

A close-up portrait of a young man with short, dark hair and light-colored eyes. He is wearing a blue zip-up hoodie with white drawstrings. He has a slight, confident smile and is looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with greenery.

a **successful** man has to start somewhere.

All successful men were once boys.  
But not all boys become successful men.  
Sometimes, they're missing positive role  
models or a supportive quality of life.  
So we provide both ... and successful  
men are the result. Men who will take  
care of their families. Men who will  
contribute their gifts. Men who  
will be role models for the next  
generation of men.

At Boys Home of Virginia, we show  
our boys that each day is a step  
toward that success.



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*Getting along in life doesn't require agreeing with everyone around you. But it does take respect for others... and especially respect for yourself. By helping our boys see their own worth and potential, they grow into men who can find value in all the people they encounter as they build their lives.*

First-time visitors to Boys Home notice something ... the young men they meet look them in the eyes. These aren't ordinary teenagers. Instead of being cool or remote to an adult stranger, they are engaged.

Because of their backgrounds, many of the boys who come here are initially brittle, or even hostile. But our communal living and caring adult supervision can quickly show

a young man who's seen more than his share of turmoil that life and relationships can offer much more.

No one forces our boys to stand when an adult approaches, to offer a chair out of courtesy, or to say "please" and "thank you." Those quickly become habits as each new student learns the invaluable lesson that giving respect also earns him respect.

a **respectful** man

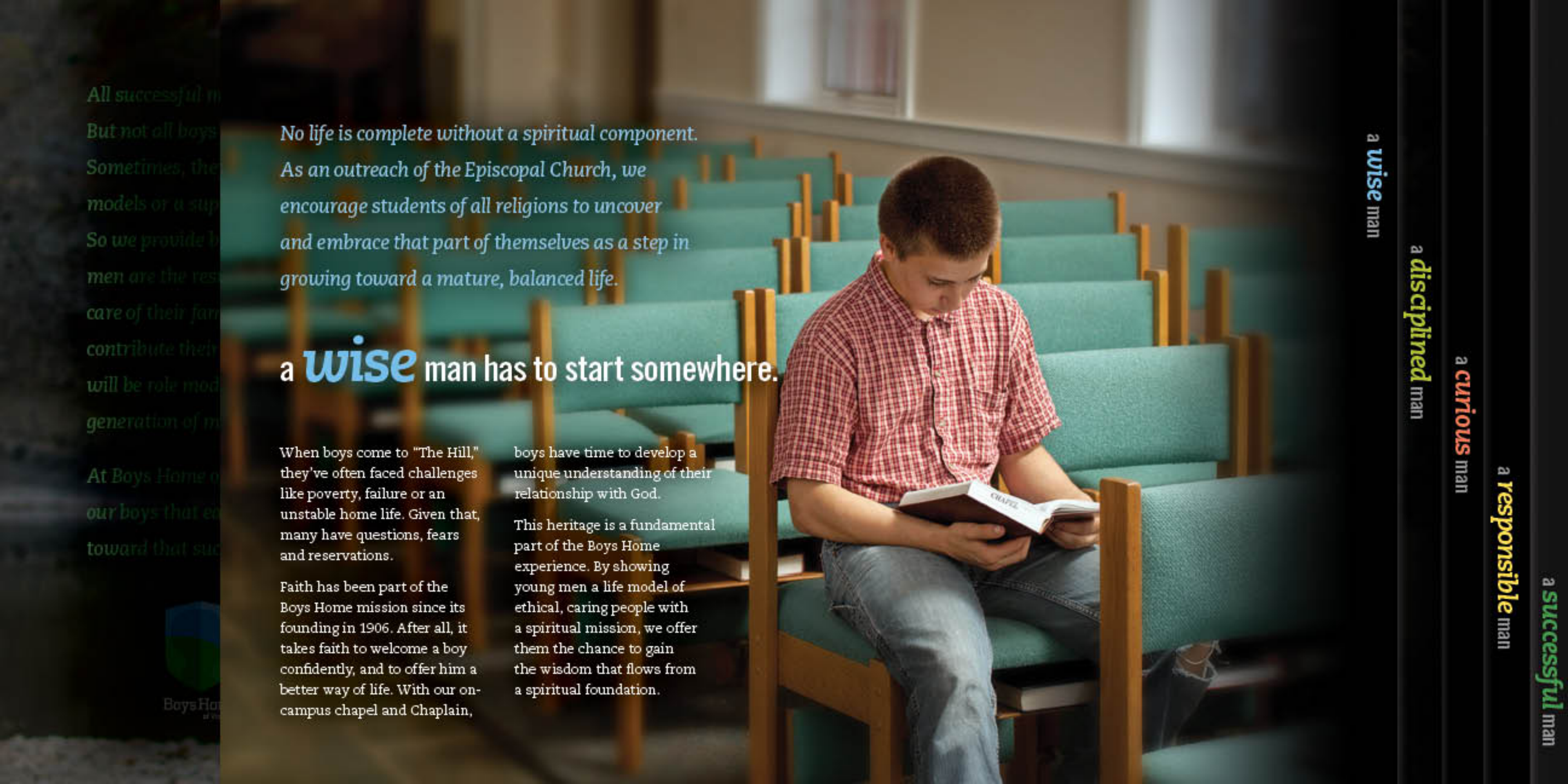
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No life is complete without a spiritual component.  
As an outreach of the Episcopal Church, we encourage students of all religions to uncover and embrace that part of themselves as a step in growing toward a mature, balanced life.

a **wise** man has to start somewhere.

When boys come to "The Hill," they've often faced challenges like poverty, failure or an unstable home life. Given that, many have questions, fears and reservations.

Faith has been part of the Boys Home mission since its founding in 1906. After all, it takes faith to welcome a boy confidently, and to offer him a better way of life. With our on-campus chapel and Chaplain,

boys have time to develop a unique understanding of their relationship with God.

This heritage is a fundamental part of the Boys Home experience. By showing young men a life model of ethical, caring people with a spiritual mission, we offer them the chance to gain the wisdom that flows from a spiritual foundation.

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a **disciplined** man has to start somewhere.

*Our boys rake the yard. They tend to livestock. They do their homework and get to bed on time. And this adds shape to life, so they become men of purpose and integrity, one little step at a time.*

Many of the first residents of Boys Home had little or no education when they arrived. But they did know work.

In 1906, boys pitching in with chores was an important part of keeping this place running, and work remains a big part of life here. And it means much more than an attractive, well-kept campus ... it introduces the boys to the importance of discipline driven by values.

At Boys Home, we believe that it doesn't take a mobile app, an army of "experts" or a cabinet full of medications to breed an outstanding man. All it takes is a stiff broom, a hot iron, a full notebook and a loud alarm clock to put men on the path to responsibility.

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*You can see it in their eyes, and it's a moment teachers live for. It's that instant when a young man discovers an idea or a subject that really excites him, and gives his life new direction. When natural curiosity blooms, and it's acknowledged and supported, a life of learning—and meaning—becomes a real possibility.*

a **CURIOUS** man has to start somewhere.

Many boys come to our school several grade levels behind their peers. We offer them more than school ... we give them a solution.

By showing them a new way to look at learning, we help them catch up. And with a 3 to 1 pupil/teacher ratio, supported with understanding and attention, amazing things happen...

We can boast of annual gains of more than three grade levels in math, and at

least two levels in reading. And along with academic results, they learn better study skills and their behavior improves, too.


Imagine the impact that can have on a boy's growth, development and feelings of worth! And once he's caught up with others his age and transitioned to public schools, a dramatically different future becomes attainable.



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*Our goal isn't to build CEOs or senators. We believe that an outstanding man is one who can hold a job, stay out of trouble, and pay his bills. A man is as good as he can be when he works hard, loves his wife, and raises kids with good values. That's something to celebrate.*

a **responsible** man has to start somewhere.

Of the thousands of boys who've passed through Boys Home, many have gone on to accomplish remarkable things in their lives. As gratifying as that is, our mission was—and is—much more basic than producing "stars."


By giving young men structure, education, and spirituality, and by demonstrating a real commitment to

their needs, we give them a real chance to succeed in the world.

And if success is as simple as putting in a hard day's work, coming home tired every night and loving and supporting a family, we've done our work. The world needs more responsible men, and that's who we help create at Boys Home.

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*It's hard not to be cynical in these challenging times. Many people worry that there's no easy way to break cycles of dependency and put children on the right course.*

*For over 100 years, the Boys Home has shown that the right environment can shift lives to a more productive track. And with a little help, the boys we worry about can become men we all admire ... wise, responsible and successful. Men who will make their families stronger, their communities safer, and who'll make meaningful contributions to our world.*

*Please help us to keep helping these admirable boys. Because a successful man starts right here. Right now.*



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