

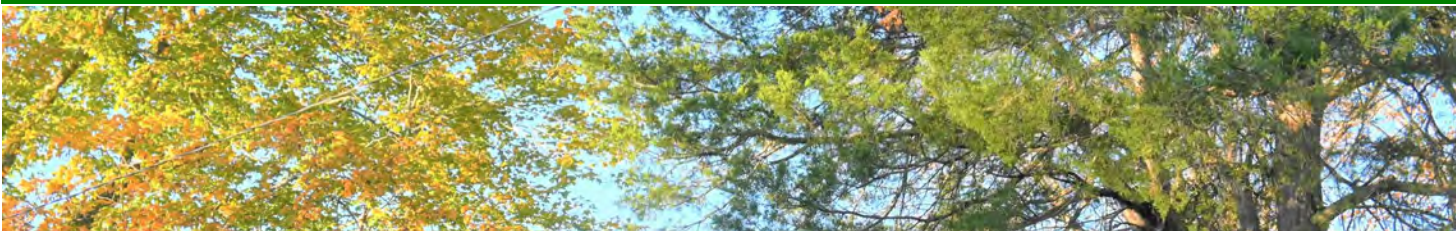


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# Boys Appeal | Fall 2023

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



The Boys Home campus includes 1,400 acres and twenty historic buildings. Currently, three key projects are focus areas to provide students and staff with a safe and secure experience. Boys Home is working to secure grant funding, which will partially assist with the projects. However, further support is needed and we are appealing to the Boys Home family to support these vital campus needs .



### Cottage Repairs | \$35,000

The cottage serves as a home to eight students and two houseparents, the heart of the campus. During inspection, it was found that four cottage roofs are in need of repair. This need is urgent!



### Parrott Dining Hall Heat/Air | \$85,000

After recent renovations on the dining hall, it was discovered that the heating and cooling system needs to be replaced.



### Water Line Expansion | \$42,500

The current water line does not have the adequate water pressure and flow to operate the fire hydrants in an optimal manner. In order to make this possible, the water line needs to be expanded.



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News from Boys Home of Virginia

**Fall 2023**

## 2023 | 2024 Academic Year

"I challenge you to seize the opportunity of a new school year with enthusiasm. Show up early. Put your all into everything you do this year. I am excited to see what you achieve."

Executive Director Chris Doyle







# Chris Doyle Executive Director

## BOYS HOME OF VIRGINIA

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Dear Friends and Supporters of Boys Home,

Greetings from The Hill and a warm welcome to the fall edition of the Boys Appeal! As we bid farewell to summer and embrace the vibrant colors of fall, I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your support. Your continued dedication makes this mission a resounding success.

At Boys Home, the journey towards transforming the lives of young men into empowered and responsible individuals is made possible by your unwavering commitment. It not only enables us to provide a nurturing and enriching environment, but it also gives us the ability to impart the values and skills necessary for the students to flourish. Your generosity continues to fuel our commitment to shaping young lives and nurturing the potential of each of our students.

This work is a team effort, and I want to acknowledge the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to ensure that our students receive the best care and education possible. It is the staff's dedication, compassion and unyielding belief in the potential of every boy here that makes Boys Home a haven for positive progress and learning. Their passion for our mission is evident in the bright smiles and promising futures of the current students and the success stories of the alumni.

As the leaves change and coolness fills the air, the new school year brings with it a renewed sense of hope and opportunity. The challenges of yesterday become stepping stones for tomorrow. Together, we are confident that these young men will rise to meet challenges with resilience and determination. Our students are at the heart of everything we do. Their boundless energy, curiosity and determination inspire us to provide them with the tools they need to carve their own paths in life.

As we embrace the beauty of the fall season and the excitement of a new school year, we must also acknowledge the pressing needs our facilities require to ensure students continue to have a safe and inspiring place to learn and thrive. I invite you to review the back cover of this Boys Appeal for the details of three immediate facilities needs and ask that you consider making a gift that will help us provide an environment where students can continue to flourish. If you are able to contribute to these critical needs, please include **Facilities 2023** in the memo of your check or in the drop-down menu selection at [givetoboyshome.org](http://givetoboyshome.org). All funds donated will go directly to support the boys who call this home.

In closing, I encourage you to stay connected with us through this publication as we share stories of success, updates and the remarkable achievements of the Boys Home community. Your involvement is what makes the work possible, and we are truly grateful for your continued devotion to this mission.

Thank you for being a part of the Boys Home family. Here's to a remarkable new school year filled with promise, growth and endless possibilities!

With sincere appreciation,

Chris Doyle  
Executive Director  
Boys Home of Virginia

# Boys Home 7th Annual Harvest Hustle

## October 28, 2023

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**Half - Marathon**  
9:30 a.m. | \$50

**10K**  
9:45 a.m. | \$40

**5K**  
10:00 a.m. | \$30



Visit [runforboyshome.org](http://runforboyshome.org) to register or call 540.965.7707 for more information  
Jackson River Scenic Trail | Intervale Trailhead | 1903 Dressler Drive | Covington | VA | 24426

## Do you have a working, used vehicle that needs a new home?

Boys Home is in need of sedans, minivans, small trucks and golf carts for on and off campus.

Please contact Jason Bush at 540.965.7708 or [jbush@boyshomeofva.org](mailto:jbush@boyshomeofva.org).

## FALL WISH LIST

- ▷ Tissues
- ▷ Hand soap
- ▷ Liquid body wash
- ▷ Body lotion
- ▷ Shampoo and conditioner
- ▷ Disinfecting wipes
- ▷ 3 prong folders
- ▷ Gently-used laptops
- ▷ Adult bike helmets
- ▷ AA and AAA batteries

SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBER 28**  
7th Annual Harvest Hustle

**OCTOBER 31**  
P. Buckley Moss Raffle Drawing

**NOVEMBER 28**

#GIVING  
TUESDAY

## WAYS TO HELP

- ▷ Join the Carpenter's Crew, Boys Home's monthly giving society.
- ▷ Sign up for the monthly newsletter at [boyshomeofva.org](http://boyshomeofva.org).
- ▷ Participate or spread the news about an upcoming event.
- ▷ Assist with purchasing "Wish List" items
- ▷ For more information, contact the Development office at 540.965.7715 or [sfscruggs@boyshomeofva.org](mailto:sfscruggs@boyshomeofva.org).

Mr. Chris Doyle, M.Ed., MBA  
Executive Director

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# The Navigators

## BOYS HOME'S LEGACY GIVING CLUB



Bobby and student David posed for a picture outside of the Boys Home bike shop. David needed a few bike repairs (pictured left).

Bobby, Yolanda and St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Roanoke, Virginia, assisted with collecting and donating church clothes in the fall of 2022 (pictured right).

For over one hundred years, Boys Home has been a haven for young men because of the faithful support of so many. The Navigators Society is an integral part of making this mission sustainable for many years to come. They lead the way toward a bright future. To join The Navigators Society, Boys Home would become part of a bequest, trust, will or another planned giving instrument. Unless you advise us otherwise, the gift will go directly toward funding food, shelter, clothing and a quality education for the young men who have made this their home.

Bobby and Yolanda Ballance are pictured above. They are members of The Navigators Society. They are excellent Boys Home ambassadors at their church. In addition, Bobby travels to campus two days a week to volunteer in the bike shop. Since the summer of 2022, he has fixed 114 bikes. He also assists the students with bike repairs as needed.

Bobby was asked about the decision to make a legacy gift. He stated, "When reviewing our Revocable Living Trust, Yolanda and I remembered our first visit to Boys Home of Virginia with our church, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, in Roanoke, Virginia. We were so impressed with the campus. During the visit, highlights included meeting the staff and students, plus learning about the comprehensive mission. My wife Yolanda and I give to Boys Home on a regular basis. We want that legacy to continue, so we decided to continue our giving by including Boys Home of Virginia in our Living Trust."

If you would like to enroll in The Navigators Society, or to learn more about planned gifts and how to make one, please contact Chris Doyle at 540.965.7704 or [cdoyle@boyshomeofva.org](mailto:cdoyle@boyshomeofva.org).

# Where moments become treasured memories



To purchase tickets online, please open the camera on your cell phone, scan below and follow the link. Don't forget to select "Moss Raffle" in the drop-down menu. Thank you for your support!



### Boys Home of Virginia - P. Buckley Moss Raffle 2023



\$5.00 per ticket or  
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**Our Mission** | To help each student strive toward becoming a productive member of society by developing his potential – spiritually, mentally, physically and socially.

**Our Vision** | A community that inspires young men to positively impact those around them.





# ABE ASHEBIR

ALUMNI CORNER

As a young child, Abe moved from Ethiopia to Silver Springs, Maryland. The adjustment was a challenge, causing him to fall behind in school as he was assimilating to a new culture and learning English. At age 11, Abe arrived at Boys Home in 2011. Abe would attend public school for several years but would spend his junior and senior years at Boys Home School. After receiving a more individualized education and staff support, he successfully graduated high school in 2019. At graduation, he received the prestigious George Floyd Rogers Award. The award is given to a senior who by his spirit and example displays the positive qualities of Boys Home's founder.

During his eight years in the program, Abe enjoyed working on the farm, the equine program, soccer and the five years he spent on the Boys Home basketball team. Abe attributed his success at Boys Home to helpful and dedicated staff. He stated, "My houseparent, Linda Angle, became like a second mother to me. I also had a lot of support from Donnie and Bonnie Wheatley, Ronnie Angle, Donnie Costigan, Aaron Smith and many more. They offered me guidance, a nurturing environment and instilled confidence. The staff gave me clear standards, helped me achieve my goals and assisted me in setting even higher ambitions. I believe that these skills have given me a head start over my peers. I gained abilities in working with others, discipline and proper cleaning skills. Not every young adult knows how to clean! I also learned the importance of manners. In my four years away from Boys Home, I am truly seeing the value of the program and the knowledge I can utilize throughout my life."

While reminiscing on his time at Boys Home, Abe was asked about a favorite tradition. Boys Home is rich in traditions. He said, "Christmas was a lot of fun and loud! It was a special night when we all came together to celebrate and receive gifts. Many kids wouldn't experience this kind of Christmas without Boys Home. Everyone looked forward to this special time of year."

After graduating from Boys Home School in 2019, Abe attended Radford University. In May 2023, he graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in economics and a minor in finance. This is a tremendous accomplishment and is celebrated in the Boys Home community. He currently resides in Richmond, Virginia, where he is employed by the auditors of public accountants as an auditor for the state of Virginia. Abe's long-term goal is to establish a career in corporate finance. He is currently pursuing a Master of Business degree from Radford University. Abe is an incredible testament to the Boys Home program. Boys Home was the place where he gained a better understanding of who he was as a person and unlocked his full potential to achieve great success!



# BRING ON THE BOYS HOME BEARS

In the early years of Boys Home, students were nicknamed Hilltoppers. The name was born out of the mountainous location of the campus. When athletic programs began, it was only natural that the team's name would be the Boys Home Hilltoppers. However, there was never a mascot. Sometime in the late 1960's, the name was changed to Boys Home Indians. The designation remained until the late 1990's when it reverted to Hilltoppers.

When Donnie Costigan was named athletic and recreation director in spring 2022, he was motivated to find ways to build team spirit. One of his ideas was to create a new mascot for Boys Home. As an alumnus, Donnie proudly wore the Boys Home Indians basketball jersey from 1990 to 1994 and still holds the record as the second all-time leading scorer. He stated, "I took a lot of pride in wearing that jersey. The mascot was so much more than the representation of a place, team or school. It embodied the mission, values, character and legacy of Boys Home. I want the current students to enjoy that same feeling. I am hoping the new mascot will increase student engagement, school pride and spirit for many years to come."

After Mr. Costigan consulted with Mr. Doyle about the process for adopting a new mascot, the mascot challenge began. The plan was that the students would be empowered to help choose the new mascot. The process started with students and staff submitting their ideas for potential new mascots. Two rounds of student voting narrowed the choices down to three finalists. In the final vote, the Boys Home Bears won by an overwhelming majority. Boys Home worked with the agency Becker & Weaver to develop the new branding elements. Mr. Doyle stated, "We could have purchased the rights to a generic bear logo, but we wanted something customized and unique to Boys Home. I am proud that we gave students a voice in the process and look forward to the sense of pride they will have in being the Boys Home Bears."

The new mascot was revealed at a pep rally for the soccer team and all students received a navy-blue sweatshirt with the new mascot. The crest logo will remain the traditional logo for Boys Home, while the Bear logos will be used for athletics. Please join us in cheering on the Boys Home Bears as they compete in fall soccer, basketball and spring soccer. Go Boys Home Bears!



## ATHLETIC LOGOS

