

HopeTree Family Services

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Winter 2014

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WOODS Graduation



Two WOODS residents complete their studies in amazing ways.

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What is more important; the gift wrapping, or the gift itself?

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Wishlists



Please provide something from one of these lists of items our programs truly need to enhance their ministries.

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Camp Coley-Keaton



DDM participants look forward to this week all year long. ***It's Camp Coley-Keaton time!***

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HopeTree Family Services provides residential care to at-risk youth as well as adults with developmental disabilities. All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. No discrimination will take place on the grounds of race, color, sex, or other classification protected by law. All children will have equal access to nutritious meals in accordance with federal law and USDA policy.

The Developmental Disabilities Ministry shall develop, carry out, and regularly monitor policies and procedures governing discrimination in the provision of services to adult residents with developmental disabilities. HopeTree Family Services shall comply with all state and federal laws, including any applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 2101 et seq.), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, ethnicity, age, sex, disability, or ability to pay.

Gifts Given

A Message of Hope

“... they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

--Matthew 2:11

The gifts Jesus receives from the Wise Men had great practical value in addition to their symbolic importance. Certainly, there were costs involved in raising a family then just as there are now. While we have no record of the fact, it seems certain the gold, frankincense, and myrrh were exchanged at some point for food, shelter, and other necessities.

Those precious gifts symbolizing Jesus’ royalty, divinity, and mortality sent an unmistakable message that has endured for over 2000 years. Furthermore, they provided for the young family’s immediate physical needs. They were on the verge of fleeing to Egypt to escape the jealous, cruel King Herod who ordered his soldiers to execute all male children of Jesus’ age.



Dr. Richerson chats with a visitor at the Brunswick Stew.

The at-risk children and youth in our care have no fear of jealous kings. ***They do fear uncertain futures.***

The families of adults with intellectual disabilities we care for have no fear of murderous soldiers. ***They do long for their loved ones to lead the fullest, most productive lives possible.***

Your support not only provides important practical necessities for our residents. You send a symbolic message that will follow them the rest of their lives. Someone who doesn’t even know them, loves them.

Dr. Stephen W. Richerson
President & Executive Director

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Camp on Craig Graduates Two from WOODS

WOODS

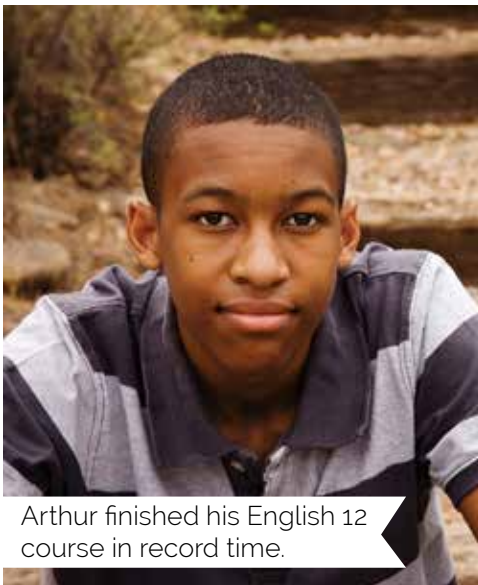
HopeTree congratulates two young men who recently earned their high school diplomas from the Wilderness Outdoor Opportunity Discovery School (WOODS) in Craig County.

Arthur came to WOODS because his troubles in school stemmed from associating with the wrong people. After 11 months at WOODS, Arthur now understands the importance of associating with friends who will support him in productive, positive ways rather than encourage him to follow them into trouble. While at WOODS he became determined enough to apply himself to his studies so that he has graduated

with his high school diploma as a 16-year-old. Arthur's key to success was realizing he could make his own path through life instead of following others'.

Arthur has returned home to live with his mother. He plans to enroll in an apprentice program with a company in his hometown.

Ty came to WOODS because his family knew he needed a highly structured environment to overcome his personal challenges. As a result of the WOODS program's structure, Ty completed an enormous amount of school work using Independent Studies as a platform to earn his high school diploma.



Arthur finished his English 12 course in record time.



Ty will soon begin an apprenticeship.

Service Locations

Ty completed his 12th grade English class in record time for WOODS. He also achieved the highest score on the end of class test ever recorded at the program.

Ty has transferred to a less restrictive group home/independent living setting where he can continue to develop his personal living and academic skills.

Arthur and Ty were able to make such great academic progress due to WOODS' small class sizes and unique school environment.

If you would like to support HopeTree's ongoing effort to provide the highest quality education to Residential and Day Students alike, please visit HopeTreeFS.org to make a secure online contribution, or use the reply envelope in the center of this publication.

The child you help today becomes the adult who strengthens our society tomorrow.

* Because we respect the privacy of the youth in our care, we have used different names to share this actual story.

HopeTree Family Services provides a wide range of services for at-risk children and youth from locations in:

- Chester •Craig County
- Henry County •Salem

HopeTree's Developmental Disabilities Ministry provides services for adults with intellectual disabilities in the following locations.

- Abingdon •Blue Ridge
- Chase City •Farmville
- Fredericksburg •Martinsville
- Richmond •Salem
- Virginia Beach

For more information on the services available in these locations, how to support those services with your contributions or volunteer efforts, or gain access to those services, please visit HopeTreeFS.org, or call:

(804) 545-1202 (Richmond office)
or
(540) 389-2112 (Salem office)

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Christmas Emphasis

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

-- Matthew 2:11



What was the most wonderful Christmas gift you ever received?

A hand-knit sweater from your grandmother? A hard to find book by your favorite author? A new baseball glove you 'really, really needed'?

How was it wrapped? You probably do not remember.

So much time and energy is spent creating beautiful wrappings for the gifts we give and receive, yet, when the moment comes to open those gifts, we tear the wrappings aside, discarding them forever. We seldom remember the wrapping because we are so enamored with the gift that resides within.

Shouldn't we do the same thing with our perceptions of people?

When the Wise Men approached Jesus, they came not to offer gifts and worship to a two-year-old child. They came to worship the ***spirit of God dwelling within the child***. They were able to see past his human body and glimpse the majesty of the Holy Spirit living within.

HopeTree Family Services looks past the wrappings of abuse, neglect, behavioral issues, and emotional distress that often disguise the truly wonderful gifts of the spirit residing in the children and youth in our care.

Adults with intellectual disabilities have too long been instantly judged solely on the wrappings of their appearances. HopeTree Family Services' Developmental Disabilities Ministry understands the precious

gift that dwells within each man and woman with intellectual disabilities. The at-risk children and youth in our care need someone to help them cast aside the superficial coverings they use to shield themselves from the experiences that brought them to HopeTree. Adults with intellectual disabilities living in our group homes need assistance in realizing just how much they can truly contribute to their communities simply by living full, productive lives.

They need you.

During this season of gifts and celebration, please look beyond the artificial wrappings the world has placed upon at-risk children and youth, as well as adults with intellectual disabilities. See the genuine spirit that lives within each person in our care. Take this opportunity to minister to their spirits. ***Touch their souls with the same generosity the Magi demonstrated two millennia ago as they bowed before the Christ Child.***

To learn more about HopeTree Family Services, call (540) 389-2112, or (804) 545-1202. Visit HopeTreeFS.org to see how nearly 125 years of compassion continues to transform lives all across Virginia.

Please address your correspondence to:
HopeTree Family Services Advancement Department
PO Box 849 Salem, VA 24153

HopeTree Christmas Gift Acknowledgement Cards

Christmas offers many ways to honor your love of Christ and others through the act of giving. One way we wish to help you honor the giving spirit of the season is making Christmas Gift Acknowledgement cards available to those who contribute gifts of \$10 or more in honor or memory of cherished friends or family members.

To request your cards, please contact:
David Wilson
DavidW@HopeTreeFS.org
(540) 389-2112

or

Donna Weinz
DonnaW@HopeTreeFS.org
(804) 545-1202.





Developmental Disabilities Ministry

- Kitchen Aid Mixer
- Gift Cards (A.C. Moore, Carmike Theatres, Jersey Lilly's, KFC, Pizza Hut, etc.)
- T-Fal Cookware
- Computer/Wii Games or gift cards to Game Stop, Wal-mart
- Sofa for Residential Support



Foster Care (Eastern Region)

- Items for Emergency Placement Bags (personal hygiene products, blankets and pajamas)
- Duffel Bags and Suitcases
- Large Plastic Bins
- GPS for the agency vehicle



Foster Care (Western Region)

- Hats and gloves for kids/teens
- Suitcases/duffel bags
- Stockings made up for children/teens
- Chromebooks or IPADs to augment foster parent training



WOODS

- Hygiene products for males
- New Ping Pong Table
- XBOX One
- Socks and Underwear for Boys
- Sets New sheet/Blanket sets (16)

The Wise Men gifted Jesus and his family with items that doubtless helped them in their time of need. HopeTree's various programs also have needs for certain items that will greatly enhance their ministry.



HopeTree at Glory Road

- Sewing Machines (3)
- Scrapbook materials
- Volleyball nets
- Soccer balls and goal with net
- Board Games
- Cosmetology Supplies



Christian Education

- 2 iPads
- Cameras
- Bean bag or individual comfy chairs
- Christian/Family themed games for Wii
- Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, A.C. Moore, Staples)



Residential Care - Salem

- 2 Crock pots
- Supplies for Cooking Classes (Pots/pans, cooking utensils, mixing bowls, baking dishes, cookie sheets)
- 4 Bean bag chairs (blue, brown or black, pink or purple, lime green)
- 2 bookshelves and books in teen genre or gift cards to purchase books for teens



Activities Department

- Kickballs (official WAKA)
- Volleyballs
- Tickets to Roanoke area concerts, shows, or sporting events
- Fishing rods and reels
- Softball gloves

If you can provide any of these items, or funds for their purchase, please contact Donna Kummer at (540) 389-5468 or Donna@HopeTreeFS.org.

Honors & Memorials

The following contributions have been given to HopeTree in **honor** or in **memory** of someone who has touched lives.

Children's Ministry Honors
August 1 - September 30

Asheville Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship
Mr. Michael J. Boyd

France, T. Evelyn
Mrs. Phyllis T. Prillaman

Hamrick, L. Ector
Ms. Jane T. Greenwood
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin H. Williams
Rachel Class
Rev. & Mrs. Terry L. Taylor

McKinney, J. Donald
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen T. Vinson

Mizell, G. John
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Ms. Nancy Whitmore

Stephenson, B. Doris
Ms. Charlotte E. Whitley

Stubbs, Mabel
Mr. & Mrs. Clayton H. Helvey

Thornton, Linus
Mr. & Mrs. Carl R. Thornton

Thornton, Matthew
Mr. & Mrs. Carl R. Thornton

Children's Ministry Memorials
August 1 - September 30

Berry, M. James
Mr. & Mrs. Carlton D. Beach

Bowles, R. John
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur O. Houston

Bryant, Ivel
Mr. Moyer L. Bryant

Burrell, Caiylynn
Mrs. Betty B. Jackson

Cooper, Goldie
Berean Sunday School Class

Duncan, Linda
Roanoke Civitan Club

Gills, W. George
Ms. Deborah Gail Corell

Godfrey, H. Millard
Mrs. Betty B. Jackson

Guilliams, Estelle
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Hatcher, William
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Jones, Louise

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Pollard, M. Jennifer

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Mrs. Betty B. Jackson

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Reale, Mildred

Mr. & Mrs. Kirk J. Daubenspeck

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Mr. & Mrs. Jack C. Borders

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Wilson, Esther

Mr. & Mrs. Bill M. Gentry

Wilson, Thomas

Mr. & Mrs. Bill M. Gentry

Winstead, Elizabeth

Ms. Barbara L. Winstead

Winstead, E. Malcolm

Ms. Barbara L. Winstead

Developmental Disabilities
Ministry Honors

August 1 - September 30

Hylton, S. Gail

Mr. & Mrs. William C. Tignor

Hannah, M. James

Rev. & Mrs. Wayne D. Hannah

Ruth Sunday School Class

Mr. & Mrs. David S. Scott

W. P. Lewis Sunday School Class

Mr. & Mrs. David S. Scott

Developmental Disabilities
Ministry Memorials

August 1 - September 30

Atkins, J. Lora

Mrs. Mary R. Frith

Burgess, T. DeWitt

Mr. De Witt F. Burgess

Burgess, B. Geneva

Mr. De Witt F. Burgess

Gusler, Lolene

Mrs. Mary R. Frith

Hunt, F. Alma

Mrs. Linda G. Minter

Osborn, Darlene

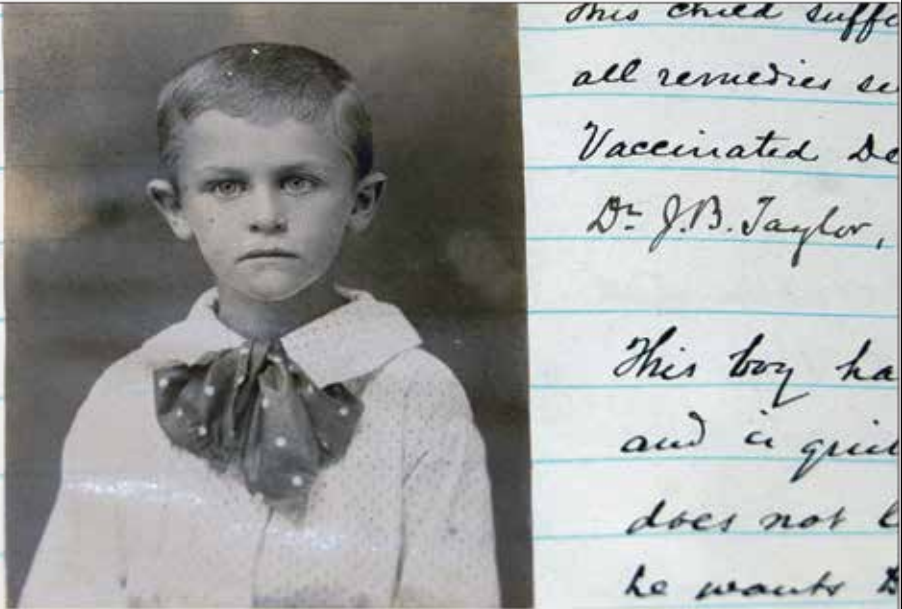
Mrs. Helen M. Bromley

Osborn, Joe

Mrs. Helen M. Bromley

To recognize someone who has impacted your life, complete the form on the reply envelope included with this magazine and return it to the Advancement Department along with your gift.

Mark your calendar all year long.



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Vaccinated de
Dr. J.B. Taylor,

This boy ha
and is quiet
does not l
he wants to*

1890 The charters were signed and all agreements finalized in 1890 to establish the Baptist Orphanage of Virginia, but the real ministry didn't begin until Hiley James and his sister arrived on the campus from nearby Vinton on July 3, 1892.

December 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Winter Begins					Christmas Day	
28	29	30	31			
			New Year's Eve			



HopeTree Family Services will celebrate its 125th Anniversary in 2015! We have a number of great events planned and we do not want you to miss a single one.

To help keep track of things during this historic year, we have created a special wall calendar just for the occasion.

Filled with photos from throughout the Agency's history and intriguing bits of information, this calendar opens a special window on our 125 years of service to 'the least of these'.

Complete and return the accompanying form and we will gladly provide you with your own HopeTree Family Services 125th Anniversary Wall Calendar.

Please send me () HopeTree Family Services 125th Anniversary Wall Calendars. I have included \$3 each for shipping.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Camp Coley-Keaton

A week of fun, friends, and frivolity.

Developmental Disabilities Ministry

For the men and women who participate in the Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM), nothing outshines the week they spend at Camp Coley-Keaton. They see old friends and make new ones. They participate in long-cherished activities and discover new events they enjoy.

Very few of the men and women in care have the opportunity for the traditional annual vacation most Americans cherish. So Camp Coley-Keaton was established to give DDM participants a way to 'get away from it all' with their house mates and friends within the ministry from near and far. This event each September is often the only time residents from the far reaches of Virginia can spend time with each other, and they cherish every moment.

From fishing to crafts to an evening with Elvis, Camp provides a vast variety of activities that give the attendees a pleasant mix of exercise, relaxation, excitement, and reflection. Bible studies, quiet time, talent shows, and hay rides all combine to create a lively, enjoyable week that these amazing men and women might not otherwise experience. Your continued support of the

Developmental Disabilities Ministry makes not only Camp Coley-Keaton possible, but all the other aspects of this ministry that so greatly enhances the quality of life for each man and woman in care.



Visit HopeTreeFS.org to see a video of the fun Camp Coley-Keaton offers.

Upcoming Events

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 7
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Join us on our Salem campus for some good, old-fashioned holiday fun to celebrate the Christmas season. Enjoy hot chocolate and cider while we sing carols, decorate cookies, and make ornaments. Kids get a free picture with Santa!

Host Your Own Event!

Are you passionate about HopeTree? Do you wish you could do more to help? Consider hosting a Hope Event! Pick a date and location to run, walk, hike, ride, or anything else you can imagine, in support of our ministries. You organize the event, and we'll help with the details. Contact the Advancement team at (540) 389-2112 to get started!



"I just want...
a place to be me."

HopeTree Foster Care provides the training and support you need to be the foster parent they need.

The right time is right now.

Call (540) 444-0566

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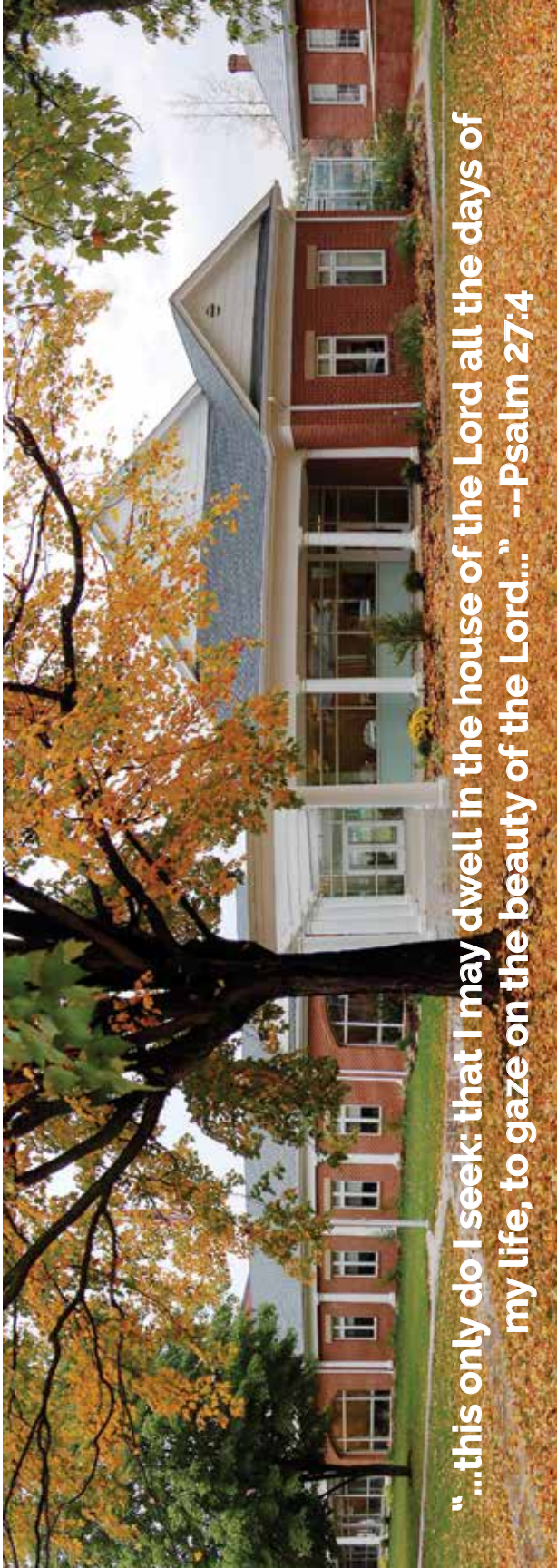
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" ...this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord..." --Psalm 27:4