been able to replace very tired vans with lightly used vans. The Women of Wichita provided a minivan for our Street Outreach Service (S.O.S.) - an outreach program that reaches out to teenagers on the street by offering hope and safe place alternatives. The K.T. Wiedemann Foundation also funded a grant to purchase a fifteen passenger van used to

transport large groups of children to school and other activities. The foundation made a challenge for others to match their giving with the hope of enabling us to purchase an additional van. Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. M.K. Knighton that dream became a reality. It doesn't stop there; an additional

matching gift from the S.M. & Laura into the Home and took charge H. Brown Charitable Trust will allow us to acquire an additional vehicle to transport the children to and from various appointments and

of the two living room areas that our boys spend a great deal of their time. They took two rather

institutional looking rooms and truly made living rooms for the boys of the department. Thank you Junior League!



school

The Junior League of Wichita has been and continues to be an incredible asset to the Wichita community. In February, a special team from the Done-In-A-Day project accepted our request to have a living room make over in our Teen Boys Department. This team came



Kids Helping Kids

Since we are in the business of making a difference in the lives of children and youth, it is especially meaningful to us when young people give of themselves to help others.



Elizabeth DeSocio (left) and India Cohlmia (right), Wichita Collegiate School students, decided for their 13th birthdays that they would ask their friends to donate items to the Wichita Children's Home instead of giving them gifts. Thank you girls for the wonderful gifts!

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If you know a victim of abuse or crime who needs help, please contact the Home at 684-6581. We can provide referrals for assistance.

Looking Back at Fiscal Year 2007 Events That Brought Life into Our Home

From Our Home To Yours

As we look back at our 2007 fiscal year events we realize just how blessed we have truly been. We have seen this community embrace the Wichita Children's Home with incredible financial support and giving of time through volunteerism. As last year, we have unfortunately seen an increase in the need for our services. Services that our community's children desperately need and wouldn't receive otherwise. As the Wichita's only 24/7 emergency shelter for children, we take our position very serious. We are truly the front door of help for over 2,500 kids on an annual basis. We are proud of our role

in assisting law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's office and the office of Social and Rehabilitation Services protect and provide for our community's most helpless victims - the children. The truth of the matter is that we are only able to extend the services we do because of the generous support of so many loyal donors. As a donor, know that through our hands you too are touching the lives of so many children in need. On the following page enjoy the stories of a few of our larger events that are designed to gain community support for the kiddos.

United Way Campaign Season is here!

Effective August 1st through November 8th the United Way of the Plains will be promoting their "Happy Endings" campaign. Over the years the Wichita Children's Home has been blessed by the generous support of the United Way of the

Once again this year, the employees of WCH will take part in the campaign and will be asked to pledge their financial support of the United Way.

Your gift to United Way of the Plains can help thousands of people every year in our community. Please join us in supporting United Way of the Plains.



Mary Ann Ranney Heart Award Recipients



Photo courteous of The Wichita Eagle

Connie and Gary Gamm were honored as the recipients of the Mary Ann Rannev Heart Award prior to the 24th annual Golf Tournament on May 20th at the Crestview Country Club. The Gamms received the special volunteer award for their outstanding support and dedication of the Wichita Children's Home.

> We Welcome **Your Questions** Or Comments **About Our** Newsletter

Please Call 316-684-6581 Ext. 217

Thank you Wichita Auto Dealers **Association** and Sponsors for making Cars for Kids a great success!

t is difficult to list all the special events and functions that take place at the Home during a period of a year, but please allow us to spot light a few of the larger events:

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Thanks to all of you, we had an incredible Christmas at the Wichita Children's Home. Wonderful gifts and donations. special parties for the children, and countless hours from volunteers helped to make this year a special occasion. It is truly because of this support, that the residents of the Home enjoyed this season of giving. For many, the children are away from their homes and families, not sure what good will come from their situations. The staff and volunteers are able to show them the love of the community because of the outpouring

of love and support we have been shown through you.



Bob and Cathie Wells enjoying the evening during the **BRIDGES Christmas Dinner**

24th ANNUAL "Fore The Kids" GOLF TOURNAMENT



From left to right are Bruce Little, Shannon Austin (Board Member and wife of Woody Austin). Ron Henderson, and Guy McKay.

What a day we had for our 24th Annual "Fore the Kids" Golf Tournament. We can't emphasis enough how the wonderful sponsors stepped up to the tee for our kids. A special heartfelt thank you goes to Fugate Enterprises, who since 1994 has been our Tournament Underwriter Sponsor. This tournament has the distinction of partnering with one of the PGA best players, Woody Austin. We were also blessed to have the additional support of nearly 60 tournament sponsors and 30 prize sponsors. Because of these incredible sponsors and the forty-five teams participating for the kids, we raised in excess of \$134,000. Thanks to each and every one of you for all the wonderful support!

Cars for Kids NASCAR

On Friday, February 9th, the Wichita Children's Home hosted the 4th Annual Cars for Kids NASCAR Gala. This event is co-sponsored by the Wichita Auto Dealers Association and was successful in raising over \$128,000 for the Home.

With nearly 900 tickets sold, the event was a great success. The live and silent auctions alone raised over \$20,000. This year the home received a special unexpected gift from the Valero Corporation in the amount of \$15,000. Thank you all for helping the kids!

The Wichita Children's Home sends out a special thank you to the Wichita Auto Dealers Association, the many organizations and individuals who donated to the auctions, and the Wichita



Children's Home staff and volunteers for making the event a great success. We couldn't have done it without all of your support.

Board Member Craig Bay and daughter Abby enjoy the Cocker Spaniel being auctioned off during the Gala



Previously driven Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s car that was admired during the evening.



Cars for Kids Gala showing the previously driver Dale Earnhardt Sr. #3 car.

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