

THE BOYS APPEAL



News from Boys Home of Virginia

Winter 2022

2022 Brings Changes on The Hill

As we begin 2022, Boys Home has experienced a significant change in leadership. As of December 29, Mr. Chris Doyle became the next executive director. Mr. Donnie Wheatley retired after thirty-six years of service. Mr. Wheatley leaves behind a rich legacy as a student and executive director at Boys Home. His prayer at the staff reception on December 29 asked for guidance in the next chapter of his life. Boys Home is grateful for his service and dedication to the organization's mission and vision and wishes him well.

Mr. Doyle is from Louisville, Kentucky. His wife, Katherine, is an Episcopal priest. Together they have four children and three dogs. In his free time he enjoys reading, listening to music, mountain biking and watching sports. Mr. Doyle completed his undergraduate work at Washington and Lee University and received a MEd and an MBA from The University of Georgia. His career began as a teacher, coach and school administrator. His past twenty years were spent building a career in business management. He fed his passion for working with youth by being active in non-profit leadership as the board president of All Saints Retreat Center, a trustee at The dePaul School and a board member at St. George's Scholar Institute. At a recent staff reception, Mr. Doyle spoke of continuing Mr. Wheatley's legacy of true dedication to the mission and vision of Boys Home. He has been very impressed by the sense of community felt among the students and staff. At the reception, he closed by stating, "In the coming year, I look to make a great organization even better." Welcome, Mr. Doyle!



The official changing of the keys at Boys Home on December 29, 2021, with Mr. Chris Doyle (executive director), Mr. Donnie Wheatley (former executive director) and Mr. John Williams (board president) (left to right)



CHRIS DOYLE | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Chris Doyle
Executive Director

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Dear Friends,

I am tremendously excited and honored to be the new executive director at Boys Home. When my wife Katherine and I visited in October, we were overwhelmed by the tremendous spirit of the boys and the staff here. While taking a tour of the campus with some of the boys, Katherine and I looked at each other and felt God's strong call for us to leave friends and family in Louisville and come to Boys Home.

I am grateful for the strong foundation and proud legacy that Donnie Wheatley has established, and I am eager to build on it as I lead Boys Home into the future. I plan to spend the next few months listening, learning and identifying ways to make our great organization even better. In my short time here, what has impressed me most at Boys Home is the strong sense of community. I have witnessed older boys supporting their younger classmates, and the basketball team both picking up each other during periods of adversity and celebrating a collective victory. I have also regularly observed our dedicated staff working tirelessly to support the boys and one another. As the boys return to campus this month, we will be celebrating our community and exploring ways to make it even stronger.

I want to sincerely thank each of you for being a vital part of the Boys Home community. Your support allows us to serve the young men here as they grow to reach their full spiritual, mental, physical and social potentials.

Peace,

Chris Doyle
Executive Director

***Our mission:** To help each student strive toward becoming a productive member of society by developing his spiritual, mental, physical and social potentials.*

***Our vision:** To be a community that inspires young men to positively impact those around them.*

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Christmas at Boys Home

The official kickoff began with the annual cottage decorating contest. This time-honored tradition began in 1966 and offers a true sense of pride for each cottage. Boys Home was excited to welcome back Ingevity, a longtime partner of the organization, as this year's competition judges. A student representative from each cottage provided tours for the judges through their cottage's outside decorations, inside decorations and their beautiful Christmas trees. These students proudly showcased their presentation skills and excelled at the assignment!

The Christmas party was celebrated on December 9. Josh, a student, set the tone for a wonderful evening by offering a prayer and reading from the Bible. He then wished everyone a merry Christmas in Chinese. Very impressive! The night began with an excellent dinner prepared by the dining hall staff. After dinner, the winners of the 12 Days of Christmas Challenge were announced. Winning staff members were Laura Robertson and Jessica Rhine. The winning cottage was Brown. After dinner, Santa himself entered the building! Santa presented the first gift of Christmas to each student and houseparent. Boys Home is extremely grateful for our Christmas sponsors who made the celebration possible. The night ended with the announcement of the cottage competition winners. The overall competition winners were: 1st place—Darling Cottage, 2nd place—Brown Cottage and 3rd place—Whitehead Cottage. That evening, pure joy and laughter filled the room and the magic of Christmas was felt by all.



Chris, a senior, sits on Santa's lap to receive the first gift of Christmas.



Darling Cottage was the winner for inside and outside decorations and for the most beautiful Christmas tree.



Holiday Matching Grant Success!

Many, many thanks to all who contributed toward reaching the 2021 holiday matching grant goal, and thanks to the Jessie Ball duPont Fund for making it possible!

Match funding is a fun and energizing way to encourage generosity! Boys Home would welcome any businesses or individuals willing to give in that way. For more information, please contact the Development department at (540) 965-7717.

WINTER WISH LIST

- AAA, AA and 9-volt batteries
- Jump drives
- Composition notebooks
- Pencils and pens
- 3-ring binders
- Expo markers
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Hair gel/moisturizer
- Combs and hair picks
- Liquid body wash
- Body lotion
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- Toothpaste
- Hand soap (small bottles)
- Fingernail clippers
- Kitchen towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes, spray
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- 70.8" Life-Size Human Skeleton Model

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 9 - 18: Minimester**
- April 15 - 17: Spring Break**
- April 28: Open House and Cowabunga Fundraiser**
- April 28 - 29: Trustee Meeting**
- May 4: Quilt Raffle Drawing**
- May 21: Graduation**
- May 24 - June 3: Summer Enrichment**
- June 7: Alleghany Foundation Give Local Campaign - Goal \$20,000**
- November 5: Boys Home Harvest Hustle**

WAYS TO HELP

- Buy a cow and take a chance at winning \$1,000! See page 7 for more details.
- Join the Carpenter's Crew, Boys Home's monthly giving society.
- Stay in touch! Sign up for the monthly newsletter at www.boyshomeofva.org.

For more information, contact the Development office at (540) 965-7715 or sfscruggs@boyshomeofva.org.

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855-500-RIDE. ALL TYPES OF VEHICLE DONATIONS ARE CONSIDERED.
IT IS EASY TO GIVE WITH FREE AND CONVENIENT PICK UP!**

ALUMNI CORNER | PHILIP NEVILLE

Boys Home is excited to congratulate alumni Philip on graduating from Northwest Lineman Center's Electrical Lineworker Program in Edgewater, Florida. He completed the 15-week program and was excited to showcase his new skills (bottom left). Below, is Philip pictured with Boys Home trustee Matt Compher, Vice President - Safety, Health and Environment at Quanta Services Inc. Matt has been a great encouragement to Philip throughout the process. Way to go, Philip!



Leadership News | By Anita Proffitt

The Boys Home Key Club remained active throughout the fall and winter, despite some restrictions. The volunteer activities had to be outside with mask wearing and social distancing enforced. The club held its organizational meeting in mid-September with twenty members present. Senior Bereket Morris was elected president.

Ten members assisted with the Clifton Forge Curb Appeal Program on Saturday, October 9 (pictured below). The project required picking up litter throughout downtown Clifton Forge. Two projects were postponed in late October due to COVID-related issues. In early November, twelve members worked at the Clifton Forge School of the Arts preparing the site for the annual Kriskindlmarkt. Members raked, swept and moved heavy furniture outside before vendor setup. On December 13, 14 and 15, a crew of five to seven members worked outdoors at the Covington Christmas Mother Shop from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The Christmas Mother Shop supports local families in need for the holidays. Students loaded the vehicles for clients who were picking up donations (pictured below).

The club anticipates participating in many more activities during the coming months. Upcoming projects will depend on the current COVID restrictions. Members are always very enthusiastic volunteers and prove to be outstanding community ambassadors for Boys Home.



Hilltoppers Basketball Season | 2021-2022

The Hilltoppers are off to a great start for the season. The team is being led by Head Coach Chad Whitmer and Assistant Coach Trequan McDonald. The team's captains are Tim Kengni and Tylon Miller. Coach Whitmer's motto for the season is "Win the Game with Humility or Lose with Dignity." He believes the season will help develop each player and build character.



Team huddle with Coach Whitmer. Hard work on 3!



Captain Tim focuses on his foul shot against Bath County.



HARVEST HUSTLE | NOVEMBER 6, 2021

On Saturday, November 6, Boys Home of Virginia hosted its 5th annual fall fundraiser, the Harvest Hustle 5K, 10K and Half Marathon, at the Intervale Trailhead of the Jackson River Scenic Trail! One hundred and seventeen participants gathered to compete on this exceptionally crisp, fall day. Even though the temperatures that morning were in the 30s, racers from all over Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland were not deterred from competing. Bottled water, Gatorade and prepackaged snacks were available for runners to enjoy before and after each event. The Colorful Chameleon food truck was on-site as well. They sold hot coffee, flavored hot chocolate bombs and delicious hot food to all of the volunteers, participants and spectators. All runners received a long sleeve t-shirt with the race logo and everyone received a one-of-a-kind participation medal as they crossed the finish line.

This year, Ingevity was the presenting sponsor for the event. Ingevity has been a faithful supporter of Boys Home. Also, a huge thank you to the following event sponsors: WestRock, Lexington Prescription Center, Highlands Community Bank, Campbell Insurance, Silvercrest Asset Management, Balchem Corporation, Old Dominion Furniture Company, Alleghany Asphalt and Construction, Inc., Northwest Ace Hardware, Tri-County Furniture, Spencer Home Center, Jackson River Community Credit Union, Updike, Nicely and Crawford, The Rail Bar and Grille, J & K Electric, McDonough Toyota, Slaughter and Slaughter Family Dentistry, Loving Funeral Home, Bath Community Hospital, Valley Supermarket IGA and Lex Running Shop. Additionally, Boys Home would like to extend a special thank you to Run Roanoke, the Falling Spring Rescue Squad, the Colorful Chameleon, as well as all participants, volunteers and sponsors for making this event possible.



SAVE
the date!

Saturday | November 6 | 2021

5K | 10K | Half-Marathon

Join us for the 6th annual Harvest Hustle!



CARPENTER'S CREW | SIMPLE AND EASY MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of the crew that supports Boys Home on a monthly basis!

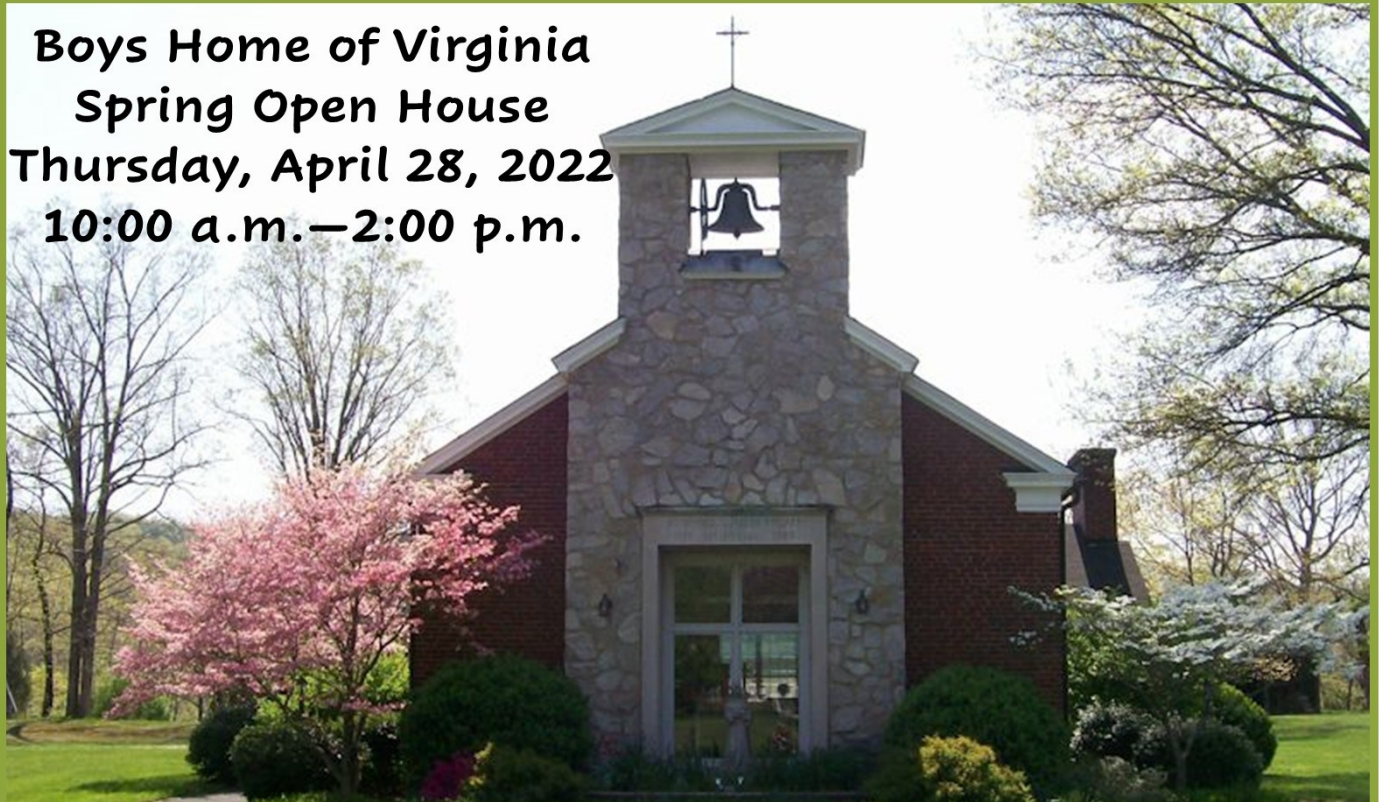
On the Boys Home website you will select a gift amount (minimum of \$20) and enter your credit or debit card information. An automatic transfer of your chosen amount will be completed each month. See the benefits below.

- Every January, you will receive an annual tax statement for income tax filing purposes.
- Members will receive a thank-you letter in the mail along with a free membership gift.
- Most importantly, members will be contributing to the success of the boys at Boys Home.

Visit boyshomeofva.org for more information.

Mark your calendars and save the date!

**Boys Home of Virginia
Spring Open House
Thursday, April 28, 2022
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**



Boys Home invites you to visit and tour the campus, enjoy lunch with the boys and staff, and meet our new executive director, Chris Doyle.

We will end the day with the Spring Cowabunga Fundraiser at the Boys Home bridge!
Please RSVP to Melinda at 540-965-7707 or email—mnichols@boyshomeofva.org. See you there!

Spread the moos!
Boys Home
Spring Cowabunga Fundraiser
April 28, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.
Boys Home Bridge over Dunlap Creek



The winning cow's owner wins \$1000!
\$5.00 for 1 \$50.00 for 12 \$100.00 for a herd of 25

All proceeds benefit Boys Home of Virginia!

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Boys Home of Virginia
Attn: Melinda Nichols
414 Boys Home Road,
Covington, VA 24426



For questions, please call Melinda at 540-965-7707.

Holy cow! Boys Home invites you to participate in this COVID-friendly spring fundraiser! Since the pandemic is still limiting many fundraising events, Boys Home thought this would be a fun and safe way to raise funds for the students, so purchase your cow now! It will be numbered and dropped over the bridge where it will then float to the finish line!



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Drawing will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022

A lovely Carpenter's Wheel pattern by Donna Jordon in
lavender, blue, pink and white trimmed in deep purple blended
perfectly to accent any queen-sized bed!

All proceeds to benefit Boys Home of Virginia.

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Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover _____

\$5 per ticket or \$45 for 10 tickets

Drawing will be held on May 4, 2022!

Mail this coupon with donation or credit card information to:

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