



From Our Home To Yours

Summer 2009



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Their home is a vacant building, a backseat of a car, a park bench or somewhere else on a lonely street. They expose themselves to victimization in exchange for a place to sleep. Wichita Children's Home recognizes the need to help these teens who have no place to call home. It's called BRIDGES and the Home bridges these youth to a better chance to a better life.

For BRIDGES resident Kylee, high school was going nowhere. Unmotivated and uninterested in school she was on a path that would eventually lead she and her daughter to a grim future. Kylee found the Wichita Children's Home BRIDGES program and began on the road to success. In the short time since graduation, Kylee has earned her CMA license, was hired at a local nursing home and applied to Butler

Community College Nursing program. Kylee expressed her gratitude for the program, "I think it (BRIDGES) is awesome! I could not do it on my own."

Kylee's story is not unlike that of many of the youth in the BRIDGES program. Most of the graduates lived a life of trauma, some struggled with drug abuse and many experienced homelessness. Each of the youth overcame these obstacles to earn their high school diploma or GED. In honor of their achievements, the Wichita Children's Home celebrated the success of 25 senior high graduates at the 2nd annual Celebration of Education. The graduates were rewarded for their hard work with a weekend trip to Oceans of Fun. We are proud of our youth for achieving their goals and we look forward to being part of their future accomplishments in the BRIDGES program.



BRIDGES Wish List

*Alarm Clocks, Dish Sets, Towels & Washcloths,
Kitchen Utensils, Iron & Ironing Board,
Microwaves, Pots & Pans*

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.





26th Annual Fore the Kids Golf Tournament

It was a beautiful day for the 26th annual "Fore the Kids" golf tournament. Golf pro Woody Austin made the day memorable for more than 200 golfers as he played hole #8 with each player during both morning and afternoon

rounds. At the end of the day Woody's spirits were still high, "My long day is nothing compared to what some of the kids go through. Happy to do it." Scott Post, WCH Trustee, added, "I heard many wonderful comments over the last couple days that included this being their favorite charity fund raiser since it is so well organized with so many good people coming together for such a worthwhile cause. It didn't hurt that we had excellent weather, great course conditions, a great Crestview Country Club staff assisting us, wonderful volunteers with great big smiles on their faces."

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PGA Pro, Woody Austin



Keith Tully, Chuck Bouly, Woody Austin, Joe Norton, and Dick Bartow



Todd Fugate, Ryan Wasinger, Woody Austin, Larry Fugate, and Tad Fugate



George Fahnestock, Dan Waller, Woody Austin, Bob Hughey, and Scott Post

"Dinner with Woody"

PGA Touring Pro, Woody Austin provided a special evening for all who attended the 5th annual Dinner with Woody as he shared golf tips and his experiences playing the pro tour. The evening was a great success thanks to the more than 120 guests who bid on one of a kind silent auction items that included autographed golf memorabilia. Congratulations to Live Auction winner **Eric Fahnestock** who won a once in a life timetrip to play Pebble Beach at the Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship Tournament and to **Ron Sinclair** who was the highest bidder on a chance to play a round of golf with Woody Austin. We are grateful to Shannon and Woody for their continued support of the Wichita Children's Home.



Fore the Kids 2009 Golf Committee members: Chuck Bouly, Scott Post, Shannon Austin, Woody Austin, Jan Roth West, and Cindy Schwan

BRIDGES Mother's Day Luncheon



Rebecca Smith



The Herndon Sisters from Oklahoma perform.

It was a special Mother's Day for 19 teen moms in the BRIDGES program thanks to Rebecca Smith, her family and friends. The Riverside Tea Room was filled to capacity with young mothers, their children and volunteers. The smiles and laughter that filled the Tea Room were proof enough of the wonderful experience each mother and child had that afternoon. A special thank you to Rebecca and her family for celebrating and encouraging our young mothers, giving them a Mother's Day they will remember for years to come.

Congratulations to BRIDGES High School Graduates

An evening of celebration honored 25 BRIDGES high school graduates. In attendance were proud parents, WCH Trustees, donors and friends of BRIDGES. The youth were encouraged to continue to reach their goals with 8 of the graduates preparing for college or VoTech.



Tanya receives her graduation certificate from WCH Executive Director, Sarah Robinson.



Kylee receives her graduation certificate from WCH Executive Director, Sarah Robinson.

As keynote speaker for the evening and WCH trustee, Buddy Shannon told the graduates, "You could have easily quit at any time. But you didn't. You wouldn't take no for an answer. We can all learn from you."

Honors & Memorials Gifts given between the dates of March 1, 2009 & May 31, 2009

Honors

Randy B. Davis

Mr. Rory A. Oldenburg

Kristin Guthrie

Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo J. Asensio
Mr. Louis Brown
Guthrie and Associates
Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Guthrie
Mr. and Mrs. Mdmahud Nabbi

Gage Hinecker

Mr. Jay Harter
Mr. and Mrs. Kirk V. Lewis
Ms. Angela Miller
Ms. Denise B. Pitts
Ms. Chanelle Trotter

Joan Jantzen

Ms. Carole A. Lindsay

Kristin Koll

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Koll

Grace McDonough

Ms. K.H. Ashford
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Babst
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Downing
Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Kealey
Mr. and Mrs. Randall K. Krehbiel
Mr. and Mrs. Brendan McDonough
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols
Mr. and Mrs. Chad Richardson
Ms. Jackie Swyers
Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Wenninger
Ms. Michelle Young

Diane Z. Park

Ms. Shirley A. Jackson

Barbara G. Salter

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry P. Salter

Memorials

Helen Corbin

Mac Stanley Corbin Irrev. Trust

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Stanley Corbin

Mac Stanley Corbin Irrev. Trust

Maurice Edwards

Ms. Nicole D. Jones R.N.

Garver Memorial Fund

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Dr. Linda L. Francisco
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Mr. Michael D. Leahy and
Mrs. Brigid D. O'Hara
Ms. Betty E. McGrew
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Mr. Jon L. Smith and
Ms. Leslie R. Chaffin

Ms. Lynn Tatlock

Mr. and Mrs. Scott R. Tebbutt
Mr. Lloyd Youel

Don Kayser

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Andrews

Mary K. Lipp

Mr. Robert E. Lipp

Lynn Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Kraus

Shannon Moore

Ms. Teresa R. Moore

Alma E. Musgrove

Mr. and Mrs. Arne J. Evenson

Michael Quinlan

Mr. C. E. "Andy" Anderson

Jack S. Ranson

Mr. Monti Belot

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Nick Salem

Ms. Tracy Archibald
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bell
Mrs. Frances Brinegar
Ms. Sandra Broadstreet
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Farha
Mr. and Mrs. John K. Garvey
Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Hilleary
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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred James
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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelley
Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Koser
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Miller
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Ella Mae Wilder

Mr. Vincent J. Geraci and
Ms. Wanda Summers

Who We Serve

During our fiscal year 2009, July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 the Wichita Children's Home provided shelter for

1920 Youth were admitted to Residential Shelter and Foster Care

588 Youth were admitted as Runaways

499 Youth were admitted for Abuse/Neglect

145 Youth were admitted to the BRIDGES Program

Happenings at the Home



East High School Art Students paint mural for the Home.



Volunteer Eve Baker works with a child during Oasis summer school program.



Miss Kansas, Emily Deaver, spent an afternoon with our Teen Girls.



WSU Asian Cultural Organization presents WCH Development Director, Janet Pack, with \$3,500 check from a successful dodge ball tournament to benefit the Home.



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