A Family for Every Child (not just a home)
**America’s Family Crisis**

You’ve often heard the United States called the “land of plenty.” Tragically, America is rapidly becoming a nation with plenty of hurting children. Too often, our children live in poverty and suffer from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Our nation’s future is our children. Yet, one in five of those children live in poverty today, according to the National Center for Children in Poverty. Sadly, poverty often leads to family breakdown and other behaviors that hurt children. And when children are exposed to violence in the home, they suffer trauma that has devastating effects on their lives.

Here in Virginia, like many states, children usually go into the state foster care system when families break down and become unsafe places to live. While foster care is an important intervention for a child’s safety, it was never designed as a long-term solution for children. State foster care simply cannot replace a relationship with a loving, trusted parent or adult who has only their best interests at heart.

**Patrick Henry Family Services:**

RESPONDING TO AMERICA’S FAMILY CRISIS

You know this tragedy breaks the heart of God. No child was born for this. Together, as the church of Christ, we’re called to care and to respond. Yet, how should we respond?

Our Lord set the example for all of us.

“...and Jesus ... took a little child and set him by Him, and said to them, ‘Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.’”

(Luke 9:47, 48, NKJV)
Together, we can bring every child into a circle of Christian care

At Patrick Henry Family Services, we believe the best place for children is with their family or extended family. That’s why we need your help to do all we can to preserve families and help them to be healthy and strong for children. However, when remaining with family is not possible, we work to provide vulnerable children with a healthy substitute family. As a last resort, if no safe family placement is possible, we care for children in a residential program.

We believe that churches can provide children and families with support that takes our model of care to another level. Our vision includes connecting families and staff who are caring for children with the support of a faith community and a network of faith communities.

Our community is filled with agencies doing good and effective work to address poverty, hunger, and many other issues. Patrick Henry Family Services is committed to being the catalyst to bring these resources together to benefit children and families. Our goal is to establish partnerships with 30 churches and 30 agencies that will work together to achieve our vision to see every child in a circle of care.

How you can get involved and make a difference in our community

To realize our bold, God-honoring goal, Patrick Henry Family Services will need the generous support of our compassionate community. Partnering together, we will realize our dream of meeting the needs of all at-risk children in Lynchburg and the four surrounding counties.

Our goal in the next 5 years is to reduce the number of vulnerable children living without a loving family and faithful community by 30%. This is an essential milestone toward the full achievement of our vision. We need your help today to raise $7 million in funding to achieve this goal. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to support this vital ministry in our community for the “least of these.”

Why partner with Patrick Henry Family Services?

As your partner for the welfare of children and families, we are:

- Equipped with an agency-wide understanding of how trauma affects children and families, and also expertise in powerful ways of bringing healing and restoration
- Positioned to be the catalyst for a community-wide and faith-based response, knowing that we can’t achieve this bold vision alone
- Committed to mobilizing a community-wide array of services designed to prevent family distress and breakdown that so often leads to child abuse

Together, we can do it.

Key programs

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN provides struggling families with an alternative to foster care where their children will be safe and loved until they get back on their feet.

EXPANDED FAMILIES brings children without a home, including those who are transitioning out of residential care, into the care of a host Christian family.

PATRICK HENRY BOYS AND GIRLS HOMES is a residential care program that has served vulnerable children and youth between the ages of five and twenty-four for 57 years.

HOMES OF HOPE provides a safe place and support for unwed mothers and their babies and Step Forward provides a home and support for young adults.

HOPE FOR TOMORROW provides professional counseling services for children in care and help to address the family issues that often lead to poor outcomes for children.

HAT CREEK CAMPS offers vulnerable children a safe outdoor adventure experience that promotes healthy connections and spiritual growth.

Patrick Henry Family Services: Answering God’s call to help children and families

As a Christian agency, founded in Virginia, we believe that God wants to bring hope and healing to every struggling child and family in south central Virginia. While that’s an immense task, we believe that He can do what seems impossible to us.

In Virginia, our families and children are suffering above the national average — 1 in 3 children are economically disadvantaged. That’s 591,000 children in need right now.

That’s why Patrick Henry Family Services has stepped forward in faith to reach this bold goal in the name of Christ:

By June 1, 2030, all at-risk children in Lynchburg and the four surrounding counties will be safe in their own family or in another setting with caregivers supported by a local faith community.

“Their vision is not only extremely inspiring, but also achievable. This community-wide initiative can make a big difference in the trajectory of the lives of children in the foster care system.”

Dr. Arthur C. Evans
CEO of the American Psychological Association

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“If failure and money were not an issue, what big goal could you achieve? I believe we can make foster care of children obsolete in our community. Together, we can provide the resources to support nurturing, caring homes where all children can grow up in their own family environments where they are loved, appreciated, and safe.”

Robert J. Day, CEO
Patrick Henry Family Services
A Message From Our CEO
Robert Day

Recently, I witnessed something that epitomizes our revised mission statement (“Every child with a thriving family, supported by a faithful community,”) and demonstrated the interconnectedness of our various services. While having a slice of celebratory cake in response to the passage of the Safe Families for Children legislation (see pages 10–11), i.e. a grandmother and infant grandson came to the office looking for our help. She had just been given custody of the child by Bedford County Social Services. They told her to contact Patrick Henry Family Services for assistance. She was specifically looking for our Kinship Navigator (see page 31). The grandmother was also told to ask about how our Safe Families for Children program might give her respite care.

Undoubtedly, as the mother of this child tries to get her life together so she can regain custody of her baby, we will be there to offer her counseling and possibly even a space in our Home of Hope. All these “wraparound” services are designed to keep that child safe while helping the family get back on track. What I was blessed to witness that day was just one example of the dream coming true, of the vision taking root.

As you continue to read you’ll be witnesses of other samples of what God, with your participation, is doing through this ministry. It all causes me to reflect on the words of Jesus to His disciples before departing for Heaven. Jesus said, “I will not leave you orphaned, I will come to you.” I think it best articulates our philosophy of ministry.

My staff and I, under the direction and guidance of the Board of Trustees, were already in the process of projecting what our long range plans would include. After five years of prayer, conversation, and study, we concluded we would not need the Red Hill campus to do our work. In fact, the buildings had become a liability as it was costing us in excess of $150,000 per year to maintain. We also became keenly aware in our conversation with Red Hill that they cannot fulfill their mission mandate without our property and facilities. We were founded by Red Hill to be of service to them, and now we believe we can fulfill that purpose by deeding the land and the buildings to them and, with one exception, at no cost to them. Per our joint agreement, we will move off the Brookneal Campus this summer, but we will not be leaving Brookneal. We plan to open a Family Resource Center in downtown as a way of meeting our mission in that community. The services we will be able to offer through that center are certainly more relevant to the needs of that community than what we were able to do before.

Also, it is important for those of you who have, and continue, to support our group home ministry to know that we are still doing residential care. Our homes in Rustburg and Bedford will serve children just as we have the past 60 years (see page 15). We are excited about the future. While some might see this move as a loss, we view it as a transition, from “one degree of glory to the next” (2 Corinthians 3:18) into something uniquely better for the children and families we serve. Trust me when I say that is our only goal.

If you have questions about this announcement, feel free to contact me at rday@patrickhenry.org or call 434.376.2006.
In its commitment to deliver help, hope, and healing to families and children in the Lynchburg community, Patrick Henry Family Services (PHFS) partnered with The Lighthouse Community Center to provide on-site professional services in the heart of Lynchburg. Dignitaries, leaders, and guests gathered on Monday, February 4, to recognize the two organizations’ professional commitment to each other, as well as to celebrate their strong collaborative initiative.

“This partnership/collaboration we will all prosper,” said Lynchburg Mayor Treney Tweedy. “Both organizations have an established record of significant outreach services. Together, their commitment to helping strengthen families and individuals will enable greater problem-solving and healthier lives within the Lynchburg community.”

“We have prayed for years for a partnership such as being recognized here today,” said Lighthouse Community Center President/Co-Founder Finny Mathew. “While we are appreciative to all who have partnered with us to help countless individuals in need, this partnership with PHFS gives us the professional opportunity to address needs at the beginning where help is needed most.

“The Lighthouse is pleased to announce this partnership with PHFS that combines resources and provides a ‘one-stop’ center of supportive services under one roof. We collectively serve individuals in a dignified environment that supports emotional, pro-social and spiritual growth.”

“We see this as a ‘Boots on the Ground’ opportunity,” said PHFS Director of Family Placement Services Patrick Neff. “We are not waiting for people to come to us, we are going to them. If you really want to help hurting people, you need to go to them.”

PHFS Chief Program Officer Claudia Fletcher stated, “Our Vision 30 goal involves finding partnerships which better serve children and families. Our intention with this partnership is to have our trained staff on site in downtown Lynchburg to meet people where they are by providing life skills coaching, professional counselors, Kinship Partnership and Safe Families for Children information. Accomplishing these objectives will further bring about help, healing, and hope to all at-risk children and families in Lynchburg and the four surrounding counties.”

The Lighthouse Community Center is a day-shelter providing a range of wraparound supportive services, such as a hot buffet lunch served to approximately 75-100 people daily, and three respective clothing closets – one for men, women, and children. In addition, they offer free bikes to those without transportation, free haircuts, prison ministry services, recovery support, Workforce Development, and numerous other provisions.

In working to keep children safe and families strong, PHFS offers a continuum of services that are grounded in Christ-Centered Compassion, Evidence-Based Impact, and Team-Driven Excellence. These services include counseling, care for children and families, as well as summer camp getaway opportunities.

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-Patrick Neff, PHFS Director of Family Placement Services

In closing the program, Vice-Chairman of Lynchburg City Schools Dr. James E. Coleman shared, “When a car filled with passengers goes off a cliff, all in that car go down. On the other hand, if all in the car would work together, they could change the course and all could survive. The collaboration between The Lighthouse Community Center and PHFS is not only an opportunity to serve many more individuals in need, but a chance to change what once was a painful life course to a more rewarding, healthier course.”

For more information, telephone PHFS Vision 30 Partnership Manager Dave Frett at (608) 709-4967 or email dfrett@patrickhenry.org.

For more information about The Lighthouse Community Center, please telephone Finny Mathew at (434) 847-8705 or email finnymathew888@gmail.com
The 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly finally saw the passage of HB 2542 — a bill introduced by central Virginia delegate Kathy Byron. While this legislation may not have made headline news, it will make an enormous difference for many families served by PHFS and the Safe Families for Children (SFFC) program to operate in the state, I was overwhelmed with gratitude and determination that we must never stop fighting for the wellbeing of children and families caught in the conundrum of absolute brokenness.

Yes, for four years Patrick Neff has worked tirelessly towards the Virginia Legislative approval of the SFFC program in the Commonwealth. Two years ago through his work with members of the Virginia Legislature, (namely Delegate Kathy Byron and Senator Steve Newman), legislation was passed allowing a pilot launch of the program in Lynchburg and the surrounding four counties. During this successful time period, SFFC has coordinated the hosting of just under 100 children in need of temporary homes while family challenges were resolved. "The need to protect children and prevent abuse is so real in the Commonwealth that I never thought quitting and losing was an option. This bill is a game changer and is the right thing for children and families in Virginia. Through SFFC we now can make a real and lasting impact in preventing child abuse and neglect when a family is spiraling out of control."

A Proven Program
SFFC is a Christian alternative for help with a family in crisis. Originally started in Chicago 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 whose parents are temporarily placed with well-trained and vetted host families while parental issues are resolved.

PHFS Friends visit with CEO Robert Day

Recently, several local friends of Patrick Henry Family Services stopped by the Lynchburg corporate office for a visit with CEO Robert Day. Mr. Day shared future PHFS growth plans with the attending guests, as well as plans to transition off the Brookneal campus. "We are serving more children with better alternatives and greater outcomes," said CEO Robert Day. "While we have no plans to close our residential-care ministry, Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes, we are downsizing as our focus has shifted to more of a prevention and early intervention strategy."

Readers are invited to contact Robert Day at rday@patrickhenry.org or call 434.376.2006 if they have any questions about future PHFS plans.
Being a single mom is tough under the very best of circumstances, but when you have no reliable family, no money, no job, and no home, hopelessness grips every decision. That was what Cary faced—not only with her first pregnancy, but even more so with her second pregnancy.

Cary had gone to Hope for Tomorrow Counseling with her grandmother and found it most helpful. Sadly, her grandmother unexpectedly passed away, leaving Cary challenged with nowhere to live, and she was pregnant. After living in and out of cheap hotels and sleeping in her car, and with no access to basic needs, she turned to Safe Families for Children (SFFC) for help. Cary and her newborn, Ava, went to live with a host family, Debbie and Dave Kuntz, for six months. Life was stable, life was good.

After six months, Cary left the Kuntz family and went to live with her boyfriend, the father of her second child. Life seemed settled until there was an altercation between the boyfriend and his brother. Chaos unfolded. Child Protective Services was called, and Cary realized she was going to lose Ava and her toddler, Mia, to the Department of Social Services.

“My first thought was to call Ruby Caskey,” said Cary. “I knew the girls would be well taken care of with Ruby and her SFFC connections; therefore they would not have to go into Foster Care. It was too late; they were taken away, but with Ruby’s help, I would not give up. Ruby invited me to live in Homes of Hope. I took parenting classes, worked two jobs, went to counseling, and volunteered for drug testing.

“Ruby went to court with me to advocate for the girls’ return. At first, it was denied, but Ruby kept standing beside me and advocating in court for the girls’ return, and I kept working to improve myself as a person. Because of Ruby and Homes of Hope, I have hope! The girls and I are back together living in the home and trying to make plans for a successful future. My goal is to secure a full-time job and go back to school.

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Greg Bucknam
a Grateful Alum and Generous Trustee

Following the death of his mother, Patrick Henry Family Services Alum and Board of Trustee member Greg Bucknam came to live in Stephens Cottage from 1973 – 1976. “Living at PHBGH taught me so much about life,” said Greg. “First, I will forever be grateful for the work ethic I learned while there. We would come home from school, get a bite to eat, and then went off to the fields to work. That work experience is something I wish more young people had today.

“It was in no way just work; we were cared for well, and I felt I belonged. "It was an incredible opportunity and adventure. In addition to my studies, she currently has an internship with VA Tech Turf Research Center and works at Buffalo Wild Wings. We are proud of Lynn and her many accomplishments!

Lynn Johansen, an Amazing Young Woman

On National Women’s Day PHFS recognized an amazing young woman who went through our Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes residential program, Lynn Johansen. Lynn is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree at Virginia Tech in Crop and Soil Science with focus on Agronomy. This past year Lynn was invited to join the VA Tech Crops Judging Team on an International Crops Judging trip to Talora, Australia. The experience was an incredible opportunity and adventure.

A COTTAGE FAMILY
Not by DNA, but by Trust

"Being a part of our cottage enables me to believe not only in myself, but also in trusting those within these walls. Our Teaching Parents are amazing; they are fun-loving, engaging, encouraging, concerned about us on many levels such as our emotions, schoolwork, health, but most of all they truly care like a real family."

"My husband, Carrington, and I are right where we need to be at this time in our lives,” said Teaching Parent Kirstin Wilson. "We have three unique God-given boys under our roof. Not a day goes by that is the same as the day before, but each day brings joy; yes, a few challenges: laughter, learning, and listening—but most of all improvement in self-worth. "Being in our cottage is positive, and I am doing okay with mostly A’s and B’s. My grandmother believes in hard work. She worked for years at Woolworths, then in the bakery. She loves knowing that here I work hard on my grades, on being thoughtful, and also on being respectful. If I mess-up, no one thinks I am bad; I just need to try harder."

As for the oldest cottage brother, Mysaiah, he is rather famous in the Brookneal community for his stellar voice. "I have always been able to sing, but the staff at PHBGH has gone over and above to support my talent. Ms. Dankia rehearsed over and over with me in preparation for my singing a solo at the Awards Ceremony; Ms. Kathy made sure I got to attend The Main Cultural Arts Theatre’s Summer Drama Camp, and Ms. Jennifer secured my solo at Farmville United Methodist Church. "I have always been able to sing, but the staff at PHBGH has gone over and above to support my talent. Ms. Dankia rehearsed over and over with me in preparation for my singing a solo at the Awards Ceremony; Ms. Kathy made sure I got to attend The Main Cultural Arts Theatre’s Summer Drama Camp, and Ms. Jennifer secured my solo at Farmville United Methodist Church.

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“Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes has become like family,” said Josh. “Here I am not judged, everyone really cares. It is like having brothers, and I feel good. Talking is not my thing, but everyone knows I love to draw. It is my way of communicating and expressing myself. I have a good art supply (thanks to generous donors), and it means a great deal to me.

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More than ever, camp is vital to the development of youth...

Now in its sixth year, Hat Creek Camps is gearing up for another exciting and adventure-filled summer camp season. Camp Director Jonathan Rice is beyond thankful for a new season to enrich young lives with innovative life lessons and tools.

“This year’s camp theme, Innovate, opens paths of cooperation, communication, and creativity,” said Jon. “When campers leave HCC, we pray they will depart with greater self-confidence, stronger problem-solving skills, new friendships, confidence in technology disconnect, commitment to integrity, and to know the love of God forever surrounds them!”

Central to each week’s message is the following Bible verse:

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

Our campers, turned innovators, are exposed to the wonders of God’s awe-inspiring outdoor creation. Surrounded by trained staff, they will try new things, take safe risks, learn to persevere, embrace challenge, and have the confidence to dream and create. Life’s hurts will find a place of healing, and fear will subside.

The faith journeys of children, teens, and young adults are often challenging. While there is no magic solution for effective ministry to youth, we believe that camping is a valuable way to reach the next generation. Through campfire devotionals, daily scripture-centered messages, and connecting through prayer, our soon-to-be innovators will discover truth and find trust in their faith. Simply said, HCC provides a safe place for growth and transformation where campers are valued, and Christ is magnified.

CAMP DATES

| Junior Week 1 | June 24–28 |
| Junior Week 2 | July 22–26 |
| Youth Week 1 | July 1–5 |
| Youth Week 2 | July 29–August 2 |
| Teen Week | July 15–19 |

Now in his second year at Hat Creek Camps, Camp Director Jonathan Rice graduated from Liberty University with a B.S. in Christian Leadership and Church Ministries with an emphasis on Camp and Outdoor Adventure Leadership. He has spent much of his life involved in camp adventures, whether as a camper, staff, or counselor.
Take a Turn in the Right Direction

Would you like to get involved and support our cause in exciting ways? You may be surprised to discover that there are many options available with gift planning. Let us help you make a turn in the right direction with a plan that’s customized for you and your goals, so that giving to the causes you care about becomes possible today.

It’s never too early in life’s journey to think about the future. Anyone who has property and a family should have an estate plan, and a charitable gift can be an important part of that plan.

Become part of our team, inspire others and create a lasting legacy.

Visit our website to begin learning about the many different ways you can create a custom gift plan.

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Mrs. Adams, a Faithful Donor

Annie Adams, age 94, loves children and has an especially big heart for those youth who have experienced hurt and rejection. “My father, Charlie Edward Ramsey, purchased a 300-acre farm near Hat Creek Camps where he and my mother, Daisy Cleveland Wheeler Ramsey, raised their eight living children,” Annie recalls. “I attended school at an early age in Hat Creek, and graduated from High School in Brookneal. Somewhere along the way, I was blessed to learn about Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes.”

PHFS has been blessed by her discovery, as well, because Mrs. Adams has been donating to the ministry since 1962.

“My husband, Walter Gunery Adams, also loved children,” Annie continues. “After serving in World War II, he and I married. We had one daughter of our own and adopted two other children. PHBGH was always special to us due to the many young lives that were enriched by the love and instruction they received while a part of that ministry.

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Robert Wheeler
Joins PHFS as Director of Marketing

Rob Wheeler loves to tell stories. From helping small businesses with branding, to helping churches with creative content, Rob has a passion for connecting people and organizations in a way that builds lifelong relationships.

After graduating from Bob Jones University, Rob became a store manager for a small camera shop chain where he developed sales and product strategies. Later he was a part-owner of a small photo printing business where developing marketing strategies was a daily task.

“I love people, and every person has a story, a story that is unique to them: no one else on earth has their story,” said Rob Wheeler. “I want to help PHFS tell the story of the organization, and the unique individual stories that make up the whole. This is exciting.”

“It was clear to the interviewing committee that Rob has an amazing ability to listen to others and turn the spoken word into creative marketing material,” said Chief Advancement Officer Garvin Maffett. “We are excited to have him on our team, and look forward to seeing his marketing talents tell the story of PHFS.”

Mrs. Adams with Sam & Savannah Spencer

Robert and his wife, Dominique, have three children and a “fur baby,” and love to go on road-trips whether it is a mountain or beach destination.

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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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Grandparents of Trinity United Methodist Church
Trinity United Methodist Church

IN NOVEMBER, Mysaiah was invited to sing with the Farmville United Methodist Church (FUMC) choir and, also, invited to perform a solo. Mysaiah song Worthy of Worship. “Mysaiah truly has an amazing and gifted voice,” said FUMC choir director Pamela J. McDevitt. “We were honored to have him sing and would love for him to do so again whenever he is back in our direction.” Photographed above is Mysaiah with his Stephens’ Cottage family following his church performance.

Essie Bryce Gordon
Longest Tenured Supporter of PHFS

“My mother genuinely loved children,” said Mary Spangler. “Knowing that she could make a difference in a child’s life meant the world to her. I believe that is why she so enjoyed contributing to Patrick Henry Family Services. In doing so, she trusted that she was improving the life of a youth.”

At the time of her death at age 94, Essie Bryce Gordon was the longest-tenured supporter of PHFS. As a young adult, she attended the 1951 ground-breaking ceremony (see right) of what would become the first Patrick Henry Boy’s cottage with her mother Saluda Anne Rebecca Bugg Evans (Mrs. Clarence Evans), who served as a Patrick Henry Trustee.

Following Mrs. Gordon’s graduation from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, she taught fourth grade, a job she enjoyed greatly.

“Mrs. Gordon was proud of her late husband (Royal Polk Gordon Jr.) and son’s military fighter-jet flying photographs,” shared Director of Resource Development Adam Spencer. “Visiting with her was always a joy. Not only did she share family photographs, but she was always kind, dressed perfectly, and truly cared about the youth we serve. She was also extremely proud of her family.

“We are indebted to Mrs. Gordon and her family for their many years of support. We are also appreciative to be the recipient of memorial contributions honoring such a beautiful lady. Essie Bryce Gordon’s legacy will live on through the many lives she touched!”

Mrs. Clarence Evans, pictured second from left.
Countless thanks go to the Woman’s Missionary Union for treating our youth to such a truly special yearly event! A banquet, fun games, professional photography, and wonderful gifts are all a part of this festive tradition.

For 39 years Valentines has been made extraordinarily special for the youth of PHBGH due to the generosity of the Woman’s Missionary Union for treating our youth to such a truly special yearly event!
The youth of PHBGH were treated to wonderful gifts and pizzas at the Christmas After Christmas party sponsored by ABATE: A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, Iron Horse Calvary Chapter, Lynchburg, VA. ABATE is a nationwide organization that promotes motorcycle awareness, training, and education through safe riding practices and public awareness. They are dedicated to the continued preservation of freedom of the road for all motorcyclists in Virginia. THANK YOU ABATE!
It is a tradition at PHFS for Robert Day to share his favorite drink, Peach NEHI, at staff meetings or when a special event happens. The January All Staff meeting was declared a Peach NEHI Day by Robert Day in appreciation of the continuous hard work and dedication of the staff at PHFS.

Mary Lynn Hawkins Retires after nearly 20 Years!

In April 1999, Mary Lynn Hawkins joined the staff of Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Homes (PHBGH). Close to 20 years later she retires having not only been a committed and loyal employee, but a valued friend to many employees.

"Not having Mary Lynn at Patrick Henry Family Services is truly going to be difficult," said Human Resources Manager Lola Smith. "She is a walking encyclopedia of PHFS knowledge from data and accounting records to donor relations. Most importantly, her genuine wit and sense of humor will leave a daily void with many PHFS employees. She will be greatly missed!"

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At a recent all-staff meeting, she was asked what next, "Well my husband Danny and I plan to do a bit of traveling. Most of all, I am going to do what I want to do and NOT do what I do not want to do!"

From all at PHFS, we thank you Mary Lynn and God Bless!
sack races, lots of food, and “good-ole” community FUN! October 13 on the grounds of Brookville High School. It was a “kid-centered” day with face painting, jump houses,

Do It for the Kids Day

PHFS held its second
What better way for “girls just to be girls” than in the snow!

Patrick Henry Family Services

Partners with Department of Social Services to Launch

KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

Recently, Patrick Henry Family Services (PHFS) announced their partnership with Piedmont Region District Department of Social Services (DSS) to launch the Kinship Navigator Program. Working with DSS in Bedford County, Lynchburg City, Campbell County, Amherst County, Nelson County, and Appomattox County, the program is targeted to assist families that are raising their grandchildren, nieces/nephews, and other relatives.

The program provides a Kinship Navigator, Annamarie Compton LPC, to work alongside families in finding resources, as well as advocating and meeting their individual needs. The program also is designed to collect a wide variety of resources for those families living in different regions. In addition, the program will conduct three parenting classes throughout the year that are planned for families meeting their individual needs. The program also is designed to collect a wide variety of resources for those families living in different regions. In addition, the program will conduct three parenting classes throughout the year that are planned for families meeting their individual needs. The program also is designed to collect a wide variety of resources for those families living in different regions. In addition, the program will conduct three parenting classes throughout the year that are planned for families meeting their individual needs. The program also is designed to collect a wide variety of resources for those families living in different regions. In addition, the program will conduct three parenting classes throughout the year that are planned for families meeting their individual needs. The program also is designed to collect a wide variety of resources for those families living in different regions. In addition, the program will conduct three parenting classes throughout the year that are planned for families meeting their individual needs.
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