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A Summer Filled with Fun and Laughter

As summer fast approaches, the sounds of laughter and children playing will once again fill the campus of The Children's Home of Wheeling. For the second year, Orchard Park's Summer Day Camp will be held on campus.

According to Christine Sobutka, Director of Orchard Park's Off-Site Program, day camp is offered to children ages 5 – 12. The younger group consists of children age 5 – 8, while the older group is ages 9 – 12. Camp began on June 5 and will conclude on August 22. This year we have 54 children who will be participating in the fun summer activities.

Once again, day camp will offer a variety of "clubs" from which the children may choose to participate. This year's clubs include: Art, Card Making, Cheering, Climbing Wall, Dance, Gardening, Literacy Club, Piano Lessons, Science, Sign Language, Soccer, and Tutoring. The Wheeling Fire Department Fire Safety House, a Dog Obedience Demonstration and a fly fisherman are just a few of the guest speakers and presentations that are lined up for this year.

During the last week of camp, there will be a variety show, an art show, and projects completed by the children will also be displayed before they are taken home.

Here's to a wonderful summer filled with fun and laughter!

A Note from the Executive Director

As The Children's Home of Wheeling approaches the end of each fiscal year, it is a time of reflection, planning and hope. We pause to review lessons learned, as well as fiscal and operational successes and challenges that we faced.

In spite of increased operational expenses and funding uncertainties, our board, administrators and staff continue to identify and adjust to the continuous changes within the field of human services under managed care.

In fiscal year 2007-2008 The Children's Home of Wheeling:

- Served boys from eleven West Virginia counties in our residential treatment program. Through grant funding the children now enjoy a new outdoor fitness area, indoor exercise room and art program expansion...
- Provided child care, before and after school services and summer day camp program for 142 of our community's children. Grant funding has made it possible to replace a Kindervan transport buggy and we are currently seeking support to replace worn playground surfacing...
- Awarded continuing education credits for 14 professional and family workshops...
- Welcomed new board members representing our community: Terry Blon, Mike Hooper, Michelle John, Steve Mazure, Judy Miller, and Linda Wagenheim...
- Highlighted the long history of The Children's Home of Wheeling in a three part Orchard Times newsletter series...
- Prepared for our second Halloween Fun Raiser event to be held on October 25th at the Pine Room at Oglebay Park Resort.

Our annual appeals, generous individual and corporate donors have made it possible for us to provide the children with back to school needs, a wonderful Christmas and summer activities, as well as additional treatment services and other needs when they are identified.

You are truly "the wind beneath our wings". We are sincerely grateful for your interest in our important mission and continued support of our state and community's children.

Louise Parea
Executive Director

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Our Mission

The Children's Home of Wheeling, Inc. is committed to excellence in providing care to children and their families through a range of services that promote healthy growth and improve the quality of family life.

West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.

2008 Children's Home of Wheeling Halloween Spooktacular

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, October 25th, when The Children's Home of Wheeling will be hosting our 2008 Halloween fundraising event at the Pine Room, Oglebay Park.

Dust the cobwebs off of your favorite costume
(strongly encouraged but not required)
so that you can join the hauntingly fun festivities!



Saturday, October 24, 2008

EVENT TICKETS

Individual: \$40

Couple: \$75

Table of 10: \$300



Unique Halloween themed appetizers and desserts
Live auction with celebrity auctioneer Steve Mazure
Music by DJ Jerry Schultze
Costume and Door Prizes
Cash Bar



Our Campus Growth Between 1950 and the Present



1979 – After 77 years, the massive stone residential facility that provided a home and treatment for hundreds of abused and neglected children became dilapidated and a financial drain on the organization. Through fundraising, the old structure was replaced with two energy efficient, brick residential cottages.



1986 – A home located on Park Road was purchased and renovated to open Orchard Park Child Care and Family Center, a division of The Children’s Home of Wheeling, Inc.

1998 – Due to complicated issues surrounding co-ed residential treatment, The Children’s Home of Wheeling chose to specialize in treatment for boys. Other agencies focus on services for females only.



1998 – Our Orchard Park Child Care and Family Center/Administration Building was constructed to replace our original white administration house located at 1 Orchard Road. The Child Care Center now occupies the ground floor with administrative offices located on the second floor.

2003 – A two-story multipurpose facility was constructed between and connected our two residential cottages.

The Children's Home of Wheeling, Inc. Board of Directors

(1950 – present)

If you have been following our series about the history of The Children's Home of Wheeling, you have seen the names of the many generous citizens who selflessly served on our board of directors between 1870 and 1950. Listed below are the caring community leaders who served from 1950 to the present.

The names of current board members appear in bold blue print.

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RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Learning About Life Through Recreation and Community Service

Two very energetic and creative men share recreational programming duties in addition to their direct care responsibilities, and they are doing an amazing job!

“We hope to provide the boys in our residential treatment program with positive, age-appropriate experiences to help them learn life lessons that will help them to build responsibility and self-esteem. If they learn about the world around them and that in spite of mistakes they can grow, they will become happier and more productive adults”, said Anthony Cooper, Recreation Coordinator.

Recently the boys enjoyed our annual Fishing Tournament at Schenk Lake in Oglebay Park. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, this summer the boys will be enjoying their new outside exercise equipment, a summer carnival, basketball, football, batting practice, art class/ community art exhibits, miniature golf, swimming, picnics, Wednesday night concerts on the waterfront, Wheeling Recreation department activities and participation in the Boy Scouts Learning for Life Program.

“Our program also teaches community service. The boys enjoy volunteering at the Wheeling Soup Kitchen. Community partnerships and collaborations are very important to the success of our recreation program”, said Dan Millhouse, Recreation Coordinator.

New Boy Scout Program Implemented

Children who have been victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment typically suffer from low self-confidence and low self-esteem.

The Learning for Life Program, a subsidiary program of the Boy Scouts of America, helps to prepare youth for the complexities of contemporary society and to enhance their self-confidence, motivation and self-esteem.

In collaboration with Steve Shields, Senior District Executive of the Mountaineer District of the Boy Scouts of America, this program became a part of The Children’s Home of Wheeling residential treatment program in February. It has been very well received by the boys in care.

We have chosen the Learning for Life “Builder’s Program” that targets 7th and 8th graders with an emphasis on four areas of learning:



Character Building (respect, responsibility, honest/trust and self discipline)

Relationship Building (understanding prejudice, problem solving, communication and family dynamics)

Citizenship (discussions about freedom, liberty, laws and diversity)

Career Preparedness (time management, interview skills, job traits, goal setting and job exploration)

CHILD CARE PROGRAM

New Orchard Park Child Care Kindervan

Through the generosity of WesBanco, Orchard Park Child Care Center has been able to purchase a new means to safely transport children ages 6 to 36 months while out in the community.

Kindervan is a six seat buggy with safety harnesses, durable upholstery and individual canopies to shelter each child from the harmful rays of the sun.

Thank you WesBanco for your support!



Annual Yard Sale

Orchard Park Child Care Center holds a huge yard sale each year that benefits our programs. This year the sale was held on Saturday, June 7th at the First Christian Church. Thank you to everyone who came to support our child care programs! We hope to see you again next year.

Seeking Funding to Replace Playground Protective Ground Cover

When The Children's Home of Wheeling's two Orchard Park Child Care Center outdoor play areas were constructed in 1998, protective ground surface was installed under the play equipment. The industries average life expectancy for this material is seven years. We are extremely fortunate to be in year ten of use before it has become a serious problem. Both areas of surfacing must soon be replaced to satisfy West Virginia child care center licensing due to cracked and torn areas that are beginning to lift. The damaged areas create a safety hazard that must be corrected to prevent tripping and falling that can lead to injury.

The major function of playground surfacing is to absorb shock and prevent injury when a child falls. Our surfacing has extremely heavy traffic, with 85 children in our Orchard Park Child Care Center and 24 children in our before and after school program. In addition, during the summer months, some of the children in our day camp use the playground equipment.

Recently we received notification of partial funding from the West Virginia Department of Development for a Community Development Project grant and are seeking remaining funds to hopefully complete this important project next spring.



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*A memorial gift to The Children's Home of Wheeling is an enduring tribute to the memory of a deceased loved one or friend.
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