



**WOODBURN
CHRISTIAN
CHILDREN'S
HOME**

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Monthly Newsletter

DEAR FRIENDS

"How does Woodburn Christian Children's Home empower young people to reach their full potential in Christ?" This question often comes up during Sunday morning visits with partner churches. The following story illustrates the answer.

David, 14 years old, entered our program amidst escalating problems resulting from pre-delinquent behaviors and a poor attitude. Very intelligent, David was not very motivated. Upon arriving at WCCH, his houseparents quickly identified David never learned how to throw a baseball or ride a bicycle. When fielding a baseball, instead of throwing the ball to a teammate, David would run the ball over, placing it in a teammate's mitt. The look on his face was very telling - a little piece of his self-esteem fell away each time he ran the ball over, instead of throwing the baseball. Despite his enormous potential, David felt less than, the last one picked for the baseball team. His baseball skills reflected an inner brokenness.

Learning how to throw a baseball became a short-term goal for David. At WCCH each child's individualized treatment plan incorporates goals designed to "minister to" or "attend to" their physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs.

The goal of learning how to throw a baseball combined physical exercise, the development of mind-body coordination, the hard work of learning, the feeling of accomplishment, and the participation in a peer-based team bonded through faith. Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

David learned how to throw a baseball, but more importantly, he experienced how to overcome a problem. Next, he will learn how to ride a bike...

UPCOMING EVENTS

WCCH Christmas Open House

The Christmas Open House is December 1st and 2nd (2:00 to 4:00 PM) with a "Carols of Christmas" program at 3:00 PM each day. Everyone is busy getting ready for your arrival. The kids are cleaning their rooms. The Christmas decorations are unpacked. The firewood is ready along with hot-spiced cider and special treats. The WCCH Christmas Open House is a special time to celebrate God's grace.

The Gift of Christmas

Calls are coming in from groups and individuals inquiring about providing Christmas gifts for our WCCH families. In addition to the provision of clothing and other essential needs, each child has completed his or her Christmas "wish list". If you would like to help make this Christmas a special memory for our children, just call our WCCH Office at 260-632-5551.

Some of our supporters are doing Gift Card Trees for Christmas this year. Gift cards to Walmart, Meijer, Kohls, Pizza Hut and other major brands help us provide gifts and resources to our children as needed.

Additionally, each year churches, families, and organizations provide a special "Christmas Offering" to help fund special program needs throughout the year. The "Christmas Offering" enables us to maintain our commitment to providing a home to a child regardless of their ability to pay while not accepting public funds (Federal, State, or Local).



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In Service to Him, Joe Heins
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