmas morning.







It Takes A village

Whether it's the holiday season or an ordinary Tuesday, we understand that it truly takes a village to nurture a child, especially when there are many to care for. Our daily lives would be impossible without the support of our local community. However, during the holidays, we shine as community rock stars, going the extra mile to create a magical Christmas experience.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to the local businesses that contributed to our Little Red Stocking Campaign:

- Gomart
- Kenzie's Kakes & Coffee
- Two Brothers Collision
- Family Game knight
- Casablanca
- Prompt Care
- Bob's Cafe
- Chick-fil-a



THE GLADE SPRINGS CHRISTMAS DRIVE

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Megin Duff and her family for initiating the 5th Glade Spring Christmas Drive to support our shelter during the holiday season. We truly appreciate the Glade Spring community and their generosity in thinking of our children during this special time. This initiative would not be possible without the selfless efforts of Megin and her family. Words cannot express how thankful we are to have you as part of our Christmas for the Kids Team!



COMMUNITY ROCKSTARS

Another Christmas Superstar: Lesley Workman

Lesley Workman is a true Christmas rockstar, dedicated to creating a magical holiday experience for our children. As a devoted community member and a mom at Daniels Elementary, she consistently steps up to help when we're in need. We are grateful for your unwavering commitment to our mission throughout the year and for your generous contributions during the holiday season.

A Special Thank You to El Mariachi

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jose, the owner of El Mariachi, for always prioritizing our children, not just during the holidays but all year round.

MCNB Banks' Generous Christmas Drive

Additionally, MCNB Banks organized a Christmas Drive to support Matthew Pack Children's Home and the local ILP program by providing cleaning supplies and toys. A big thank you to them for thinking of these two programs during the festive season!





THANK YOU!



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the staff at MPCH
for making our first holiday season truly
unforgettable for the most deserving children. This
year has undoubtedly created a core memory not
only for our kids but for everyone involved.



...In Charleston

By: Amanda Williams

During the 2025 Christmas Season, the Davis Child Shelter and Charleston's Permanency Program were blessed with generous support from members of our community, organizations, and local churches who helped ensure our shelter residents and children in our foster homes experienced a meaningful and joyful Christmas.

Several individuals in our community gave their time and resources to support our programs. Lori Ray, Children's Home Society board member, treated our shelter residents to Goodwill shopping and lunch at China Buffet. Ketta Hanson-Mullins, Linsey Reed, Toni Bee, Chris Ayash, Paula Taylor and Cheryl Lewis all contributed Christmas gifts directly from a child's Christmas list. Suzanna Crandall donated toys and books. Michelle Dodd, through Santa for Fosters, donated toys and stuffed animals. Additionally, Susan Haddad donated Shoe Show gift cards to the shelter. Tonya Erby, Shelter Case Coordinator, hosted a Christmas party at the Davis Child Shelter for residents and staff. Volunteers, Sidney Taylor and Elizabeth Casto, helped wrap Christmas gifts for the shelter residents. Sidney Taylor, Elizabeth Casto, and Judy Smith, Administrative Assistant, are pictured below wrapping gifts.



...In Charleston Continued

Community businesses and organizations played a vital role in meeting both the practical and celebratory needs of the children in our programs. Both of our programs enjoyed a Christmas party at the West Virginia School Service Personnel Association (WVSSPA) conference room. WVSSPA allowed us to use their space for free as well as provided the pizza for the party. During the party, foster families, children, and staff enjoyed a gingerbread house building competition.



...In Charleston Continued

Riverside High School's Mu Alpha Theta honor society donated clothing and Christmas gifts from resident wish lists. Marie Long, Children's Home Society Director Emeritus, and Whitney Merrill, Children's Home Society board member, on behalf of Suttle & Stalnaker, contributed hygiene items, sports equipment, and craft supplies to the Davis Child Shelter.

City National Bank's Hale Street location hosted a toy drive for our site, and People's Bank contributed Christmas gifts and hygiene items. Pictured below is the toy drive at City National Bank.



The Teamsters Local 175 donated gifts for shelter residents from their wish lists. Additionally, Vandalia Wealth generously provided a new PlayStation 5 along with several games for the shelter.

Church partners were especially impactful this season. Second Creek Community Church and Christ Church provided Christmas gifts and donated gifts from a child's Christmas list. Cross Lanes United Methodist Church donated tickets to see the Christmas lights at the Salango Law Dirty Birds Light the Night. Spring Fork Baptist Church supplied socks, house shoes, and clothing to the shelter. Elizabeth Memorial United Methodist Church donated Nike clothing and shoes, and St. Timothy Lutheran Church provided us with hats and gloves.

The generosity and involvement of these individuals, businesses, and organizations made a significant difference in the lives of children in our programs during the 2025 Christmas season. Their continued support reflects a strong commitment to the well-being of the youth we serve, and we are deeply grateful for the compassion and partnership shown to Children's Home Society's Charleston site. Pictured below are Davis Child Shelter residents' gifts around the tree on Christmas morning.



CHS Operations Office



We would like to thank the First Lady, Denise Morrisey, for choosing the Children's Home Society for their toy drive this year. This was announced at the annual tree lighting ceremony at the State Capitol. We are honored to have been chosen and for the attention this will bring to the needs of children around the state.

We would like to thank Fairs and Festival's Queen, Miss Ribfest, Cayden Holcomb, for hosting a book drive for the children in our foster care program and our emergency shelter care program.



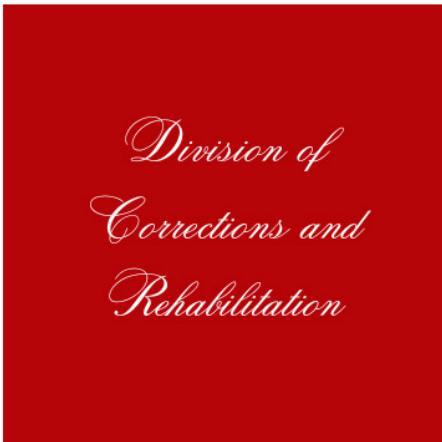
We would like to thank Capitol Ford for having a toy drive that will benefit the children we assist in our many programs. We would also like to thank everyone in the community who donated.

We would like to thank the Bully Trap Barber Shop for their donation of toys. This will make a lot of kids happy on Christmas morning.



CHS Operations Office Continued...

We would like to thank the WV Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation for having another food drive that will help hundreds of families this Holiday Season.



CHS Operations Office Continued...

Teamsters Local 175

Over 25 years, and it continues to get bigger and bigger. Planning begins during a Veteran's Day celebration in November, then breakfast with Santa on December 6th, ending with the Teamsters 175 pulling up with donations of food, clothing, and toys in two semi trucks on December 13th. With this years donations, we were able to help families who reached out to our office, families through different schools and churches, families in recovery programs, grandfamilies in the Charleston area, families in the Huntington area, grandfamilies through churches and schools, and families in public housing in the Charleston area, for a total of 2,696.

With the amount of donations this year, we'll be able to continue to help families and grandfamilies emergency food throughout the year.

We would like to thank the Teamsters Local 175 for the continued support and believing in what we do each and every day. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who came and helped unload the trucks and spent countless hours separating and organizing so our families could come and pick up their items before Christmas.





...In Huntington

By: Diane Lucas

Our Hurricane Safe at Home (SAH) office served 50 children from 30 families from our SAH/CSED programs. Our kids and families were very grateful for the gifts that were provided to them. We also received toothbrush donations earlier in the year from Odell Pediatric Dentistry that we were able to provide to our youth. The Christmas season is a fun time to spend with our families where we can focus on the happy moments while continuing to assist them with any challenges they may encounter. We also had our annual Christmas staff meeting/ party which was a blast. Our SAH team does amazing work with the youth and families that we serve on a daily basis and their hard work does not go unnoticed.



Huntington Permanency team hosted a Christmas party and Cookie Exchange for the foster families. One of Our Foster Dad's surprised the kids with a visit from Saint Nick himself and the kid's reactions were filled with shouts of joy and jubilation. Santa brought a gift for each child attending!



A young family that had been praying and hoping for a baby for quite a long time recently decided to become a CHS foster family, and much to their astonishment, they were given the opportunity to accept a baby girl, just weeks before Christmas. With overwhelming joy, they noted that it was the best Christmas present they ever could have imagined!

...In Huntington Continued

The Cabell County Family Support Center (FSC) and Nancy Tonkin Children's Resource Center served over 200 families during the Christmas season. The conference room and children's visitation room were temporarily transformed in to Santa's workshop, one room with "shopping" available for parents of children birth-11 yrs. old and the other room specifically set up for tweens and teens. This is our fifth year hosting families at Jan's House and It is nothing less than miraculous to see the community support for this event. In addition to toys and gifts, we're also able to provide each family with coats, clothing, books. Every family also leaves with a Holiday food box full of all the necessary items to prepare a Christmas meal. Parents were overwhelmed with gratitude, all of them finding just the right to wrap and place under the tree.

The FSC also partnered with the YMCA, The Health Plan, and the Cabell FRN to host Cookies & Cocoa with Santa. One of our Recovery Point volunteers who completed the program and is now employed by RP, dressed up as Santa and another volunteer dressed as Elf on a Shelf. The children and families each had an opportunity to talk to Santa, eat pizza, enjoy cocoa, take polaroid pictures, and spend time with loved ones creating Christmas crafts. Each caregiver we engaged expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to attend the free event open to all. It provided the chance for us to engage some of our current participants in the FSC and also meet new families whom had never heard of CHS or the work we do in our community.



...In Huntington Continued

Hovah Hall Underwood Children's Home

The Hovah Hall Underwood Children's Home would like to thank the employees at Valley Health, for hosting a Christmas party for the children. The kids and staff had a great time.



We would also like to thank the community members for their gracious donations. Donations ranged from: multiple gift cards, snacks, blankets, art supplies, paint, canvases, crafts, squishmellows, clothing, shoes, party supplies, filling children's wish lists, and hosting a pizza party.

Thank you all for making Christmas special at the Hovah Hall Underwood Children's Home.



...In Lewisburg

By: Mary Carr



At the Lewisburg Community Based office, Christmas did not begin in December. It began in August.

While summer was still in full swing, our team was already preparing—planning, applying, and laying the groundwork for the season ahead. Long before decorations were hung, the work was happening quietly behind the scenes, fueled by the belief that every child deserves to feel seen and celebrated at Christmas.

By Halloween, that work began to take shape. Our staff decorated their trunks for Trunk or Treat, as is customary, with a Christmas theme. Along with candy for the kids, parents were given Christmas wish lists, created directly from the most requested gifts shared by children themselves. These lists allowed community members who were able, to begin shopping early for kids in need, turning simple paper lists into tangible hope.

In November, our Christmas efforts expanded even further. For the second year in a row, the State Fair of West Virginia graciously provided us space to set up our annual workshop. This year, however, Christmas at the Lewisburg Site had grown so much that we needed a larger space. The Blue Ribbon Building became home to our workshop, and we are endlessly grateful to the State Fair for allowing us to grow and continue this work. Their partnership made it possible to meet the increasing needs of our community. It truly takes a village.



What began as an empty building quickly transformed into something extraordinary. The workshop became a hub of generosity, activity, and care. This year, it served 314 children—each one representing a family, a story, and a moment that mattered. The space was filled with excitement and joy, made even more special by a visit from Old Saint Nick himself, creating memories that will last far beyond the holiday season.

...In Lewisburg Continued

Following the setup of our workshop, several toy drives were held throughout the community, each one met with overwhelming generosity. The first large drive was held by the West Virginia Daily News. This is the second year they have done a large toy drive for our location, collecting over 100 toys each year. Additional donation locations included Flanagan's Barbershop, Dollar General North, Warner Music School, Greenbrier County Public Library, Lewisburg Tan, Beards & Bangs, Dollar General Frankford, Tri-County Produce, Alderson Big Wheel, GVCH, and Western Auto. We also received a large donation from Toys for Tots. Because of this collective effort, we were able to create a "shop" inside our workshop stocked with donated toys.



...In Lewisburg Continued

Through partnerships with Day Report, Family Treatment Court, DoHS, and other agencies, parents and caregivers were invited to come in and shop for their own children. This approach focused on empowerment—allowing parents to experience the pride and dignity of giving to their children themselves. Watching families carefully choose gifts and imagine Christmas morning for their kids was truly magical and deeply moving.

As special as the workshop was, the real Christmas magic lived in the community. Year after year, community members step forward to make Christmas possible for children, and this year was no exception. Individuals, civic groups, businesses, and organizations came together with generosity that was both humbling and inspiring. Their support was steady, intentional, and deeply heartfelt. Watching our community rally around its children reminded us that this work is never done alone.

One shining example of this was the continued support we received from Greenbrier East High School. The Student Government Association once again coordinated a Christmas operation at their school, rallying students, clubs, and organizations around the shared goal of helping others. This year, they sponsored 68 children. Seeing young people come together to help other kids is especially meaningful to us, and their efforts serve as a powerful reminder of the impact of kids helping kids.



We had the joy of celebrating with our foster families again this year through our annual Foster Care Christmas Party. The theme was “Taco About Christmas”. The event was filled with laughter, cookie decorating, crafts, music and fellowship, but it also held moments that could not be planned. This year, siblings met for the first time, while others reconnected after time apart. Santa and the Grinch made appearances, making the children smile and laugh, and bringing gifts for all of them, but it was the connections formed across the room that made the night unforgettable. It was, quite simply, pure magic.

...In Lewisburg Continued

One of the most meaningful parts of this season focused on our Independent Living Program young adults—often the most overlooked during the holidays because they are considered “adults” by all accounts.

This year, the Greenbrier Sporting Club went above and beyond to ensure these young people were not forgotten. Their generosity was thoughtful and intentional, providing essential and empowering items such as individual safes for important documents, tool sets, and much more. Nearly every day, their contact reached out asking what else could be done and how they could continue supporting these young adults. The impact of this support has already been felt, as youth confidently use their tools and take pride in their growing independence.



We were also deeply touched by the compassion shown by Aubrina Mumford, a local United Way board member. Just before Christmas, Aubrina spent time at our office listening intently as we shared about our IL youth and how proud we are of them. She left that meeting with a mission on her heart. Soon after, she returned with individually wrapped gifts for each of our IL young adults. Her thoughtfulness is a powerful example of how this program reaches beyond our office and into the heart of the community.

In that same spirit, Reverend Sara Heino Bissell made it her mission to sponsor our young adults as well. Along with an incredible group of community members, she ensured that each young person was shopped for individually and received everything on their respective wish lists. The care, intention, and love behind this effort were unmistakable.



Our agency-wide Little Red Stocking Campaign once again received incredible community support. With several local stores participating, and a multitude of donors, the campaign raised close to \$67,000. That number speaks volumes. It reflects a community that deeply loves its children and young adults and is willing to show up for them in meaningful ways.

We were out again in Hinton again this year at the Hometown Christmas Festival, selling delicious soup and collecting love in the form of Little Red Stocking donations. Our Advisory Council members, Miss Betty Hendrick and Christine Capparotta, spent the day with us talking to the community about our campaign. Raising over \$1,000 in one day, these two women, along with our dedicated staff, kindly and compassionately spread our mission of love and hope through downtown Hinton, warmed people up with cups of soup and helped us gain a multitude of supporters and friends.

...In Lewisburg Continued



All of our sponsors—those named and those who chose to remain anonymous—reminded us of something important this season: Christmas is more than a date on the calendar. It is an opportunity to remind someone that they are loved and cared for.

The Christmas season was long, busy, and often exhausting—but it was also filled with moments that reminded us why we do this work. Connection. Generosity. Empowerment. Community.

When the decorations came down and the workshop doors closed, what remained was something lasting: a village united by compassion and a shared commitment to caring for its kids. That spirit will continue to carry us forward, long after the season has passed.

...In Lewisburg Continued

A special “Thank You” to the following businesses who sold Little Red Stockings:

ACE Hardware – Rainelle
ACE Hardware – White Sulphur Springs
Adam's Gotta Stop
Alderson Exxon
Alderson Thrift Store
Alta Station
Amy's Market
April's Pizzeria
Beards and Bangs
Brad's Hair Salon
Burke and Herbert Bank – Rupert and Rainelle
Carlito's
China Palace
City National Bank

Cornerstone IGA
Country Roads Thrift Store
Dairy Queen – Rainelle, Lewisburg, Hinton, Marlinton
Dari Land
Edith's Store
Fisher Auto
Flanagan's Barber Shop
Greenbrier Better Living Thrift Store
Greenbrier Bowling
Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy
Greenbrier Valley Outdoors
JD Tire
Kalico Kitchen
Linden Deli

Love Child
Manic Espresso
Mi Rancho
Mitchell's Chevrolet
MOCO Shirts
Park Center Sporting Goods
Rainelle Appliance
S.J. Neathawks
Sunocco
The Asylum
The Greenbrier Grille
The Loft Liquor
Union Pharmacy
Vandall's



A special “Thank You” to our Little Red Stocking Sponsors:

Alcova
Benjamin and Anne Sutton
Betty Hendrick
Blue Collar Rats & Rods
Bruce and Barb Bowling
Cynthia Hall
Dogwood Realty
Drew Kagen
Gabrielle Leach
Gena Russo
Grand Home Furnishings
Jenna Hinkle
Jim Gray

John Bryan, Attorney at Law
Joseph Boone
Judith Walz-Harris and Robert Harris
Michelle Curry
OES Lewisburg Chapter 108
Old Spruce Realty
Old Stone Presbyterian Women
Peggy Brown
Pocahontas Chapter of Pro Life
Rhema Christian Center
Richlands Ruritan Club
Robert Foster and Mary Leb
Ronceverte Woman's Club

S. J. Neathawk
Susan Sharp-Campbell
The A.S. Thomas Memorial Fund
The Bisciotti Foundation
The Church of the Incarnation
The Greenbrier Sporting Club
The Maxwelton Ruritan Club
Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapels
West Point Baptist Church
William and Patricia McClung
William Turner and Susan Rosshirt



The Greenbrier Valley Children's Home

By: Jennifer Sams

The holiday season is a particularly meaningful time for the children in our care, and this year was no exception. Our favorite tradition at GVCH is kicking off the Holiday season with the 12 days of Christmas. Holiday activities included baking cookies, making ornaments, writing Christmas cards, watching Christmas movies, and driving through the community to look at lights. Thanks to our midnight staff, the shelter halls, the Rec Room, and the TV Room were transformed into a traditional theme of Snowmen, Reindeers, and Elves, with most of the decorations being handmade by all staff. A homemade fireplace was crafted in the middle of the TV area, adding a cozy and imaginative touch that became a favorite gathering place for residents.



Giving back is the forefront of what we do. During the Holiday season, our residents participated in an outreach project that focused on giving back to those who needed a little extra cheer. This started with making Christmas boxes for some neighbors at the shelter who were shut-ins. With the help of the staff, these were delivered on Christmas Eve. Our residents also partnered with a local nursing home, adopting 13 residents who did not have family. Our residents put together gift bags filled with new socks, a book, a puzzle book, hygiene items, and snacks that could be handed out on Christmas morning. GVCH staff, and help from the community, sponsored 2 young boys for Christmas. The family lost their home and everything inside a couple of weeks before Christmas. GVCH was able to open up our community closet and allow the family to get clothing and shoes for everyone.

...Greenbrier Valley Children's Home Continued

The level of support we received from the community near and far truly exceeded our expectations, and made a tremendous impact on our residents and shelter. We had gifts mailed from Georgia, South Carolina, and Connecticut. We had multiple individuals who took on the role of shopping for each one of our residents. Arby's in Sam Black played a tremendous role in ensuring every child was shopped for. We had 17 residents who were sponsored, with most getting to take their gifts on to the next placement. We had gift cards donated, allowing the residents to draw names and play Secret Santa. Velma Viars, Becky, and Lowell Bennett donated gift cards for each of our residents to be able to shop after Christmas. If there was a need, it was donated. From Christmas stockings filled with goodies to Christmas Eve PJs, someone in the community donated them.



What would Christmas be without a visit from Santa? Thanks to Santa Steve, who is also employed with GVCH, our residents received a visit from Santa. Santa Steve was able to donate to GVCH using the money earned as Santa Steve in the community. Other volunteers included several churches bringing Christmas parties to the shelter. This always consisted of a meal, a snack, and a gift.

Christmas Day is always magical at GVCH. Thanks to shift supervisor, Jason Phipps, each resident's gifts were wrapped to resemble a Christmas character. Thanks to Sherida Feazell and the Mount Vernon Ladies' group out of Fincastle, Virginia, our residents enjoyed a Christmas brunch with all the fixings. This has become a wonderful tradition that these ladies provide to our home. Thanks to an anonymous donation, our residents were able to go to the movies and end the evening with dinner at Chinese.



...Greenbrier Valley Children's Home Continued

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all staff members, volunteers, donors, and community partners who dedicated their time, resources, and energy. Your support made it possible to create a joyful Christmas for the youth who needed it the most. Christmas would not be possible without the following supporters:

Sherida Feazell and the Mount Vernon Ladies Group
Arby's in Sam Black
Cindy Vance
Smoot Methodist Church
Lewisburg Methodist Church
Chestnut Knob Methodist Church
Bascom United Methodist Church
Donald David Toy Drive
Jessica Neff
Smoot Investments
Catherine Brown
Velma Viars
Meadow River Garden Club
Melodie Richmond
Erica Dowdy
Donna Osborne
Donna Osborne and friends
Kathy Cooper
Tiffany Wilburn and Robert Cooksday
Teresa and Charlie Nester

Candace and Adam Whanger
Sheldon and April Bowyer
Becky and Lowell Bennett
Janet Beck
Bailey Honaker
Julie Brown and 1st Baptist Church of Rainelle
Kim and David Withrow
Monica and Riley Bowyer
Sonya Shaffer
Peoples Bank
Bree and Niko Burgess
Tammy O'Brien
Misty Lilly
Carly McClung and Justin Harless
Jenny Baker
Nicole Burs
Julianna Simmons
Pam VanReenen
Nancy Midkiff





...In Logan

By: Amanda Runyon

Christmas in shelters can look a lot different from what some kids are used to. For some, it's their first time away from their family during the holidays, but for others it's the first time they have had a family during the holidays. We at June Montgomery Harless Shelter (JMHS), find joy in providing a safe and loving family atmosphere every day, but especially during Christmas. Some youth experienced Christmas for the first time with laughter, gifts, and even a Christmas tree and we are thankful to play a small part in giving them these magic moments of Christmas!

It was a very, Merry Christmas at JMHS! But before Dec. 25th ever came, our residents enjoyed many holiday activities. We started the holiday season off with decorating the shelter with Christmas decorations and a Christmas tree, decorated by our kids. We even had a Shelter Elf (at the request of our 12 year old resident) that moved around the shelter every day and made the whole month of December even more magical! The kids enjoyed making gingerbread houses (and eating them), watching Christmas movies, and getting hot cocoa while riding the covered wagon at Christmas in the Park to see the Christmas lights.



Pam Surber, along with some community members and churches from the Gilbert area, hosted their annual Christmas Party just for our kids! The party was held at the Larry Joe Harless Community Center. They had pizza and lots of sweet treats. Each youth received a very nice luggage set, gifts cards and more! They had a blast and enjoyed their time there.

West Logan Christian Academy blessed each of our residents with tons of goodies! They each received a basket with a blanket, gift cards, makeup/supplies, crafting supplies, and so much more! The church members from West Logan Church also blessed our teens with Christmas gifts!



...In Logan Continued

On Christmas Eve, the youth enjoyed Giovanni's Pizza donated by Bridgette Dotson. They played games, watched movies, and anticipated opening Christmas gifts. BSS Staff Thomas Henry and Admin. Assistant Erica Henry cooked a big Christmas feast of ham, turkey and all the fixings for the kids. The youth were overwhelmed with joy while opening all of their gifts and stockings and some even cried with thankfulness of all they were given. Shelter Supervisor Amanda Runyon and Shift Supervisor Sarah Bojaski (Santa's helpers) worked many long hours shopping for the perfect gifts for each child, based on their lists, and the look on each child's face while opening their gifts made every hour worth it! Thankfully we also had a couple of amazing staff who helped wrap everything.

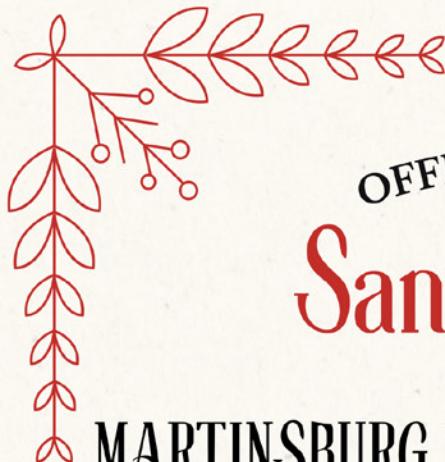
JMHS youth were gifted an assortment of gifts such as blankets, art supplies, goody bags, shoes, clothes, stuffed animals, jewelry, etc. from various churches, businesses, and individuals. We are thankful for the consistent outpouring of love from Logan Regional Medical Center, Manila Church of Christ, The Odd Fellows, Little Dove Church, Upper Room Ministries, West Logan Church, West Logan Christian Academy, many individuals in our community, and a new donor..Christian Faith Academy High School.



...In Logan Continued

The WECAN Chirstmas party was held on Monday December 15, 2025 at the Word of Life Church. I was able to help 90 families with a total of 165 children have a wonderful Christmas. The evening was full of joy as the DJ played holiday music for the children to enjoy. The families were served pizza, chips, cookies and soft drinks during the evening. A hot chocolate station was set up and was a huge success again this year. Santa and the Grinch made their annual visit to the delight of the children. Missy Birchfield, Agent, State Farm of Logan donated food bags to every family. I had 50 volunteers to attend and help with setting the party up, serving the food, dancing with children and helping the families take their gifts and food bags to their vehicles. It was a wonderful evening and everyone left with big smiles on their faces.





OFFICIAL LETTER

Santa Claus



MARTINSBURG 2025 CHRISTMAS REPORT

By: Megan Livingston

Merry Christmas from the Eastern Panhandle!

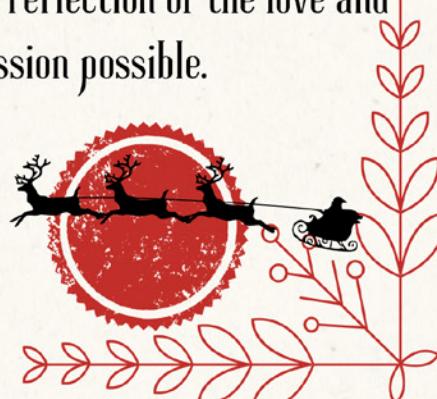
We are deeply grateful for the incredible generosity and unwavering support of our community this holiday season! Because of you, countless families experienced joy, hope, and the true spirit of Christmas. Your kindness has made a lasting difference. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff, whose compassion and hard work, especially during this busy time, ensured that every client felt cared for and celebrated.

Our Martinsburg site was able to assist 164 families in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties. Among those families, 406 children received gifts for the holiday season. A total of 5,972 items were donated!

Please enjoy our 2025 Christmas Report, a reflection of the love and commitment that make our mission possible.

yours truly,

Martinsburg CHS





Dec 5, 2025

COCOA AND COOKIES WITH SANTA



We started our holiday season with our Cocoa and Cookies with Santa event! Held at our office, families enjoyed craft stations where children could make their own ornaments, grab a book, create Christmas bracelets, write letters to Santa, and decorate stockings. We were thrilled to welcome 118 clients to this joyful celebration! Guests also had the chance to take holiday photos with Santa, generously sponsored by SC Studios. Thank you for your talent and donated time! Children shared their wishes with Santa and received a special gift to make the day even brighter.



Dec 12. 2025

ANNUAL GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER

OUR ANNUAL GIFT WRAP FOR 2025 RAISED \$1,600,
THANKS TO THE INCREDIBLE SUPPORT FROM
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND THE DEDICATION OF
OUR STAFF!



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

STUDENTS FROM THE MUSSELMAN HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL
ART HONOR SOCIETY DEDICATED THEIR DAY OFF TO HELP
CREATE AMAZING ARTWORK FOR THE OFFICE!

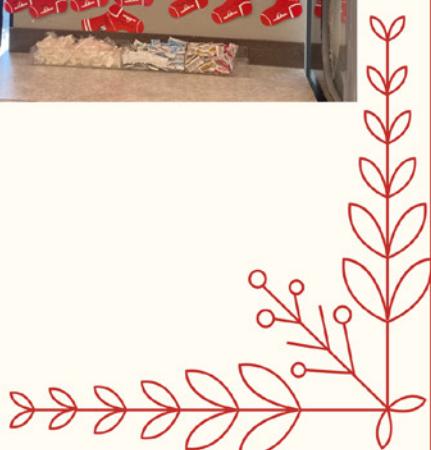
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LITTLE RED STOCKINGS

The 2025 Little Red Stockings Campaign raised approximately \$12,400 with the participation of 42 small businesses. We value the continued support from our established partners and the opportunity to network with new small businesses!





DAIRY QUEEN SPIRIT NIGHT

Our local Dairy Queen in Martinsburg held a Spirit Night, raising \$775 to support the programs of Martinsburg CHS. We are grateful for their continued collaboration with our agency.

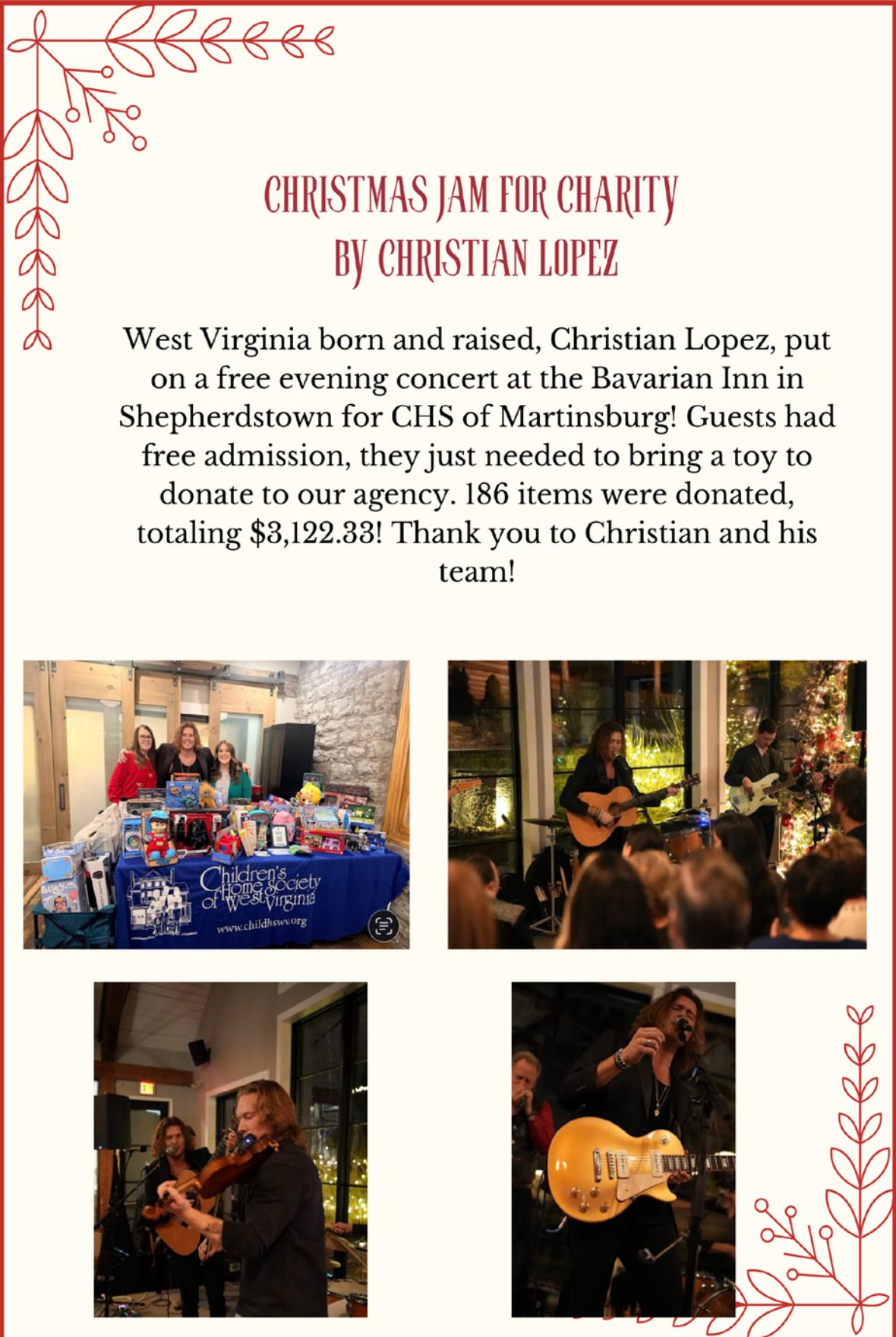
AMAZON WISHLIST

Our community came together and purchased over 130 items from our 2025 Amazon Wishlist, totaling \$1,690.34. The donated items, including toys, makeup, gift cards, and more were given to children and families that are a part of our site's programs!

BOOKS A MILLION

Books A Million has chosen CHS to be the recipient of their annual donation drive for more than 4 years now! 512 items were donated totaling \$12,087.62. These items were used at our Cocoa and Cookies event as well as gifted to the children and families that we serve.





CHRISTMAS JAM FOR CHARITY BY CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

West Virginia born and raised, Christian Lopez, put on a free evening concert at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown for CHS of Martinsburg! Guests had free admission, they just needed to bring a toy to donate to our agency. 186 items were donated, totaling \$3,122.33! Thank you to Christian and his team!





COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE DONORS

From our community and private donors, we gathered approximately \$33,340 of toys, clothing, shoes, and gifts for the children in our programs and community. We could not have done all of this work without our amazing community partners and members! Those partners are FedEx, Ave's Lock and Key, and Serenity Seventh Day Adventist and more!



Brentwood Industries sponsored 10 children from our programs!



Heidi Crawford sponsored a tree for CHS at the annual Lights on the Lake event! We received \$200 from this fundraiser.



COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE DONORS

Advocate Insurance supported us through selling Little Red Stockings and donating \$1,114 to LRS. They also donated over 100 toys for our programs!



Service Unit 15-10 of the Girl Scouts of the Nations Capitol donated 200 toys to us!





COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE DONORS



Logoplaste donated approximately \$8,000 worth of gifts to 54 children in our programs.



SC Studios sponsored 5 children!



The Pub sponsored 25 children!



Hollywood Casino and Track sponsored 30 children for Christmas!





COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE DONORS

Our friends at Airborne Church donated 418 items totaling \$5,375.85!



CMA Toyota sponsored 10 children for Christmas!



Rotary Club of Martinsburg and Spring Mills donated gift cards for Christmas!





Anthology Church sponsored 71 children and provided 30 gift bags for caregivers that included a \$20 Walmart Gift card, warm socks, popcorn, and hot chocolate!





Thank you to our dedicated staff! Here's to another year of making a difference in the lives of children and families in West Virginia!





...In Morgantown

By: Abby Miller

The Morgantown location would like to thank community members for participating and donating to our Angel Tree for the foster kids. All 48 children were chosen and each child received between 2-4 gifts each depending on the size of the gifts. We also had 33 biological kids that we were able to provide Christmas presents too, through donations from the community and from a large toy donation by Mon General Hospital.

We would like to thank the volunteers from Wellpoint, who came to our office and wrapped all the gifts for the children.



We would like to thank everyone who supported our young adults in our Independent Living Program, through our "Hope in a Hamper" campaign, by purchasing much needed items from our Amazon and Walmart wish lists. It made for a wonderful Christmas. They were extremely grateful.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual Christmas Party for our foster children and families due to a winterstorm. We promised to make it up to them with a bigger better event in the near future.



Northfork

By: Becky Brown

In McDowell County, the Al Wade Forever Families Community Center started in October, preparing to assist families in our WECAN and Healthy Grandfamilies Programs with needs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. McDowell had experienced catastrophic flooding just months prior, which our resource center was instrumental in helping with all across the county, but the needs were great this year.

We are so appreciative to Deliverance Temple Church

for providing
40 full meals
ready to prepare
for families for
Thanksgiving
which were
greatly needed.



In November, while we were doing a lot of Christmas Planning at the Northfork site, so many other needs were needing to be met. Our dear friend, Robin Lock helped us restock pantry supplies. She is such a constant supporter that we renamed our little pantry after her.



We are so thankful
for Robin's heart
of giving
for the
grandfamilies
and children of
McDowell County.

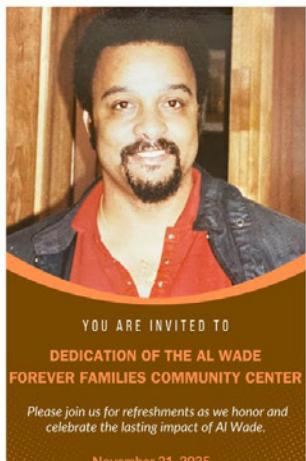


Northfork

Al Wade was shelter director at the Paul Miller Home in Northfork and worked for Children's Home Society of WV for over 30 years. On November 21, his family, our staff, previous shelter staff, board members and friends gathered to dedicate our Northfork Forever Families Community Center to Alphonzo Wade.

We discussed how Al impacted our lives as well as the lives of children in our community and his family unveiled our new sign.

Our Northfork location is now called the
AL WADE FOREVER FAMILIES COMMUNITY CENTER



Northfork



Each year, the Herndon Family from Hickory NC so graciously blesses our community with a load of hygiene supplies. Thank you Seth and Micah for helping our McDowell WECAN Families and community!



Thanks to Immanuel Baptist Church Womens' Ministry for gifts for our children in need!



Our little Red Stocking Campaign was a success this year and we thank our donors for supporting our agency and the McDowell Community

Lifeline Church in Princeton came together and purchased gifts for 90 families and over 200 children in McDowell County this year!

Each child received clothing, shoes, coats, and toys per their wish lists.



We thank Aaron Stepp and all of Lifeline Church for coming together and making life better for our children this year!

Northfork

Coal Country Christmas in McDowell County

With all our donations received and packages purchased, participating families are sent a letter to attend Coal Country Christmas. The parents pick up the children's bag full of toys while the children enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, crafts and the favorite - meeting Santa and his elves!

The event is held at the Al Wade Forever Families Community Center in Northfork. Thanks to Deliverance Temple Church Youth in Brushfork, Mountaineer Investigation and Security, Justin Johnson and other friends for volunteering !





...In Parkersburg

By: Jodi Null

During the holiday season, the **Parents as Teachers** (PAT) Program supported 20 families through the distribution of Christmas gift bags. A total of 36 children received brand-new pajamas, including 29 children enrolled in the PAT program and 7 siblings. Each family also received three new books to encourage reading at home, as well as a gas-only gift card to help offset holiday travel and related expenses. In addition, the program hosted a Christmas Group Connection event that brought families together to celebrate and build connections. Nine families attended the event, representing 17 children and 12 adults.



Right from the Start provided support to 65 families. The DCCs and dropped off gift bags that were put together for each family that contained maternal socks, chap stick, infant baby wash, baby shampoo and baby lotion.



...In Parkersburg Continued

The Permanency Program hosted its annual Foster and Adoptive Christmas Party, made possible through the generosity of New Hope Baptist Church, Scotts Landscaping, the Maclver Family, Books-A-Million, and the PMC Spirit of Giving Grant. With their support, staff were able to shop for 44 children and host the party at New Hope Baptist Church.

Every child in attendance received a book, a new set of pajamas, a gift, and a \$30 movie gift card. In addition, all 18 attending families received a poinsettia and a gingerbread house kit to enjoy together at home. Families expressed deep gratitude for the gifts, and children were thrilled to meet Mr. Claus, have their pictures taken, and celebrate the holiday season with the program community.



Cardinal Family Support Center

The Cardinal Family Support Center helped 468 children across 147 households during the holiday season. Christmas food boxes were distributed to 20 families, ensuring they had a festive meal. Additionally, staff were able to shop for 4 families, including 6 teenagers, helping to make their holidays brighter and more joyful. Many donations were received from the community, including the Painters Union, Marshall Alumni, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Books-A-Million, the Secret Santa's, and TLC.

In the aftermath of a recent traumatic event in our community, our organization was able to support a family facing an unexpected and deeply difficult time. During the holiday season, we provided Christmas gifts and gift cards to the siblings of a young man who passed away unexpectedly. This assistance helped ease immediate stress on the family and allowed the children to experience moments of joy and normalcy during the holidays.



...In Parkersburg Continued

The agency supported a family led by a mother of two who has been actively working toward long-term addiction recovery while prioritizing the care of her children. Following a recent move, the family experienced financial hardship as they worked to establish housing, routines, and basic needs. Our organization provided holiday assistance that helped relieve financial strain and ensured the children were able to enjoy a meaningful Christmas. Both parents expressed deep gratitude, sharing that the support allowed them to focus on maintaining a safe, stable, and nurturing home environment. The parents expressed their worries about being able to provide for their children's Christmas and how deeply grateful they were to have an agency in their community that went above and beyond to help families in need.

During the holiday season, we assisted a woman who stepped in to provide immediate care for two children who had been living in unsafe conditions without reliable heat. With the consent of their grandmother, the woman welcomed the children into her home to ensure their safety and well-being. Wanting to provide stability and a sense of normalcy, she sought support to make the holidays special for the children. Our organization was able to assist with meeting the children's needs and ensuring they experienced a positive Christmas. Shortly after this, the woman was granted custody of the children, solidifying a safe and supportive home environment. The family has sought out more information on programming through the agency and is excited about upcoming events held by the Family Support Center.



The agency supported a family after the father experienced a serious car accident shortly before Christmas, resulting in back surgery and a period of recovery. Due to medical and household expenses, the family used funds originally set aside for the holidays to cover essential bills. Believing they would be unable to provide Christmas for their children until later in the year, the family contacted CHS for assistance after seeing our Facebook post about Christmas assistance. Our organization was able to provide holiday support, ensuring the children still experienced the joy and normalcy of Christmas while their families focused on healing and recovery. The parents were very grateful for the help received.

...In Parkersburg Continued

The Independent Living Program was supported by an individual donor who provided gift baskets for each young adult in the program. In addition, staff presented each client with a \$100 Walmart gift card and a Christmas card. Many of the clients did not expect these gifts and were very appreciative.

The Transitional Living Program partnered with the Westminster Church Women's Auxiliary to provide stockings and gifts for 24 households, serving a total of 33 individuals, including nine children. Staff were also able to provide Christmas trees and decorations for three youth. The youth expressed deep gratitude for the gifts they received. One of them sent the following message to a staff member:

"I did not open M's blanket that is going under our tree, but I opened everything else, and needless to say, I started tearing up a bit. Thank you guys so much for everything you've done for us. You've changed our lives more than any of you could realize. We would not be where we are without any of you. Have a wonderful Christmas."

This message is a touching reminder of the positive impact these efforts have on the youth and families in our program.



Safe at Home and CSED provided gift cards to support clients with clothing purchases. At the time, eight families were actively enrolled in services.

...In Parkersburg Continued

Arthur N. Gustke Child Shelter

By: Kelsey Cline



Community Support is how the holidays are successful, it helps provide positivity, at a time that can be hard on the kids at the Arthur N. Gustke Child Shelter. Lisa Wynn, our Artbridge leader, who has volunteered throughout the year, started the celebrations for our youth by providing an afterschool Christmas gathering, providing dinner, gift cards and an art activity with her family. This started December off right for our youth and getting us in the Christmas spirit. Rock Church volunteer group that has been coming monthly, put together a Christmas gathering for the kids, decorating the dining room, providing lunch and bringing each resident a gift and great conversations. The children have enjoyed each visit by this group of volunteers.

Our annual Christmas party was a success and hosted at Emmanuel Baptist Church for the 9th year. Emmanuel Baptist provided duffle bags for each youth that were filled with gift items from the community. This year we had help with our Amazon Wish list from the following members of the community: Amy Nahley, Regina Amos, Garrett Humphrey, Michelle Nesbitt, Janice Ashwell, Krista Clegg, Hannah Easton, Tammy Grant and Stacy Fordyce. We also had a 3,000 donation of gifts ordered from an anonymous source who loves to show up for the shelter and ensure we are taken care of for the holiday. These bags are a highlight of the party and the holiday season as the kids get to see how many people care about them and want them to feel special even before Christmas Day. Our party was fun. The kids had a blast playing the games we had prepared for them. We were blessed with a meal from 5 different restaurants, provided by Tracy Patterson, and the Archers Chapel UMC in Sistersville, West Virginia.



...In Parkersburg Continued

Christmas Eve lunch out to Texas Roadhouse was made possible by Terri Rollins. We have been making matching PJ shirts the last 4 years and continued this tradition with PJ pants and the shirts provided by New Hope Baptist Church. Their favorite snacks and tumblers were added to this gift by Jaclyn Varner. Lois Meadows continued her support, by providing each child a T-shirt of the school they attend. This has been included in their Christmas Eve gift for the last 3 or 4 years and we continued that tradition. The shirts are printed by Dean's Screens.

Our stockings for Christmas Morning were provided by Alpha Delta Kappa Pi-Teachers Association. They invited Gustke supervisor, Kelsey Cline, to speak to the group about the shelter. They have been annual supporters, and it was nice to speak to them about Children Home Society and the shelter needs and goals.



Christmas morning gifts were provided by three amazing supporters. One anonymous individual provided \$300 per child to purchase gifts from their individualized wish lists. Delrin USA, had 4 individuals that sponsored our youth's list and purchased roughly \$150 worth of gifts per child. This group really put time and effort into their choices and it was well done and appreciated. Dave Skinner and Pam Reamer went on a shopping spree for the kids and purchased a \$100 worth of items on each child's wish list. These acts of kindness really allowed us to provide individualized thoughtful gifts to open Christmas morning. Heather and Chad Showen and William and Candace Reinike helped us out on Christmas Eve with shopping for last minute needs for a new resident. New Hope Baptist provided funds so we could have Chinese for Christmas lunch and then worked with Go Mart to provide us tickets to attend Charleston's Dirty Birds stadium, Light the Night event the day after Christmas.

Gustke is thankful for the community that shows up for our youth and staff. This was a harder year and we still were able to pull the holiday off with some fun and positivity.



...In Princeton

By: Kristin Nelson

The Princeton Site sends our deep appreciation to all of our community partners and donors for the 2025 holiday season! Our local Books-A-Million donated over \$6,000 in books and toys, as part of their annual foundation drive benefiting our clients across programs! Kee Street Methodist Church donated a holiday dinner and groceries to two families in need. This holiday season welcomed a new partner and initiative for the Princeton Site: Princeton Health and Fitness Center, and their Duffles for Dignity Campaign in partnership with Aetna Better Health of West Virginia. Throughout the holiday season, the Princeton Health and Fitness Center collected luggage and hygiene items, with the goal of restoring dignity and bringing comfort to children entering foster care. The inaugural campaign was a major success, filling an entire bus with donations.



...In Princeton Continued

Our gratitude also extends to Lifeline Church, who graciously sponsored over 100 children for Christmas across our foster care, therapy, and WECAN programs. The congregation donated approximately \$15,000 in clothing, toys, and other necessities, including bedding and furniture, to our children in need. Lifeline Church allowed CHS to use their facility and volunteers from their congregation to host our annual Holiday Celebration, during which our children and families enjoyed a catered holiday meal sponsored by Lifeline Church, crafts, gifts from CHS staff, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Our very own Becky Brown joined in the holiday fun, acting as our Mrs. Claus! Our party was a magical celebration of the holidays, and our local site as a whole, with 145 people in attendance.



The staff at the Princeton Site thanks everyone who donated monetarily, as well as gave their time and effort, to make this holiday season magical for the families we serve! We could not do this work without the generosity and love of our community. We thank you!



...In Romney

By: Sally Johnson

*Foster Care office is located in the
School for the Deaf & Blind*

The Romney Permanency Program continues to be blessed during this 2025 Christmas season. We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of our community partners. First of all, we were able to provide Christmas for a total of 124 children in the Mineral and Hampshire County area. Because of wonderful volunteers in our community, our very active advisory council and staff, 61 children ages new born to teenagers were able to feel loved and cared about during the Christmas season in Mineral County and we were able to provide Christmas for 50 children in Hampshire County. We were able to provide Christmas dinners to three grand families in Mineral County, along with Christmas gifts to 13 grandchildren in Mineral and Hardy Counties. CHS also wishes to thank the following individuals and groups for their participation in the 2025 Angel Tree Project in both Hampshire and Mineral Counties:

Arthur Mart, Craig and Crystal Armentrout, Brandon and Sarah Baker, Jessie Biser, Mike and Peggy Biser, The Braleys, Burlington Café, Judy Butts, Sheri Coleman, Dinah Courrier, Jay and Laura Courrier, Mark and Vicky Delsignore, Tony and Marie Delsignore, Aaron and Leah Gregg, EA Hawse, Father Giles, First Rate Plumbing, Christian and Kelsey Ernst, Pam Francis, Skip and Shirley Hackworth, Hampshire County Development Authority, Hampshire Wellness Center, Rick and Wendy High and family, John Todd Hott, Gini and Sally Johnson, Gary and Libby Kalbaugh, Knippenberg Insurance, Joyce Lamphier, Life Science Club, Living Word Fellowship, Linda Marsh, The Mayfields, Terri Morris, Amy Pancake, Jane Placka, Romney Brew Station, Romney Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Tom and Ruth Rowan, Romney Rotary Club, Romney Ruritan Club, The Shores family, Jason and Danielle Shrader, Cathy Simon, Veronica Spurling, Randy Dolly Swick, Walmart employees and Lee Ann Wiki

Thank you each so much for your kindness and generosity during the 2025 Christmas season. We look forward to working with each of you again in 2026.



...In Romney Continued

Our foster children and those biological children of our foster families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party again this year on December 5, 2025. The party was again held at the WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind auditorium. We want to thank Pastor Chris Talton and his wife Tammi for ensuring that Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance and thanks to the WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind for donating the auditorium. A great time was had by all. We would like to thank the following for purchasing Christmas gifts for our foster children and foster siblings:



Just Pawn It in Capon Bridge, Lori Dawson, Peggy Biser, The Working Man's Store in Winchester, Jennifer Keyser and her family, Vickie Miller and Scott Lowery, Richard and Monica Scott, Susan Rich Walker, CD's Coffee and Cream, CD's Barber Shop in Winchester, and Capon Bridge Glass out of Capon Bridge, WV!

This really made Christmas bright for these children and we thank each of you very much.

Our 2025 Little Red Stocking campaign was wonderful again this year. Arthur Mart who raised, 10,065.00, followed by Rio General Store that raised, 4,100.00 and in third place was Burlington Café in Burlington, WV, raised \$4,035.00. In addition to these businesses, please see the list of all partners in this campaign.



...In Romney Continued

We really appreciate everyone's efforts to help us raise money and awareness of the services we provide to our local children. Many thanks to the following businesses, organizations and individuals who helped to make this campaign so successful:

In Augusta, WV:

Bank of Romney, El Centro, Express One Stop, L&M Market, Marloy Trucking, McKee Funeral Home, North River Ruritan Club and Sheri's Place

In Baker, WV:

A Corner Mart and Persings Custom Builders

In Berkeley Springs:

J&S Pawn Shop

In Bloomery, WV:

Omps Grocery

In Burlington, WV:

Burlington Café, Burlington General Store, New Leaf Greenhouse, , Shoey's Trucking

In Canaan Valley:

Grant County Bank

In Capon Bridge, WV:

Bank of Romney, Culver Design Builders, FNB Bank, Jill's Barber Shop and Just Pawn It

In Clarksburg, WV:

J&S Pawn

In Cresaptown, MD:

Pit N Go and Fairgo's Restaurant

In Culpeper, VA:

Merchants Grocery

In Cumberland, MD:

American Woodmark Foundation, Charis Winery, Chessie Federal Credit Union, G&G Tires, Kline's Restaurant, Knippenburg Insurance, Pit in Go, Progressive Physical Therapy and Super 8 Hotel

In Davis, WV:

Grant County Bank

In Flintstone, MD:

Rebecca Keith

In Fort Ashby, WV:

FNB Bank, Wayne's Meats, Fort Ashby Hardware Store, Fox's Pizza, Gain's Service Station and Fort Ashby VFW

In Franklin, WV:

Basagic Funeral Home and Par Mar

In Frostburg, MD:

J&S Pawn Shop

In Hagerstown, MD:

J&S Pawn

In Keyser, WV:

American Legion Post 41, Burger King, Double B's Restaurant, Gini Johnson and Sally Johnson, Fox's Pizza, Grant County Bank, Hair Depot, Heritage Hearing, J&S Pawn Shop, Keyser Inn, K&M Sales, Linda Marsh, Mary Helmick, MCT, Inc, M&S Repair, The Loyal Order of the Orioles, The Old Mountaineer, Potomac Heights Apartments, Pulmonary Associates, Queen's Point Coffee, Reed's Drug Store, Royal Aire, Royal Restaurant, State Farm Insurance, Timbrook Ford and Wayne's Meats

In Lexington, KY:

National Christian Foundation

In Martinsburg, WV:

J&S Pawn Shop

...In Romney Continued

In McCoole, MD:

Best Price Gas Station

In McGaheysville, VA:

Rebecca S. Lane

In Maysville, WV:

Galen's Country Store

In Moorefield, WV:

American Woodmark Foundation, Burger King, Grant County Bank, Fox's Pizza, Glenda Parsons, Main Event, Mullin's 1847 Restaurant, O'Neill's Restaurant, PCB, R Thomas CPA, South Branch BP, South Branch Inn, South Fork Pharmacy, and Walters and Heishman, LLC

In Morgantown:

J&S Pawn Shop

In Mount Jackson, VA:

Holzman Oil

In Mount Storm, WV:

A.L.L. Construction, Dominion Energy

In New Creek, WV:

In-Style Hair Salon, Knobley Auctions, Knobley Farms

In Oakland, MD:

J&S Pawn Shop

In Old Fields, WV:

Old Fields Country Store

In Paw Paw, WV:

American Legion, Liberty Station

In Petersburg, WV:

ALL Ours Towing, American Legion Post 78, Arthur Mart, Dairy Queen, Dominion Energy, Family Traditions Restaurant, Fox's Pizza, Grant County Bank, Grove Street Station, Spirit of Life Church, Tri-County Collision

In Piedmont, WV:

This 2025 Little Red Stocking campaign was very successful. In addition to thanking all of our LRS partners, we wish to thank our communities for purchasing our stockings and making special donations. The campaign would not have been so successful without community support. We look forward to working with each of you again in the 2026 campaign.

Duckies Bar and Grill

In Ridgeley, WV:

J & S Pawn Shop, Ridgeley Distributors

In Rio:

Rio General Store and Travis Haines, LLC

In Romney, WV:

The Bakery Barn, The Bakery Barn Coffee Café, Bank of Romney, Burger King, Carrie's Visions of Beauty, Cruise Thru Drive Thru, Eastern Building Supply, FNB Bank, Fox's Pizza, Hampshire County Library, Heritage Hearing, Italian Touch, Lambert's Drug Store, Lost Mt. BBQ, Main Street Grill, McKee Funeral Home, Northern Eagle, Pulmonary Associates, Romney Brew Station, Romney Diner, South Branch Inn, Southern States, Spring Valley Market

In Shanks, WV:

Wayne's Country Fresh Meats

In Slanesville, WV:

Bank of Romney and Slanesville Ruritan Club

In Springfield, WV:

Bank of Romney, Springfield Sunoco and T&S Market

In Westernport, MD:

Fair Price Market and Fox's Pizza

In Winchester, VA:

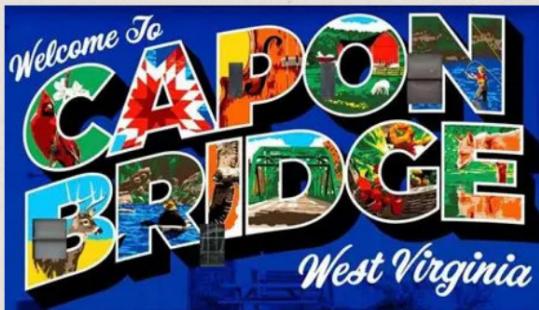
CD's Barber Shop, CD's Coffee and Cream, Jill's Barber Shop, Lox Salon, The Working Man's Store

ROMNEY CHILDREN'S SHELTER

A PROGRAM OF CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF WEST VIRGINIA

SANTAS GOT NOTHING ON OUR STAFF

Our wonderful staff at Romney Children's Shelter surely made the entire month of December Magical. This year, staff took our residents to May Tree Farm where they got to walk the Christmas Tree fields, select their favorite one, cut it down, and drag it out of the farm. The family farm donated the tree to the shelter, and our staff helped residents strap it to the top of the van to bring it home! Our special visitor, Romney returned from the North Pole, and per usual, kept staff on their toes with his nightly Shanaghan's. Our residents spent winter break and the weekends experiencing many new outings, such as the Polar Express at the Potomac Eagle, a special premier showing of The Elf, and fun bowling, roller skating, and a trip to the arcade. Residents exchanged names for secret Santa, and enjoyed shopping for each other this year!



CAPON BRIDGE VFW ADOPTS CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS

Capon Bridge VFW Post 1613 adopted all of the residents at RCS for Christmas! They went above and beyond their call and fulfilled the Christmas Wishes of each of our kids! Christmas Morning was nothing short of laughs, joys, and wonderment when our kids opened their gifts left under the tree for them!

A COMMUNITY OF GENEROUS DONORS:

We were honored with Giving during the Holiday Season from Our Incredibly Supportive Community. A special thank you to :

- Mt. Zion Orleans Community Church
- Michael Newman
- Dillon
- Senator Tom Willis
- Christ Community Church
- Danita & Jimmy Bothwell
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Faith Mission Church
- Allison Nestor
- Hope Christian Church
- Alli Weaver
- Capon Bridge VFW
- Brian Armentrout
- Ebenezer Church
- Verda Grapes
- Danville Community Baptist Church
- North River Ruritan Club
- Tim & Dana Souders
- Courtney & Jamie Moore
- Barb & Elvis Ensor
- Monica & Richard Scott

AMAZON WISH LIST FULFILLED

This year our Emergency Children's Shelter Staff made a suggested wish list to publish on Amazon full of activities, gaming devices, craft supplies, and entertainment for our shelter residents to enjoy. As soon as the list was published on our Facebook page, gifts started rolling in! Nearly every wish list item was purchased for our youth to enjoy! From new MP3 players, ear buds, to a new Nintendo Switch 2, Xbox Series X, and PlayStation 5, our shelter was feeling the generosity of our community and has a new gaming room to entertain our residents!



...In Summersville

By: Stormy Murphy



Summersville Permanency Office had a wonderful Christmas season again this year. We started off by decorating a CHS Christmas Tree at the Nicholas County Veterans' Memorial Park in Summersville for their 28th Annual Christmas Lights in the Park. Well, we are proud to say that our tree got the most votes and won First Place which is a month of free advertising at the park later in the year.



Wayne Smith and his amazing crew with the Chemical Valley Crawlers went above and beyond yet again to provide for our foster children. This year was the 6th Annual Chemical Valley Crawlers ride, now known as the CVC "Ranchmas" as it is held at the Good Evening Ranch now. The Chemical Valley Crawlers provided 12 foster children with some amazing Christmas presents. As always, we are truly grateful for the generosity of the Chemical Valley Crawlers and the fact that they continue to generously support us.



...In Summersville



Jordan Chapel United Methodist Church continues to be a huge part of our “extended family.” They allow us to use their facility for our monthly Foster Parent Support Groups and once again provided all of our families and children with gift bags filled with pajamas and other goodies. Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by again this year to say hello and spend some quality time with our kids and families. We set up a “Christmas Store” again this year for all of the kiddos where they could “shop” for gifts (free of charge, of course) for their siblings, parents, and foster parents. Several of our local advisory board members and their families, along with some wonderful young ladies from Young Life, volunteered their time to help the kids shop and wrap their gifts. One of our amazing foster families and their crew of teenage boys provided a delicious meal for our families again this year as we celebrated the holiday of giving. I can’t say it enough, we are truly blessed with some absolutely wonderful folks.



In an effort to pay it forward and support others doing wonderful things in our community, some of Summersville’s CHS staff volunteered their time and helped the City of Summersville with their Christmas Store by helping parents “shop” for their children. We also volunteered our time again by assisting local law enforcement officers and first responders bring holiday cheer to over 200 needy children in the area by serving pizza, snacks, and drinks to the kiddos before sending them off on their shopping adventure. It’s always an honor to be part of this marvelous event which continues to grow and is reportedly the largest in the state.



...In Summersville Continued

Kathleen and John Faltis Child Shelter in Summerville

By: Desarae Murphy



During the Christmas season, the Kathleen and John Faltis Emergency Child Shelter (FCS) provided residents with a variety of meaningful holiday activities focused on joy, connection, and normalcy. Children participated in gingerbread house decorating, cookie baking and decorating, Christmas movie theme nights with matching snacks, and attended a Christmas movie at a local theater. The shelter also organized an outing to view Christmas lights at a local park, where children enjoyed hot chocolate and seasonal treats.



...Faltis Shelter Continued

The holiday season was made possible through strong community support and generous donations. First Baptist Church hosted the children for a Christmas dinner, gift celebration, and caroling experience. FCS received extensive donations including cash for gifts, gift cards, and bags of presents. Additionally, a local business coordinated a Christmas Angel Tree program, allowing community members to select individual children and purchase gifts from their wish lists, ensuring every child received personalized holiday gifts. A local pageant queen came and did Christmas crafts with the kids and brought pizzas.



...In Wheeling

By: Kara Clevenger



The Wheeling Permanency Program shines brighter than ever, illuminating a holiday season filled with hope and joy. As we champion the children in our care, our passion to spread love and kindness radiates far and wide.

Alpha Xi Delta, Kindly Hearts Initiative with Bethany College helped us get our office in the spirit of the holidays and also helped with putting up our tree. We appreciated the help during a very busy time of year.



...In Wheeling Continued

Unlocking a brighter future, one smile at a time, our 2025 Amazon Holiday Wish List brought joy to 23 children. By serving both our permanency program and local community families, our incredible donors paved the way for a Christmas morning filled with magic. We caught a glimpse of Santa spreading love and kindness.



We ignited the spirit of the season with our annual Christmas party, filling hearts with joy, love, and unforgettable memories, and it was truly a magical experience celebrating with the people who matter most. The First Christian Church in Wheeling generously provided the space. There were eight foster families and 21 children in attendance. Dreams took flight as children's letters to Santa soared to the North Pole! Santa brought joy to each child's heart, listening to their dreams and gifting them a special Christmas Ducky!



...In Wheeling Continued

Wheeling is overflowing with gratitude for the incredible donors who made this holiday season one to remember! Your generosity ignited joy in the hearts of every child, filling their faces with radiant smiles on Christmas Day. We stand in awe of your kindness and are forever inspired by your unwavering support!

Get ready for a brighter future! We're poised for a breakthrough year in Wheeling in 2026, driven by our collective passion and commitment to progress!



Randi, Santa, Kara, and Sara



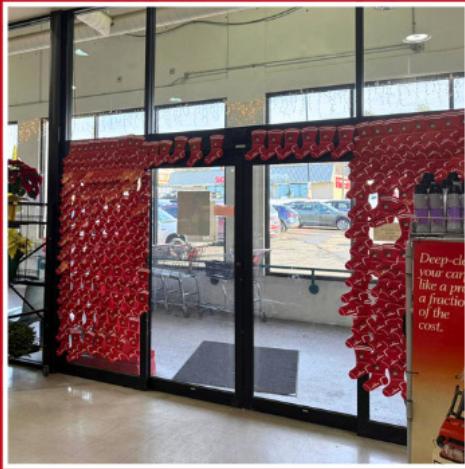
2025 Little Red Stocking Campaign

Children's Home Society would like to thank all the small businesses that participated in making the 2025 Little Red Stocking Campaign a huge success. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to our Little Red Stocking Campaign by sending in contributions from our Annual Christmas Appeal Card.



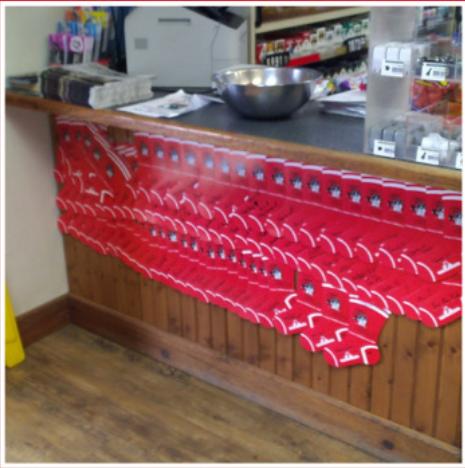
The Children's Home Society would like to send a huge THANK YOU, to the Oil Marketers and Grocers Association and their members.

Gomart, our longest corporate partner, dating back to 2004, raised \$15,039. ROCS Convenience Stores in the Eastern Panhandle, raised \$6,506. Thank you for your continued support throughout the years and believing in our mission.



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