

THE BOYS APPEAL



Boys Home
of Virginia

News from Boys Home of Virginia

Fall 2021





A Message from Donnie E. Wheatley

I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer! At Boys Home, some students were able to spend several weeks with family before returning to campus. Others stayed here and participated in a myriad of outdoor activities that our environment offers. Some attended camps, which are always wonderful enrichment opportunities.

The 2021-2022 academic year is off to a good start. After adding some new boys to our roster, students and instructors are settling into the daily routine of classes and gaining productive study habits. There's still plenty of time to enjoy recreational activities. We are grateful for St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church in Columbia, SC. Several of their members refurbished an existing playset, giving that playground piece a new lease on life. The younger boys are getting good use out of that "new" equipment.

The process for securing a new executive director continues. Potential candidates are being screened, and interviews will follow. When there is concrete information to be shared on that front, I will pass it on. In the meantime, please be in prayer for the search committee, the trustees, and the potential candidates.

I am often asked to name Boys Home's greatest need. I respond by telling them of our need for estate gifts. Often, supporters intend to leave a gift for Boys Home in their wills, but truthfully, only a handful actually get around to it. I encourage you to become a member of Boys Home's Navigator's Society, our legacy giving club. Please see my remarks in this issue to learn more about how to become involved.

Fall is always a beautiful time in the Alleghany Mountains. Join us on campus on Friday, October 1 for an open house. Details follow in this issue of The Boys Appeal. See what this mission is all about and meet some of our students and staff. We look forward to showing you around. Fall is also a time of thankfulness. Thank you for all you do for the young men who come to Boys Home to embrace a second chance at success. Your partnership is invaluable to the continuation of this program. I am thankful for each of you.

In deep appreciation,

Don E. Wheatley

Dr. Donnie E. Wheatley
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Investing In Today's Young Men

Boys Home School: **CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE**

Boys Home School began its fourth year of expanding the minds of students and providing focused educational opportunities on July 19, 2021.

Director of Education Teresa Johnson shared that the staff diligently worked during the summer months to ensure that students were prepared to start the new school year on the right foot. Special tutoring sessions with individual students were held prior to the start of the first day of classes. This kind of focused instruction provides the support that some Boys Home residents need. Many of the young men who come to Boys Home have lost valuable class time because of truancy or because they were not engaged in their previous school. They often are behind in reading, math, or both. The small classes that Boys Home school offers enables the teachers and students to address shortfalls and challenges.

Often, the boys comment on how much this format helps them overcome academic struggles and build their confidence. It also helps many of our students to connect directly with their teachers, providing them an opportunity to establish trust. These foundations are essential building blocks to foster growth and maturity in the young men Boys Home serves.

Students eagerly anticipate the new school year as it signals a return to normalcy. This time of year brings with it a renewed sense of family and structure as students return to campus from brief visits home, summer camps, and various camping trips.

“We look forward to the start of the school year,” said Executive Director Donnie Wheatley. “I am proud of our school. The level of educational support the students receive is designed to meet them where they are when they arrive at Boys Home and propel them to where they need to be and beyond.”

Johnson added that the school has added two new teachers this year, a reading specialist and an elementary teacher. They bring with them a level of expertise that will enhance the educational opportunities for the students. In addition, some Boys Home students will be dually enrolled in college-level courses for the 2021-2022 school year.

“As we transition back to school and a more consistent schedule, we are looking toward the future of Boys Home, the school, and the success stories that our students are writing for their lives,” stated Wheatley.



The Navigator's Society

“There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people... religion, politics, and The Great Pumpkin.”

Charles M. Schulz



I want to bring up a subject that is potentially as uncomfortable as any of the three listed by Mr. Schulz.

Legacy giving. It's simply a **donation that is made through a formal document or a will.** Just mention the word “will,” and we shy away from the discussion because most of us own a certain uncomfortableness when it comes to making what we consider end-of-life plans.

In all actuality, anyone over 18 should have a will. Even further, there are legacy gifts that can be made to organizations that have nothing to do with lawyers or even financial planners. Take, for example, the simple act of opening an account at your local bank and designating your favorite nonprofit or religious organization as the beneficiary. Anyone over 18 can do that in a short period of time with a small amount of funds. While we don't tend to think of it as such, it is a legacy gift.

Why are legacy gifts important? First, **they reflect the values and desires of the donor.** Whether the legacy gift is given to the recipient before or after a person passes, the donor is assured that those monies or assets are going to a cause that they care about. Simply put, it's a way of making your dreams come true.

When an individual puts a legacy gift in place, **it's also a way of making a statement to those closest to them about what matters most.** Boys Home has a number of donors who give today because their parents gave. Those donations and legacy gifts are in direct response to their parents' loyalty to this organization. It also becomes a means of honoring their parents, often after the parents have passed.

Finally, **legacy giving encourages others to consider doing the same.** For nonprofits like Boys Home, such generosity from donors ensures that young men will continue to be served and offered a second chance at success. Legacy gifts are sustaining gifts—ones that see us through “lean” years and enable the organization to survive and thrive.

But, as I've pointed out, we don't really like to think about this subject. Honestly, hardly anyone wants to ruminate about their earthly demise, but part of the hesitation can also be that **we don't know the “language,” much less the options.** For many of us, financial planners and attorneys seem to have a corner on that information.

I want to add some words of encouragement. **You can learn about legacy giving in the privacy of your own home—and in language you can digest.** The Boys Home website is a wonderful resource for educating yourself on legacy giving. We even offer an estate planning guide and a free estate planning analysis for your convenience. The weekly e-newsletter contains informative news and updates that I think you'll find interesting. Best of all, there's a listing regarding bequests, IRA rollovers, charitable gift annuities, and other legacy giving options with easy-to-understand explanations for each. **To access this free information, go to boyshomeofva.org, click on “Help Us,” and you'll see the Wills and Charitable Estate Planning option.**

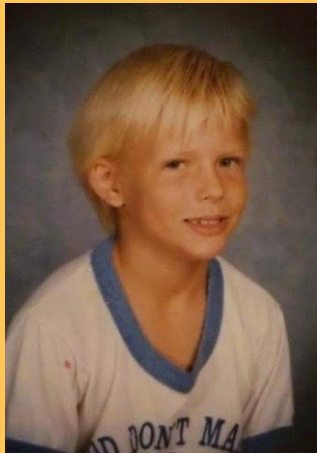
I hope this information is helpful. I am available at 540-965-7704 if you want to talk about legacy giving and perhaps becoming a member of The Navigators, Boys Home's legacy club. **Make your dreams come true while providing sustaining monies that can positively change the lives of young men.**

Donnie E. Wheatley
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ALUMNI CORNER

Robert (Bobby) Trice is a man who has worn many hats: a nurse's cap, a combat medic's cap, and the cap of a Master Sergeant in the United States Army. These days, however, you'll mostly see him wearing a casual baseball cap and an expression on his face that offers a friendly—and sometimes impish—smile.

However, as a boy, Bobby found himself in a household shaken by alcoholism. As is the case in many alcoholic family systems, food was scarce while instability was plentiful. The family had a connection with the neighborhood Episcopal church, and the pastor there noticed that they needed additional resources to survive. The church stepped in to provide food from their food pantry and offered other assistance to stabilize the situation. Still, Bobby found himself with unsupervised time on his hands, resulting in several scrapes with the law by the time he was five years old. Hoping to give Bobby a fresh start, the pastor recommended that he and his brother come to Boys Home to receive the support they needed.



Bobby did well at Boys Home, getting good grades and excelling in sports. When a challenge was issued, Bobby was first in line trying to get the job done. He made friends and was well liked by his teachers. Then the day came when his family situation had improved, and he could return home.

While things were better at home, Bobby fell into hanging out around people who were a poor influence on him. School was not a priority either. In the end, Bobby chose to return to Boys Home, where he stayed through some of his high school years. Before he could graduate, he made the decision to return to his hometown once again—where things continued to spiral downward. When his friend got shot, that got his attention. Bobby looked around and found himself surrounded by people who were unreliable and tainted by their own negative experiences.

Bobby began to reflect on his current situation and compared it to what he had learned and experienced at Boys Home. He had been taught about integrity, honesty, and personal responsibility. He knew there was a better way and made a conscious choice to change the course of his life.

Fast forward to 2017 when Bobby returned to Boys Home once again—as Director of Support Services. This time, he walked onto campus with a bachelor's degree, a certification as a nurse, experience as a medic on the battlefield, and as a recently retired Master Sergeant in the United States Army where he served for 20 years. He was accompanied by his wife, Kathleen, and his son and daughter. On July 3, 2019 at a touching ceremony on Boys Home's campus, he received a Purple Heart for wounds received in active duty.

As of the summer of 2021, Bobby has moved from the campus of Boys Home once again, this time to spend more time with his family and further his education. But we know this one thing: Bobby will be back. He embodies what this mission is all about. He is a successful man, and he got his start at Boys Home of Virginia.

**Bobby would like the
opportunity to introduce
Boys Home to your
civic or church group.
Call 540-965-7717
to schedule.**

Boys Home of Virginia P. Buckley Moss Raffle 2021

\$5.00 per ticket or \$45.00 for 10 tickets
Drawing will be October 29, 2021!

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Framed by Loving Art & Frame of Covington, VA.

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Attn: Melinda Nichols
414 Boys Home Rd.
Covington, VA 24426

For more information, call 540-965-7707 or visit
www.boyshomeofva.org!



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Back to School Supply List

Binder Clips
Binders (notebooks)
Clorox wipes
Compasses/Protractors
Composition books
EXPO markers, erasers,
and cleaner
Hand sanitizer
Highlighters
Paperclips
Plastic sleeves
Scotch tape refills
Tissues



2021 Wish List & Back to School



Personal Care Items

Bodywash
Chapstick
Combs & hair picks
Deodorant
Toothbrush holder tubes
Nail & toenail clippers
Pillows
Shampoo
Shaving cream
Toothpaste

Other Needed Items

Alarm clocks
Desk lamps
Ear plugs
Hand tools
Lumber
Nails & screws



Boys Home Of Virginia
invites you to attend the
2021 Boys Home Open House

Friday – October 1, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



**Please RSVP
by Friday,
September 24!**

Schedule of events

- 10:00 p.m. Registration at the Administration building
- 10:30 p.m. Walking tour of campus, including a showcase of academics and student activities
- 12:00 p.m. Complimentary lunch with students and staff
- 1:00 p.m. Q & A with some of the students in All Saints' Chapel

**Contact Melinda at 540-965-7707 or
mnichols@boyshomeofva.org
to RSVP or if you have any questions.**



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5th Annual Boys Home Harvest Hustle 5K, 10K, and Half-Marathon November 6, 2021



Boys Home of Virginia is excited to host their 5th annual fall fundraising event, the Boys Home Harvest Hustle 5K, 10K and half-marathon on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Boys Home is excited to celebrate this amazing milestone with the students, staff, and participants.

In 2020, Boys Home was thankful to be able to host an in-person event, and with 138 participants, it was our biggest event yet. This event was a huge success and involved runners from all over the United States. Plans are in place to add some special features to the program this year, such as more awards, more fun, and more food.

All three races will begin and end at the Intervale Trailhead of the Jackson River Scenic Trail, in Covington, VA. The event will offer aid stations along the race routes with mini pre-packaged water bottles and Gatorades available.

T-shirts and participation medals will be available for all runners, as well as individual pre-packaged snacks and drinks before and after the race.

Awards for each race will begin approximately 30 minutes after the top three men and women racers cross the finish line.

Top three finishers male and female overall and top three male and female in each age category

will receive awards. Our age categories are: Under 12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70+.

Registration for the 5K is \$30.00, 10K is \$35.00, and the half-marathon is \$50.00, with early-bird pricing available before September 15th. We also offer discounts to running clubs and teams!

To register, please visit
www.runforboyshome.org
or call Melinda at
(540) 965-7707 for more
information.



Half-Marathon
9:30 a.m.

\$45
after 9/15 - \$50

10K
9:45 a.m.

\$30
after 9/15 - \$35

5K
10:00 a.m.

\$25
after 9/15 - \$30

Races will begin and end at the
Intervale Trailhead, Jackson River Scenic Trail,
1903 Dressler Drive, Covington, VA 24426

To register, visit: www.runforboyshome.org or
for more information call: (540) 965-7707.



Ch-ch-ch-ch-change with the season! Fall is the perfect time to finally turn and face that vehicle you've been meaning to remove from your life. Donating your vehicle is an easy, one-way lane to victory for you and for Boys Home of Virginia.

Pick-up is free for almost any type of vehicle, including cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, RVs and more. Plus, your gift is tax-deductible and makes a big impact!

To donate, please call **855-500-RIDE** or visit:
www.careasy.org/nonprofit/boys-home-of-virginia

Don't just leaf it ... *Donate it!*

Donating your vehicle is easy. The pick-up is free and your gift is tax-deductible.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Oct 1** - Boys Home Open House
- **Oct 29** - P. Buckley Moss Print Raffle Drawing
- **Nov 6** - 5th Annual Boys Home Harvest Hustle 5K, 10K and Half-marathon
- **Nov 26** - Thanksgiving
- **Nov 30** - Giving Tuesday
- **Dec 3** - Christmas Quilt Raffle Drawing
- **Dec 25** - Christmas Day

Boys Home Christmas Quilt Raffle

\$5.00 for 1 ticket or \$45.00 for 10



Don't miss an opportunity to win this beautifully detailed, pieced, and appliquéd quilt called *BOYS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!* This quilt was made and donated by Billie Beaudette of Covington, Virginia. It measures 44" X 61" and features six whimsical 3-D snowmen who are looking forward to spending Christmas with you! For more information, call Melinda at 540-965-7707.



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A successful man has to start somewhere...

