Celebrating Friendship

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Editor’s Note: What Are You Doing For Others?

One of our younger boys was running really fast recently, trying to keep up with the older boys as they played football. He stumbled, fell rather hard, and was embarrassed. He could have been laughed at and teased. He could have been left behind. He could have stomped off mad. None of these “could ofs” happened. Within seconds one boy turned and helped him up, another two boys retied a shoe each, and he soon started running again.

These boys share no family blood line, but they do share a strong sense of community and responsibility taught not only by their committed houseparents, but demonstrated everyday by the staff at Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes. Sometimes I cannot help but think that in our world of out of control entitlement and selfishness that everyone could be served well by spending a little time in a group-home setting.

While no child should have to grow up living without his real family, we make sure that if they do and are with us that we provide an encouraging, stable, safe, and nurturing environment. As our youth see and experience this each day, they begin to demonstrate these traits themselves. In effect, they become change-agents, whether it be at school, on a sports field, at a party, etc.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once asked, “What are you doing for others?” Our youth do just what they see our houseparents and staff do, they see them caring, thus they care.

Questions or comments about The Orator?

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Straight Talk Radio is an inspirational radio program offering motivating, uplifting and encouraging messages on many of the most challenging issues facing youth, families and leaders today. Robert Day pulls from Scripture and employs his own moving personal story and dynamic testimony to touch hearts and inspire lives. His unique insights challenge listeners to live more Christ-centered lives.

Hope for Tomorrow Counseling (HFT) one of PHFS ever expanding ministries, currently operates Christian counseling centers in Lynchburg, South Boston, Farmville, Bedford, and Danville. Founded to serve the counseling needs of our own youth, due to its success has grown to serve the needs of over 900 hurting children and adults across Virginia. Over the years, we have realized that many of the situations that led children to our care might have been avoided through counseling.

Safe Families for Children helps parents who are struggling to provide a safe home due to varying circumstances, temporarily place their children in the safe and loving homes of volunteers. While their children are being cared for, parents are given the breathing room they need to restore stability in their lives. They are supported in myriad ways through Safe Families volunteers, in order to help reunite their family as soon as possible.

Hat Creek Camps invites children of all ages to explore and enjoy 345 acres of picturesque rolling hills and adventure packed challenges during summer camp no matter their economic circumstances. At camp, children experience the excitement and achievement associated with outdoor activities, while benefitting from the example of Christian mentors. The Hammersley Center at Hat Creek offers year round serene conference services to churches, businesses, clubs and civic groups.

Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes (PHBGH) was founded as a living memorial to one of America’s most passionate patriots and orators. PHBGH is our cornerstone site operation which has served vulnerable youth for 56 years. Our five sites minister to children ages five through twenty-four and are able to handle up to 40 youth at a time. Each home is under the care of Christian houseparents, who model a loving family environment and encourage youth through all challenges.

The vision of Patrick Henry Family Services (PHFS) is the backbone of our organization. In order to fulfill that vision and to help children and families contend with the overwhelming challenges posed by today’s turbulent cultural trends, we have built upon the original 1961 residential care concept with a series of interconnecting ministries. Each ministry complements the other and together they work to make a difference in the lives of hurting children.

OUR MISSION:
To meet the needs of every child before us, resulting in the maximum impact for that Child, in the shortest time possible, in the most efficient way possible, always in a loving and professional manner.
We at Patrick Henry Family Services are blessed to have such a thoughtful and engaged base of support. Our compassionate army of donors are more like partners than contributors. You truly are friends. Together we have accomplished a great deal these past few years. Here is a short summary:

1. We purchased Hat Creek Camp, raised nearly a million dollars for capital improvements, and have served over 700 campers the past four years. Truly amazing by any standard.

2. We have expanded our counseling ministry, Hope for Tomorrow, beyond Lynchburg to the communities of South Boston, Farmville, Bedford, and Danville. With your help we gave tangible aid to thousands of individuals, couples, and families. We have been there at the critical time of their crisis, prevented untold pain and trauma, and have brought healing to the wounds of previous hurts. We’ve saved marriages, restored families, and enhanced the quality of life.

3. We established the Patrick Henry Academy in order to improve the academic outcomes for the children in the Boys and Girls Homes. Whether a child is attending the academy full-time, or going to public school, every pupil is supported by the qualified staff and the resources you made possible. This has resulted in some remarkable progress in both grades and behavior.

4. Last summer we launched Safe Families for Children with the vision to serve the residential care needs of younger children, and to divert the children at risk of abuse and neglect from the Foster Care system. With the volunteer help of local churches, we have already served dozens of children, and their families the past six months.

5. Homes of Hope, a program arm of Safe Families, provides a safe and nurturing place for young mothers and their small children. With your investment, children in the Foster Care system have been returned to their moms who are now better prepared to care for them. The cost of this program, in comparison to the long term good it’s doing, is phenomenal. The cost of this program, in comparison to it’s long-term good, is worth every penny.

6. Our foundational ministry, Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes, has provided a sanctuary for hundreds of children who had nowhere to go. In addition to housing, feeding, and clothing these precious kids, we have also provided recreational and cultural opportunities. By your gracious support, we’ve been able to enhance the quality of the facilities, the effectiveness of the program, and the excellence of care each child receives at the Boys and Girls Homes.

Your faithful giving has helped meet the needs of vulnerable children and distressed families throughout Virginia and beyond. Because of your generosity, we never turn anyone away from any of our services due to their inability to pay. Furthermore, we were able to do all this without government funding. Few organizations can say that. Good job everyone!
What’s next? As you know, we are never satisfied with the present. There remain too many children, with far too many needs, to ever become complacent.

The focus the next several months will be our legacy ministry, Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes. We need more residential care options to serve the various, and growingly complex problems of the children before us. We are turning away children because we either don’t have the appropriate facilities, the properly trained staff, or the right location to meet their needs. We must build a strong relationship with Social Services. We must work with them if we want to help the thousands of children in the system. It’s also essential we do more to challenge the poisonous culture that continues to put these innocent kids in harmful situations.

Look What You've Helped Us Achieve!
Working with children is what Ted MacVaugh does best; he has worked with at-risk youth in various settings for 23 years. Ted is in the rare position of knowing what it is like not only to live on the streets, but to also grow up at Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch located 42 miles from Amarillo, Texas. At age 10, Ted became a run-away. He would live on the streets of Houston, Texas for the next two years.

“I would rummage through dumpsters looking for McDonald peel offs – a free French fry, a free soft drink, occasionally, a free hamburger,” said Ted. “Because I was so young I was also able to sneak in the elementary school every once in a while and act like I was an attending student. I would eat in their cafeteria and, occasionally, take a shower in the gym. Because the schools have such a huge student body, no one suspected that I was living on the streets.”

“It all came to an end when I was stabbed in the back. My Dad was telephoned and immediately came. My Dad was a great man. He was a volunteer fireman and a truck driver which meant he was often gone. He took two weeks off from his job just trying to figure out what to do with me.”

“A friend told my dad about Cal Farley. He immediately telephoned Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch.
and Cal Farley’s son-in-law came to interview me and my parents. As Mr. Harriman was leaving, my Dad asked what were the chances that they would take me. He said he was on the way to interview another boy for admission, but before doing so he was going to make the telephone call for my admission. It was the first time I ever saw my Dad cry – he knew they could save my life and that is exactly what they did.”

Ted MacVaugh witnessed in his own experience, just like many of the youth living at Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes, what it was like not having anywhere to go. In addition to growing up at the ranch, Ted would also work there for a total of 15 years.

“Not only did they save my life, they loved me through some pretty negative behavior, and they gave me an amazing education. They sent me through undergraduate school at West Texas A&M University where I received a Psychology degree. I later returned to West Texas A&M University to earn a Master’s degree in social work, again paid for by Cal Farley. As you can image I am eternally grateful to Cal Farley, not only because I am alive and well educated, but because I have a burning love for helping children just like me.”

“My Cal Farley roommate and best friend to this day is Andy Justus, a news anchor and realtor in Amarillo, Texas. He led me to Christ. His favorite Bible verse, Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” is one that I believe relates best to working with children. With the strength of Christ, we can do those things that can not only save a youth’s life, but we can love them through the pain and restore their trust.”

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Christmas was a bit different this past year at PHBGH. Instead of just ensuring that our youth received needed gifts, we gave each resident some money thinking that they could purchase what they really liked.

Wow, the outcome was something we did not see coming, regarding many of the youth! They took their monies and set out to purchase gifts not for themselves, but for cottage mates, houseparents, family members, and special staff.

One young lady spent all she had on others, but that was not enough for her. Katlynn then took time to give each person receiving one of her gifts a hand written note of appreciation for being in her life. Though she did not have a whole lot to spend on the gifts purchased, Katelynn expended a million dollars’ worth of gratitude and genuine love.

“I gave because I love these people and the girls here are just like sisters,” said Katlynn. “Living in the Howe Cottage has worked miracles. I think more positively now and I am happy!”

“Best of all was seeing her precious joy in giving,” said Lauren, her house mother. “Not only did she lift up herself, Katlynn lifted us all up as she exemplified Christ-like love.”
The Department of Virginia American Legion Auxiliary is no stranger to Patrick Henry Family Services. In fact, they and the Alice Kyle District of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Virginia are the only two organizations that can boast of having continually supported Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes for 56 years!

“Throughout the years not only have their donations been substantial, they have been dependable,” said CEO Robert Day. “With their support, our second cottage was built on the Brookneal campus, English Cottage. They gave us the much-loved and used craft house, and with a recent donation of $4,000 we were able to purchase a ‘Smart Board’ for Patrick Henry Academy. These are just three samplings of their generosity!”

In July, Robert Day received a telephone call from Faye Wells, Department of Virginia Children and Youth Chairman. She asked that he give her a list of where he felt there were specific needs.

“When Mr. Day told me about Homes of Hope and how Patrick Henry Family Services was now helping homeless mothers with babies, I said that is it!” commented Faye Wells. “Babies roll through diapers, so we started a donation campaign called Diapers for Babies. We collected over 100 boxes and packages of diapers, over 65 pounds of baby clothing, and packages of diaper wipes. In addition, we are collecting funds throughout this year to help with the home’s expenses.”

“Giving to PHFS is an opportunity to make a real difference in lives. Throughout the years we have consistently watched PHFS change lives, save lives, enrich lives, and protect lives. It is rewarding to us that we are able to support their commitment to others. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security – as stated in part of the American Legion Auxiliary mission statement.”
Dear Supporters,

I would like to give the biggest thanks to so many people, wonderful people that have been a huge help to me and my children. Thank you is not enough, but I love to show my love and appreciation. I have to thank God first and foremost. He knew what I was going through and he brought wonderful people into my children’s lives, as well as into mine.

Thank you Hope for Tomorrow Counseling and my counselor, Sherry, for being supportive and introducing me to Safe Families for Children where I met Ruby, Sheree, and Patrick. They have gone out of their way with support and in showing that they are here for my children and me. I love you all!

If I needed food or diapers they had my back. SFFC provided families that have helped with my children when I needed a break, had an appointment, or when I needed to take care of something important. When I met the volunteer families with SFFC, I immediately knew my children would be safe. Being a single mother of four who is currently unemployed (but seeking work), I was naturally nervous because my children are my life. I take care of them with little help from anyone. SFFC provided the help I so desperately needed.

When my moving arrangements fell through just days before Christmas, SFFC, Thomas Road Baptist Church, and other volunteers paid for a moving truck and then did all the moving and set up. They certainly could have been doing more important things with their families, especially because it was so close to Christmas, but they put our needs above their own. New beds were given to the three older children and we received a dining table and chairs, as well as household items. We also had an extra special Christmas thanks to the gifts given to us by Pastor Allen Gregory and his Appomattox Baptist Temple congregation.

Though I do not like to ask for help and am not use to it, their help poured down on me and my children graciously. Thank you so much SFFC!

Through SFFC I met Cheryl, she has been a big help in many ways with resources and I am glad to have her in my life. She is my friend. Michelle and Dennis, volunteers with SFFC from Thomas Road Baptist Church have been invaluable. Michelle and Dennis’s daughter, Georgia, has helped several times to watch my children. Our actual SFFC host family, Jason and Donna Wells and children (3) are true gifts from heaven. They not only have hosted my children, but their compassionate spirit is uplifting.

Christmas 2015 was a particularly hard time for me. My dear aunt Cynthia, someone like a mother to me, passed away on Christmas Eve. Her death was followed by the birth of my youngest daughter Ke-Miyaa. I went to Hope for Tomorrow for help with postpartum depression and in dealing with the loss of my aunt. I simply got to the point where I could no longer deal with the depression and anxiety.

It seems very clear to me now that when I finally got to the point of seeking and accepting help really good things started happening for me and my children. Hope for Tomorrow, Safe Families for Children, Thomas Road Baptist Church, and Appomattox Baptist Temple have all provided amazing help and resources. Again, I thank you all and pray that you all continue to be blessed in order to be a blessing to others as you have been to me.

In faith,

Natarsha
Worst of Mothers... Best of Moms

THE REVIEWS SAY IT BEST:

“A poignant story about being born into poverty, not only physical but spiritual poverty. Reading how Robert with God’s help overcame his childhood to become the man of God he is today touches ones very heart. He has been able to take his past and use it effectively to minister to young people of all ages to give them a hope and a worth.”

- Barb

“Worst of Mothers ... Best of Moms” is not only a poignant glimpse into the childhood of a man I know and respect, but is also a powerful challenge to all of us who care about children. ... If you care about or are caring for children with a history of trauma, this book is a must-read.”

- Claudia

“Much of my reading is for inspiration and encouragement and this book speaks to both. ... My eyes were opened to the reality of so many children around us today who suffer in unimaginable circumstances and are wounded for life, generation after generation. ... I owe a lot to Mr. Day for his willingness to let us see what for him must have been incredibly painful.”

- David

“I grew up with Robert J. Day and can personally attest to the trueness of what he writes. ... This book is amazing and must have been very hard for Robert to write. He does not hold back and writes some pretty tough things to comprehend (especially for a child). Thank goodness he does. Let’s all learn something from this book.”

- Amazon Customer

“Very eye opening into the culture of poverty and how it impacts our society. A must-read for anyone who cares about children suffering poverty, abuse, and terrible situations.”

- Katie

“How can you say you love a book that tells the story of such a devastating childhood, except that Robert J. Day has written his story with hope on every page? His story shocked and saddened me, but did not leave me hopeless. It left me with a resolve to care and get involved.”

- Amazon Customer

“One of the most compelling books I’ve read in years!”

- Janelle
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“We are very pleased that our professional, Christian-based counseling services are now available to the Danville community,” said Director of HFT, Jim Herron. “Danville is a key community in Southside Virginia, and we are pleased to be able to add our services as a resource to the area. We have wanted to open a counseling center there for quite a while, it just took time to find the right location. We are looking forward to serving individuals of all ages, couples, and families. We want to work especially with the church community, as we offer faith-based counseling.”

“We have two excellent licensed therapists currently working in the Danville counseling center, Jonci Berneche and Susan Chandler. Both therapists are trained and experienced in counseling children, adolescents, and adults, and will help resolve conflict, mend relationships, and, whenever possible, restore families. They can intervene in situations of depression, marital problems, addiction, anxiety, and much more. Through counseling, and connections with resources and tools, we believe that our clients are better equipped to work through the challenging situations they face.”

Founded initially to offer counseling for the youth of Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes, HFT has rapidly become a successful outreach due to its effective reputation with youth and focus on restorative services for families.

In addition to the newly opened Danville office, HFT has counseling offices in Lynchburg, South Boston, Farmville, and Bedford. To learn more about HFT, schedule an appointment, or receive additional event details, please telephone 434-239-4949 or visit www.hopefortomorrowcounseling.org.
For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Kelly Myers is passionate about helping people find their inner strength as they work through painful issues of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, bereavement, and more. Through her strength-based counseling, she heals and enriches countless lives as she utilizes cognitive behavior and solution-focused therapies.

“I want to help people realize how strong they are and that with faith they can overcome anything,” said Myers.

“For as long as I can remember, I dreamed of being a lawyer. After I graduated with my bachelor’s I went to work for an attorney, but realized very quickly that it was not for me. I discovered that my favorite part of the job was assisting an intellectually disabled older couple with their activities of daily living. That couple was so kind and inspiring. I knew then that I needed to make a life change and get my degree in social work.”

“After years of juggling case management, I knew that at the counseling level I could make so much more of a real difference in people’s lives. In order to get my license, I worked under an Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice. She was fantastic and her passion for her clients was contagious.”

“I wish there was more of a push to get quality professionals in rural areas,” lamented Myers.

“Growing up in a rural county, I appreciate how much of a struggle it is to find resources and when found, how backlogged they can be. That’s one reason I am so proud to be a part of Patrick Henry Family Services and Hope for Tomorrow Counseling, I want to be a part of something great that can help my own community.”

Kelly received her Bachelor of Science degree from Glenville State College in West Virginia in 2006 and her Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2010. She and her husband Chris have one daughter, Samantha “Sam” who is two. As well, the Myers family have four inside dogs. Admittedly her house is always crazy, but she absolutely loves it!

In closing Kelly shares, “I love to garden, but don’t necessarily see myself as having a green thumb. There is something cathartic about planting and seeing God’s creations. If you see me, and have any tips, please share!”
One of the many things that is so meaningful within the Patrick Henry Family Services organization is everyone’s exceptional dedication to serving youth and families. It seems that in all areas of our ministries there are exciting things and events happening. One such event was the fall Harvest Dinner held for all the youth of Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes.

After weeks of planning and preparation, we report that the evening’s event will long be remembered. The youth came dressed in their Sunday best, the houseparents came to serve as waiters and waitresses, and our staff chef prepared an amazing four course Thanksgiving feast. First, there was an hour of etiquette instruction regarding a proper meal, including how to seat a lady and acceptable dinner conversation. While the boys and girls laughed and giggled a bit, one clearly saw that they were curious and eager to learn.

Then there were door prizes, followed by a delectable dinner. The warm pumpkin pie with whipped cream was the biggest hit! The evening closed with great fun as one of our youth asked if all the boys, girls and adults could participate in a Mannequin Challenge.

As this event unfolded, all were exceptionally thankful that evening for life-lessons learned while in an environment of care and fun. It was reminiscent of a true family. Parents work with their children to insure strong growth alongside laughter, safety, and fun. Most of our youth do not have that in their own families, but it is something we seem to do well.

“I never thought being in a room with so many people being ‘proper’ would be such fun,” said one of our boys!
Everyone strikes a pose for the "Mannequin Challenge" at the Harvest Dinner!

The Community Thanksgiving Service has been a project of the Brookneal Woman’s Club for 47 years. Community churches and pastors are invited to participate in this meaningful Thanksgiving service. The Red Hill Garden Club decorates for the event and there is special music, this year by Steven and Carol Wood. PHFS CEO Robert delivered the sermon with a plea, “To turn hearts back to children, to the orphans, and to the unwanted child.” Photographed on the above right are members of the Brookneal Woman’s Club with Robert Day.
Homes of Hope opened its first home for homeless mothers on May 27, 2016. Its mission is to provide a continuum of services and support for single, young homeless moms and their babies, which will keep children safe and mothers strong. Since opening, Homes of Hope has seen a steady stream of mothers and babies in need of assistance. Please contact Debbie Musselman at (434) 444-4600 for more information.

If you live in the Lynchburg area, you might just see one of the Patrick Henry Family Services collection jars around for the benefit of their Safe Families for Children (SFFC) ministry. A collection campaign is underway through May 31 in support of the many needs of this growing program.

Originally founded in Chicago, Illinois, in 2002, SFFC has successfully helped tens of thousands of families remain intact when faced with temporary crisis situations. The SFFC program creates safe havens for children in need, providing a stable environment that shields them from neglect while their families resolve issues ranging from unemployment, homelessness, hospitalization, or even brief incarceration. Children are temporarily placed with trained and vetted Christian families while parental issues are resolved.

We encourage anyone to pick up jars and get them out to work staff or just individually take them home and fill them. For more information regarding the jars or to pick up a jar, please come by our office at 1621 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, VA or telephone Sheree Bryant or Ruby Caskey at 606 or 605.
What You Dwell on Determines Your Destiny...
Because What You Focus on Sets the Boundaries of Your Existence

A Straight Talk Excerpt by Robert Day:

Here is a life principle to think about today – what you focus on expands. Good or bad, right or wrong, what you focus on will grow. In other words, energy flows to where attention goes. If you focus on the negative, the destructive will grow. If you focus on the positive, the constructive will grow. If you focus on righteous things, virtuous things will expand. If you focus on immoral things, wicked things will expand.

It is simply a fact of life. What you dwell on determines your destiny, because what you focus on sets the boundaries of your existence. You become what you think about and what you pay attention to.

The question then to ask yourself today is this, what are you focusing on? What has your attention? Where is your energy being spent? What are the issues or things you are concentrating on? Is there something you want to increase? If so, then make that the emphasis of your thoughts and see what happens.

Take Away: You reap what you sow.
When the envelope arrived it was distinctive. Addressed by what appeared to be a youth, it was obvious that there were coins inside, as it had been carefully taped in order to protect the content. When opened not only were coins discovered, but so were paper bills and a note which read:

Wow ... In a world filled with entitled youth who are often so busy being busy for themselves they seldom think of others, to receive such a note and measurable donation of $122.25 was heart-warming. An interview with the sixth grader from Sandusky Middle School revealed that he had been taught to tithe.

“All our money is really God’s money, we just get to use it, so it is important to give back a tithing amount for his good,” said Joey. “My parents taught me to tithe.”

“Also, giving makes me feel good, especially when you know you are helping someone and you can make a difference. I wanted to help children because I am a kid and I would like it if someone would help me if I needed it. My Dad suggested Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes because he had always heard that they did good things.”

When asked how he raises money, Joey is quick to say, “I do a bunch of chores and I also, save from things like birthday money.”

Upon completion of the interview, Joey asked, “Will you take some more money back to the kids please?” He gave another envelope filled with his tithe donation and off he went to ball practice.

Joey is the son of Joe Spagnolo and Veronica Beasley.
This summer campers at Hat Creek Camp will embark on a journey to the Far East as they take on the Quest for the Ancient Sword of Wisdom. Campers will join one of the two ninja clans and prove their skills with games like: Discs of Fury, Silent Ninja, and Hat Creek Ninja Warrior, to name a few. Best of all, they will spend time discovering the ancient, yet timeless, wisdom of the Bible!

In addition, campers will have the opportunity to listen to Godly, caring leaders as they share about the value of wisdom, how to seek it, and its origins.

Hat Creek Camp offers a traditional, exciting journey filled summer camp. Our overnight residential camp provides campers the opportunity to come and stay at camp for a week. Campers arrive Monday afternoon and depart Friday evening. Campers have the opportunity to choose two activities (Canoeing, Climbing, Archery, Riflery, Wilderness Adventure, Drama, and many more) to be involved in throughout the duration of the week. There are also two free-time periods each day and an evening program each night. Of course campfires, flag raising/lowering, cabin cleanup, and even a rest time are part of the day as well.

The campers will be split into two teams as they compete throughout the week in various games and challenges. There will be a spiritual emphasis throughout the week, which will include a morning devotional time and a daily evening challenge.

For more information about the 2017 Hat Creek Camps or to register, please visit us at: www.HatCreekCamps.org

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Providing a camp for disadvantaged youth has been a long-time goal of Patrick Henry Family Services. The following excerpt was taken from A History of Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation, Inc. The First Fifty Years by Robert W. McCullough, page 76:

(In 1974) Bob McCullough was given the green light by the board to explore the feasibility of developing a Christian camping program. He has a real burden for the many underprivileged children who never receive an opportunity for a camping experience. ... Mr. McCullough explored various camping programs ... Each time serious considerations were given to developing such a camp, other program priorities took precedence and the camping program remained on the shelf ... The camping program unfortunately never found its way to the high priority list again due to rapid development of the residential program.

In the spring of 2013, the old dream came to life as Patrick Henry Family Services embarked on a new frontier ministry: camp — that is Hat Creek Camp (HCC)! The primary mission of HCC is to provide disadvantaged children with an opportunity to experience Christian camp, and to act as an identifier of family issues prevalent in our culture.

In addition to the primary mission, HCC also provides a place for all children to come and experience traditional camp and the glorious adventures accessible in the great outdoors. PHFS believed then and now that camping is a way to reach the next generation of youth, to pull them away from the instant gratifications of society, and the addiction of technology and video games. Camp provides a place safe from any type of abuse, a place to explore, to discover, to see stars, to share stories, and to feel the presence of God.

A recent research study by the Kaiser Family Foundation shows that the typical teen spends eight and a half hours each day using various media, including television, radio, music, computers, the Internet, video games, etc.
Undertaking a camp, however, was not inexpensive or uncomplicated! The following expenses were identified immediately:

- **Infrastructure:** $95,000.
  (Including electrical upgrades, water line repair, and septic system repair.)

- **Building Additions and Repairs:** $445,000
  (Creation of a welcome center and four new cabins; repairs to all bath houses; remodel of the dining facility, retreat center, and existing lakeside cabins; repair of hogans and treehouses)

- **Equipment Purchase and Repairs:** $45,000.
  (Including tractor, lawnmowers, ATV, pick-up truck and golf cart(s).)

- **Programming Needs:** $145,000
  (Repair of the ropes course; purchase and install zip-line and water slide; purchase canoes (6), paddle boats (6), and kayaks; construct pole-type barn structure; and create a multi-use basketball court.)

- **Property Purchase:** $279,000
  (Including purchase price of the land and building from the Presbytery of the Peaks.)

- **Repayment of Original Capital Funding:** $150,000
  (Loan received from Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes Endowment so that some work could begin immediately.)

To cover the needed expenses outlined above, a $1 million capital campaign ensued with Beverley Dalton and Bill Jamerson at the helm. Thanks to their generosity, dedication, and resolve, today we are in reach of the goal, with just $19,699 to raise.

*With your help, we will meet or exceed our goal by this spring! Inside this magazine is a reply envelope that has a special place to make a gift specifically for the campaign for Hat Creek Camp. If you prefer to give online, please visit our website at www.patrickhenry.org and designate your gift to Hat Creek Camp. As always, 100% of your gift goes straight to the ministry and lives are changed!*

**Raised:** $980,331

**Goal:** Completion by June 30, 2017

**Remaining:** $19,669
It was an extraordinary day, not too hot, not too chilly. The sun was bright and the players were ready for 18 holes of golf at the picturesque Boonsboro Country Club.

“The idea of having a golf tournament to benefit Patrick Henry Family Services formed following a meeting I had with my son who had recently been hired by them as Controller,” said Jim Wagner, former golf instructor for Liberty University. “As I learned of PHFS’s commitment in helping vulnerable children and families, I instantly thought about the LINKS Fellowship organization of which I am a member, and reached out to our area President and Director of the Career Center at Liberty University Richard Glass, to see what we could do. He has a lot of experience coordinating golf events back in Texas. Not only do we love to play golf, but we are rooted in our love of God and relationships with others.”

As stated on the Links Player International website (www.linksplayers.com):

> Throughout the United States, men and women with golf in common are discovering that there are things much more valuable to be shared in life than stories of birdies and bogeys. At the same time, they are comfortable among their golfing friends, and enjoy spending time with these people.

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“With little time to spare, we were able to pull together the first annual Fall Classic, a golf event which we hope will become an annual fundraiser for PHFS. We have a strong membership of committed Christian golfers with big hearts. PHFS has a faithful foundation of God-centered ministries, all with big needs. The two of us make a good team!” concluded Jim Wagner.

“PHFS simply cannot thank Jim Wagner, Richard Glass, sponsors, and all the participants enough for making this event a success. These men pulled together not only an incredible event, but that it was done while openly giving God the glory is over-the-top special.”

Note: A Fall PHFS Golf Classic is in the works, stay tuned for the date!
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For more information or to discuss giving opportunities to Patrick Henry Family Services, please contact:

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A s Patrick Henry Family Services celebrated 55 years of ministry to children and families in-need, they did so in recognition of friends and supporters who make the ministry of PHFS possible. At the sixth annual Legacy Luncheon those remembered were the oldest former resident who is now 70 years old and today’s youngest resident who is 6 years old.

“It is amazing to think about the generations of families who have been helped because of the partnership of PHFS and our supporters," said Director of Philanthropy, Adam Spencer. “A canopy of 200,000 little lights transformed the aging Tuck Gray Multi-Purpose Center, as 13 year old Elise Frazier welcomed our guests on a center stage playing a beautiful assortment of songs on her harp. Over 125 people enjoyed delicious food and delightful fellowship as well as inspiring presentations from returning resident Shelley Mays Couch and CEO, Robert Day. We are already excited for the 2017 Legacy Luncheon next fall.”

“From the moment I arrived at Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes I received constant, consistent, encouraging, and unconditional love,” said former resident Shelley Mays Couch. “Their unwavering love gave me the courage and strength to love myself. Slowly, but surely, I witnessed this love melt away my chains of anger. No longer was I content being difficult, instead I was determined to be that better me that God knew I could be.” Shelly closed her
presentation with an inspiring song that she wrote.

Robert Day took the opportunity to share highlights from his first book *Worst of Mothers ... Best of Moms*, “I am whom I am today in a large degree because those “best of moms” that stepped in to feed, encourage and pray for me. We thank each of you here today for your part in supporting our children and families, as we continue to feed, encourage, and pray for those in our care.”

Should you be interested in learning more about our vision or about upcoming appreciation luncheons near you, please contact:

**Adam Spencer at 434-239-1139 or aspencer@patrickhenry.org**

Photographs above are a sampling of some of our special friends in attendance at the 2016 Legacy Luncheon.

Nelwyn Smith
Speaks Out on What Our Mission Means to Her

The PHFS Vision: To meet the needs of every child before us, resulting in the maximum impact for that child, in the shortest time possible, in the most efficient way possible, always in a loving and professional manner.

“In my opinion PHFS is striving to execute their vision to meet the needs of each boy and girl. In the last several years, I have been invited to the Legacy luncheon which I truly have enjoyed. I have been amazed by the testimonies of those who reached the goals of PHFS’s vision. What an accomplishment to be proud of, for PHFS. When my husband and I got married in 1955, we soon started giving to PHFS and I have continued since his death. I feel we are privileged to share with an organization such as PHFS that is serving to help people hurting. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!”

Photographed at the top is Phyllis Guilliams, Angela Noel, Nelwyn Smith, and Ruby Caskey.
Without our army of dedicated donors, Patrick Henry Family Services' commitment and ability to help children and families in distressful circumstances, simply would not be possible. Just like the youth we serve, many of our donor stories are often remarkable and touching.

Recently we were invited into the home and life of Margaret Ricks, a faithful supporter and friend of Patrick Henry Family Services. Born in Colorado Springs where her father, Paul Pigg (originally from Patrick Henry county, Virginia, later moving to homestead in Colorado) worked as a foreman of the farm owned by Myron Stratton Home founded in 1904 as a community for distressed children and senior citizens with limited resources. Her mother, Leila Johnston Pigg was the secretary to the then-director of the Myron Stratton Home.

Due to frightfully cold winters, at age six Mrs. Ricks moved with her family to a ranch in Pueblo County, Colorado. “I was fortunate. I had good hard-working parents, a sister, and two brothers and we all loved each other dearly. I, also, was smart, skipped a year in school, and was given several opportunities to work after school while in high school which laid the ground work for my successful career years.”

“Immediately after high school, I was given the opportunity to work for the Civil Service at the Pueblo Ordinance Depot. After World War II ended, I transferred to Richmond, but soon afterwards left the Civil Service and became a legal secretary, which was my occupation the rest of my working life.”

“I believe Patrick Henry Family Services changes young lives positively. They not only offer substantial support to those they serve, but they simply seem to enrich the hearts of all they touch,”

“In Richmond, I lived with my Aunt Alpha. She was a widow with eight children. She took in boarders and I was happy to be one. Through my aunt, I met my husband Robert Ricks, as he had boarded with her before the war and after returning from WW II, but before my arrival.”

Mrs. Ricks enjoyed a long career in the legal and trust department fields. Mr. Ricks retired after over 40 years of service with Virginia Dominion Power. In their retirement, they moved to Amelia, Virginia in 1989. As a note of interest, in that retirement, they met the legendary country music singer and Colorado disc jockey, Ace Ball. Mr. and Mrs. Ricks wrote and helped produce songs with Ace Ball, as well as accompanied him on several trips to Fanfare in Nashville, TN.

“I do not know exactly when, but I first learned of Patrick Henry Home for Boys through my husband’s sister, Edna Ricks. She was dear friends with O.B. and Madelaine Watson who were supporters. Their commitment and interest fueled my own interest.”

“I believe Patrick Henry Family Services changes young lives positively. They not only offer substantial support to those they serve, but they simply seem to enrich the hearts of all they touch,” said Margaret Ricks. “I am thankful to have the opportunity to support PHFS which gives them the opportunity to improve more and more young lives!”
The Honor and Memorial Register

The following donors made honor or memorial gifts to Patrick Henry Family Services in recognition of those who have made a difference in their lives. These gifts not only help our ministry, but they also live on as a lasting legacy to those who are honored. In fact, many people have been introduced to Patrick Henry Family Services through honor and memorial gifts.

When honor and memorial gifts are received, our office promptly notifies the honoree or the family of the deceased and provides the name and address of the donor of each gift.

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Life-skills, where would we be without them? Not only do we have a life-skills coach on staff at PHBGH, but our houseparents and staff work continually with our youth to teach valuable life-skills. Skills such as money management, personal appearance, health care, emergency and safety awareness, job seeking skills, citizenship and community resource skills, etc.
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Thank you Kazim Shriners and New River Electrical Corporation for again treating the youth of PHBGH to an evening of great fun and excitement.
The girls of English Cottage had an amazing warm February adventure at one of their favorite places on the parkway, the Lower Otter Creek Overlook. As their housemother, Pam Massey, said, “I want to give a shout out to our girls for their positive attitudes and adventurous spirit as we picnicked and did a little ‘crick’ stomping!”
Hat Creek Welcomes Campbell County 4-H Shooting Club

For Robert Hudson knowing how to shoot responsibly is vital. He has been instructing gun safety and marksmanship for over sixteen years. He is now working with Campbell County 4-H participants on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Hat Creek Camp on gun awareness, safety, and skill.

“When my son was little, I put all our guns up,” said Robert Hudson. “I then realized while I could put the guns in my home up, guns are out there everywhere and my son would be better served if I taught him how to handle guns responsibly. So I did.”

The 4-H Shooting Education program uses shooting as a vehicle to teach youth ages nine to nineteen life skills such as responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork. Through these disciplines, youth not only learn firearm safety and marksmanship, they develop leadership skills.

“The goal of the 4-H program is to develop confidence and direction in youth,” said Robbie Morrison, Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent for Campbell County. “Through 4-H youth learn skills that help them be successful in life. In order to accomplish our mission there is an educational component and leadership component. In this case responsible shooting education is taught and leadership opportunities are available. We share a common goal with Hat Creek Camp in bettering the lives of young people, we are grateful for this collaboration, which certainly has been invaluable.”
Hat Creek Camps and Hope for Tomorrow Counseling had great fun participating in Farmville Rotary’s annual Taste of Farmville. Old and young delighted in the opportunity to make s’mores!
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Most clever parents know that if you want to motivate your children, initiate a challenge! While few of Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes youth have major behavioral issues, they all, for the most part, are typical teens who can benefit from better behavior.

Director of Residential Care Mary Beth Burgess recently initiated a behavior challenge in order to produce better cooperation, respectfulness, goodwill, teamwork, etc. The challenge incorporated a points system where houseparents and staff would award points to those who went over and above expected behavior. Houseparents and staff also could give negative points for less than expected behavior. At the close of the challenge the cottage with most accumulated points was treated to a special night out with the director and her husband.

It was exciting to see the results as the challenge produced some of the most respectful youth in the Commonwealth of Virginia! Youth not only thought about what was going to come out of their mouths, but how they were going to say it and behave afterwards. Everyone constantly seemed to be looking for opportunities to go above and beyond while at the same time cautious not to get negative points. Apathy was replaced with initiative. Inside voices overcame loud responses. Forgiveness and grace helped those who slipped, jump back into the competition.

In the end, the boys of Plymale Cottage rose to the top! They were rewarded with an afternoon of bowling followed by a special dinner at the notorious Fishin’ Pig restaurant. This experience was something several of the boys had never had. The event enriched their spirits as each felt special because they themselves earned something, the right to be recognized for being a cut above!
PHFS CEO Robert Day is photographed above with Co-founder and Director of Home Forever Johnston Moore who was the guest speaker at the January staff meeting. In his discussion Moore reminded the PHFS staff that kids in hard places do not have a great deal of say or choices. “Our prisons today are full of adults that were once ‘At-Risk’ kids. Broken children produce broken adults. In order to change the system, we as Christians need to open our homes.”

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Date night is important! Hat Creek Camp Director, Jon Isaman and wife, Emily, enjoyed a night of painting with Bedford Cottage Houseparents Nick and Bambi Durham.
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Housedad Zach Strange being strange!
Timothy made the Valentine's Banquet a little extra special with his smile and bow tie!
In reading Robert Day’s books, *Worst of Mothers … Best of Moms* and *Desperately Healed … My Journey to Wholeness*, one quickly appreciates the role the church played in his survival. Countless men and ladies, church moms, and congregational saints made sure that he was fed both with meals and spiritual strength, as well as surrounded by love.

Today, we continue to see such care from churches for all the youth served by Patrick Henry Family Services. Not only do we receive significant financial support from churches, but at Christmas - gifts are brought; at Easter - baskets of goodies are delivered; and Valentine’s Day brings the traditional banquet celebration which has been prepared for the youth of Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes for over 37 years by the Woman’s Missionary Union of Liberty Baptist church in Appomattox.

We salute the following individuals from Liberty Baptist Church for tirelessly pulling this recent very special Valentine’s celebration together year after year:

Penelope Searcy
Abigail Elwart
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Shana Canada
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Linda Glenn
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Our boys and girls value each and every act of love given to them. Through a stranger’s genuine care and participation in their lives comes that same sense Robert Day often felt growing up, the assurance that love and grace can be found within the walls of churches. In an age when many youth are walking away from churches, it is uplifting to know that through the church’s participation in the lives our youth, they want to be connected in the church.
Patrick Henry Family Services
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To meet the needs of every child before us, resulting in the maximum impact for that Child, in the shortest time possible, in the most efficient way possible, always in a loving and professional manner.