



WICHITA
Children's Home



2016

WICHITA CHILDREN'S HOME

7271 E. 37th St. N., Wichita, KS 67226

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new home
SAME HEART

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday, April 28
2016
Century II Exhibition Hall
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



ROUND UP YOUR FRIENDS & TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Classic Cars , Trucks and More!
Great Food and Drink
Live and Silent Auction

Wichita Children's Home benefit
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WELCOME TO THE NEW WICHITA CHILDREN'S HOME

To meet the complex needs of thousands of children put at risk by physical and sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment and homelessness, the Wichita Children's Home launched its "Make It Better" Capital Campaign in 2012. We were happy and proud to lead this effort, because we have seen firsthand how the Wichita Children's Home improves the lives of local children – and how much must be done to ensure they can succeed in life.

WCH's new 13.6-acre campus includes an emergency residential center, transitional-living apartment building, wired classroom, health center, counseling wing, activity center, outdoor play facilities and more, all designed to help provide the safety, care, intervention services and therapeutic environment that these children and young adults so desperately need.

Most of the 2,000 children the WCH helps this year will come through the doors with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. With your help, WCH will provide for all their needs, from clothing, food and shelter to trauma-informed care and counseling to education and life skills. Some will be here for a few days, others for many months.

It's hard to imagine our community without the Wichita Children's Home. For 128 years, it has been caring for the community's most vulnerable residents—and saving lives. Every donor is part of that tradition and legacy of community support. Thanks to you, every child will be able to say: "Someone cares about me." And that is certainly worth celebrating.

Stuart and Barbara Ray



Unloading residents' belongings at their new Home.

33RD ANNUAL FORE THE KIDS EVENT PRE-PARTY

Sunday, May 22, 5 to 9 p.m.

- Free for players, \$30 for others
- Live band Annie Up
- Cookout dinner, beer, wine
- Putting contest
- Live auction, including Lexus Champions for Charity golf Tournament at Pebble Beach

GOLF & TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Monday, May 23

- Lunch (+earlybird breakfast)
- Keepsake sports towel
- Golf: \$300/player, shotgun starts 7:30 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.
- Tennis: new this year \$75/player, check-in 8:30 a.m.

More info: wch.org or
KimPennington@wch.org



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MAY 22 & 23



THE WICHITA CHILDREN'S HOME: NEW HOME... SAME HEART

Dear Wichita Children's Home partner:

There's so much to tell you about the past few months – and what's coming up – I hardly know where to start.

- The biggest news, of course, is that we moved the children to our beautiful new campus at 7271 E. 37th St. N. on Feb. 22. The logistics of relocating a 40,000 square foot nonprofit agency – including residences, offices, commercial kitchen and storage – was a huge undertaking requiring months of planning and lots of volunteer help. Our children arrived on a party bus excited to cut the ribbon and unpack their new rooms. Through it all, we continued to receive children and the work of the home was uninterrupted. A new arrival was amazed by his change in circumstance: "Everyone is so nice here, and look so happy."
- Our new 13.6-acre campus isn't just giving us more space, it is allowing us to expand the care we provide our community's most vulnerable residents. We've recently hired a nurse with emergency room experience to staff our health room, and by the time you read this, we expect to have a new therapist on board.
- March activities included cookouts, spring break field trips and fishing. Six homeless youth took part in "Earn a Bike in a Day" at our Opportunity Zone Drop-In Center, five accepted job offers, and five (including two mothers with young children) moved into our BRIDGES Apartments to begin rebuilding their lives.
- Staff and teenage residents are filling a time capsule with mementoes and letters to be opened in 20 years.

As our residents settled in on Moving Day, 10 more children arrived needing shelter and care.

THE SHORT LIST

Memorial Bricks and Pavers are a lasting way to show your support for the work of the Wichita Children's Home. For ordering information, contact KimPennington@wch.org.

A big thank you to everyone who voted for Wichita State Coach Gregg Marshall and the Wichita Children's Home in the **ESPN.com/Infiniti Coaches Charity Challenge**. You raised \$10,000 to help change lives!

Hope to see you at the **Wichita River Festival!** Again this year, our Street Outreach / Safe Place teams and volunteers will staff the Care Stations at Kennedy Plaza near Century II and the Cox Kids Corner near the Hyatt Regency.

Planning is about to start for our annual **Education Celebration** in June. Last year, we honored more than 30 Wichita Children's Home residents who earned their high school diploma from USD 259.

Did you know? Any given day, about 115 children live at the Wichita Children's Home or with our foster families – more than 1,500 a year.

As you look through these pages, you'll see how far we've come – and get a glimpse of where we're going. Thank you for being an important part of the Wichita Children's Home's past, present and future!

Together for Children,
Debbie Kennedy

many homes, one heart



Since 1888

Twenty women led by Catherine Garver (above) created the WCH to help their neighbors and community.



A Solid Foundation

WCH quickly outgrew its first rented houses. The first permanent home (above) was just north of Douglas on Pennsylvania Ave., until it was picked up, moved to College Hill near Fountain and First Street, and expanded.



"Built by the People of Wichita"

The 1910 cornerstone was salvaged (above) and placed in front of the new 1963 building, on Holyoke (left, below). That building, expanded in the 1990s, was used more than 50 years. The cornerstone now graces WCH's new campus.

NEW WICHITA CHILDREN'S HOME, 810 N. HOLYOKE

Wichita Children's Home Shows Building Today

The Wichita Children's Home, 810 N. Holyoke, will open its doors for public inspection from 2 until 8 p.m. today.

Founded in 1888, with its first building erected in 1898, the open house will give citizens the opportunity to view the new \$800,000 quarters occupied beginning Sept. 1.

Constructed of brick and stone, the new building is designed to house 42 children with unfinisbed second story areas available for expansion. Built around a central courtyard, it is designed to conform to the social trends of child care as required by state licensing agencies — the State Board of Health and the State Board of Social Welfare. The basement area has been approved as a Civil Defense shelter.

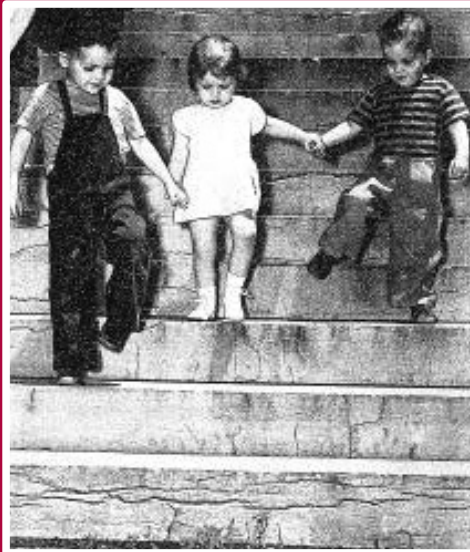
Architects for the home are Thomas, Harris and Calvin. Clarence Volmer was general contractor.

The new building is completely paid for, having been financed by funds received from United Fund, Juvenile Court, Sedgwick County Welfare Dept., State Board of Social Welfare, private patrons and contributions.

Plans will be guided by members of the board of directors, Mrs. Charles Gill, president, and staff members, Mrs. Carmen Miller, superintendent.

Room to Grow

To accommodate large numbers of abused, neglected, abandoned and orphaned children, in 1910 WCH used donations to build an impressive new edifice on 3 acres a few blocks northeast of Central and Hillside (above). In 1946 (right), the massive exterior stairways were showing wear from thousands of little feet. The building was replaced in the 1960s.



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DID YOU KNOW?

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Show your support to #EndAbuse with Tweets and Facebook posts.

May is National Foster Care Month

Nearly 40 Wichita Children's Home foster care families open their homes to children age 12 and younger who need emergency shelter and loving care. Thank you!



June is PTSD Awareness Month

Abused children suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) at rates higher than military veterans.

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

thank you

Your generous support of the Wichita Children's Home is changing lives and strengthening our community.

For the drug-affected infant, the battered toddler, the sex-trafficked runaway, the teen "aging out" of foster care, and thousands of others, your gifts help ensure our doors are always open.

Our residents often say the Wichita Children's Home is the first place they have felt safe, secure and really cared for. Our donors help make that happen.

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WE'VE MOVED TO OUR NEW CAMPUS, BUT CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Completed!

- WCH's 24/7/365 emergency care residential center and administrative offices at 7271 E. 37th Street N., incorporating living areas for more than 60 teens, and work space for foster care staff, case managers, crisis intervention counselors, health care team, law enforcement officers, abuse investigators.
- Dakhil Safe House for victims of human trafficking
- Transition-to-Independence BRIDGES apartment complex with licensed day care and support services for formerly homeless teens and young adults, and their children.

Still Underway

- Downing Learning and Activity Center, outdoor play areas, weather-protected area for vans/storage, finished basement.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- The "Make It Better" Capital Campaign's fundraising goal: \$12.5 million (for buildings, furnishings, playgrounds, sports fields).
- Still needed to complete project: \$800,000 (as of March 2016).
- Want more information on the campaign or naming opportunities? Contact Debbie Kennedy, Sarah Robinson or Kim Pennington.

