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A Blessing of Animals and Babies at the Outdoor Altar

A Note from Pastor Anne:

Boys Home is blessed with an outdoor sanctuary on campus, allowing the community an opportunity to worship in God's beauty. During the lovely crisp days of September, several chapel services were held outside around a large wooden cross and stone altar. The cross was first erected in honor of Mary Wheatley, the former executive director's wife and major supporter of the Boys Home mission. Chapel began with the following opening sentences, "The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the Earth keep silence before Him!" This led to reflection on a variety of temples, not just the physical building. A temple can be a sanctuary of nature God provides or the temple of our bodies where the Holy Spirit dwells.

As we focus on the Way of Love -- turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go and rest, we focused on **BLESS**. One fall chapel service featured an outdoor blessing of animals and babies. During the service, all in attendance reflected on the call to bless others. Students told stories of St. Francis blessing and caring for the poor as well as befriending animals. The executive director's two dogs and several staff members' dogs were each blessed by name.

Linda and Ronnie Angle then surprised the community with a gender reveal for their expected new baby. Linda is the farm manager at Boys Home, while her husband Ronnie is the maintenance supervisor. They each held a special tube that produced a colored powder to reveal the baby's gender. The crowd separated into two sides, based on their prediction. There was a lot of excitement when pink popped in the air! Pastor Anne blessed their new baby girl. In addition, prayers were offered for Austin and Catie Cole's expected baby. Catie is Boys Home's admissions coordinator and Austin assists with education. At the end of chapel, each person in the assembled circle blessed the person next to them with encouragement to go forth in blessings throughout their days.



Students from Sam's Cottage prepared to read scripture during an outdoor chapel service. The wooden cross and stone altar made for a beautiful backdrop.

GET INVOLVED

DONATE

- * Become a member of the crew that supports Boys Home on a monthly basis, *Carpenter's Crew*. More information online.
- * Make an individual donation at www.givetoboyshome.org.
- * Make an in-kind donation to our Wish List. Find the list at www.boyshomeofva.org located at the bottom of the home page.

SPREAD THE WORD

- * Sign up for the Boys Home newsletter at www.boyshomeofva.org under "Mailing List."
- * Forward *Liaison Links* to other members of your church, friends and family.
- * Like us on Facebook & Instagram or follow us on Twitter.

STAY UP TO DATE

- **October 31:** P. Buckley Moss Raffle Drawing
- **November 5:** 6th Annual Boys Home Harvest Hustle
- **November 29:** Giving Tuesday

STUDENT PRAYER CORNER



Kemon's Prayer:

"I am currently praying for my family's safety." Since he arrived at Boys Home, Kemon wears a cross necklace daily.

Your continued support of Boys Home is touching lives and changing futures for the better.

Thank you for all the ways you support these young men.

Thank you, Granbery Methodist Outreach Committee and Highlands Methodist Missions's Group, for the towels, washcloths and sheet sets.

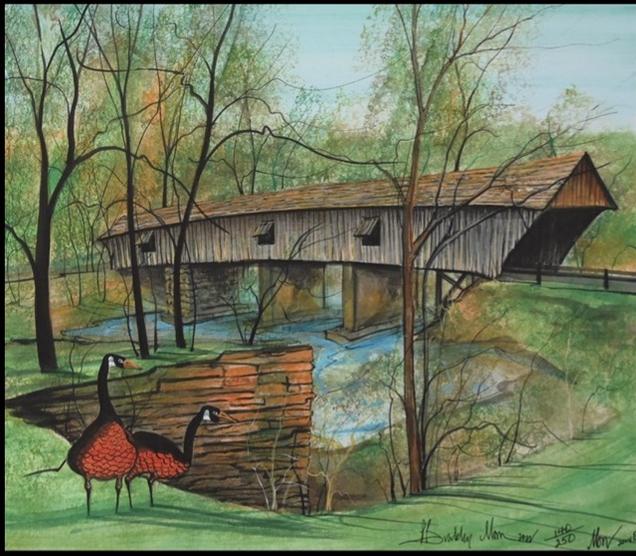
Boys Home is grateful for your generous donation!



Thank you, Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton, Virginia, for the fly-fishing clinic at Boys Home. **The event was educational and fun!**



Upcoming Events



Boys Home of Virginia P. Buckley Moss Raffle 2022

**\$5.00 per ticket or
\$45.00 for 10 tickets**

Print #140 - Concord Covered Bridge
Framed by Loving Art & Frame
of Covington, VA.

Drawing will be October 31, 2022!



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

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Credit Card: _____
Exp: ____ / ____ CSV# ____ Visa ____ Mastercard ____ Discover ____
I enclose \$ _____ for _____ tickets.

Mail coupon and donation
or credit card info to:
Boys Home of Virginia
Attn: Melinda Nichols
414 Boys Home Rd.
Covington, VA 24426

**\$5.00 per ticket or
\$45.00 for 10 tickets**

You can help
Boys Home of
Virginia earn
\$25,000 with a 1:1
match challenge
from the
Jesse Ball duPont
Fund!

Just donate online
in the month of
November to
double your gift.



The Jessie Ball duPont Fund has once again committed to providing Boys Home of Virginia with up to \$25,000 in online match funding! The first \$500 of each online donation made at www.givetoboyshome.org will be matched 1:1, November 1 - 31.

They are offering a special 2:1 match for every online donation received up to \$500 on Giving Tuesday - November 29.

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

To make your contribution go even further, please give online anytime November 1 - 31.

Call Melinda at 540-965-7707 or email at mnichols@boyshomeofva.org

Upcoming Events Continued



BOYS HOME
Harvest Hustle
5K, 10K, & Half-Marathon

Saturday, November 5, 2022
Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.
Jackson River Scenic Trail—Intervale Trailhead
1903 Dressler Drive, Covington, VA 24426

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

Visit www.runforboyshome.org to register
or call for more information 540-965-7707.

Boys Home
of Virginia

Would you like to help in a practical way?

Boys Home is currently accepting used vehicles in good, working condition. There is a need for sedans, minivans, small trucks and golf carts. Please contact Elaine below for more information.

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