



ANNUAL REPORT (2024)

Woodburn Christian Children's Home

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Executive Director

JOE HEINS

The ministry of Woodburn Christian Children's Home focuses on meeting the needs of children with difficult life experiences. These needs include eating and sleeping habits, education, interaction with people of all ages and vocational exploration. Other needs include teaching children how to manage their behaviors, anxiety, depression, social fears, while developing their ability to trust adults. Every aspect of our ministry integrates key truths about God and His desire to love and provide. Our ministry team, along with key volunteers' partner with each child to realize goals that lead to an abundant life in Christ. All activities are tracked in child-specific development plans geared for the next steps in life. The result is found in the smiles of WCCH children who begin to believe they are valuable and loved.

Expanding our care is the driving force of the Strong & Courageous Strategic Vision, launched in March 2021. The vision expands how we care for children and the number of children in our care. The vision continues to be undergirded with faith, unceasing prayer, careful planning, and reliance on God's faithfulness. To realize this vision, we first built a 13,000 SF learning and counseling center and expanded the homes with bedrooms for relief house parents. Both projects were completed in April 2023. Now, we are excited to announce that the associated capital campaign is 100% funded! The campaign received 1,436 unique donations totaling \$2,555,250. Once again, WCCH is debt free!

Now, Woodburn Christian Children's Home is expanding the number of children in our care. Our two existing homes provide bedrooms for 14 children, with the ability to expand up to 20 children. The next phase of the Strong & Courageous Vision seeks to add a third home with more bedrooms. The layout will accommodate our existing age range (5 years old - high school) for both girls and boys. The new home will also add bedrooms, in a dorm room style pod, for young adults transitioning from high school (up to 22 years old).

To realize this vision, we need your help connecting to additional partner churches. Therefore, we launched a new relational campaign titled: "Each One – Reach One." We believe if "each" existing partner church helps us "reach" new partner churches, then together we can realize the vision to help more children. May God receive all the glory!

Residential Director & Ministry Coordinator

HAL AND CAROL ROGERS

Proverbs 1:8-9

“Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.”

This scripture has stimulated my heart, mind and soul for several months especially while teaching WCCH girls how to drive. Most of us who have teenage children, and teach them how to drive, know what I am talking about. Well, have you ever taught three teenage girls to drive that had little to no driving experience. This is what Carol, and I have been doing in our spare time. We have been taking three girls out separately for an hour at a time, totaling three hours/day. You talk about someone being exhausted and mentally tried, that was us. But then we reflected on the lives of these girls and how some of them may never have learned how to drive unless we taught them at WCCH. They may never have heard a grownup pray as they drive down the highway or in town, even while that grownup was whitening knuckling for all three hours 😊.



But isn’t this what families do? Teach children life skills and how to become responsible adults. For us at WCCH, it is so much more than life skills though, it is teaching them that Christ should be first in their life and whatever happens in their life, God will always be there for them. He will never fail!

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

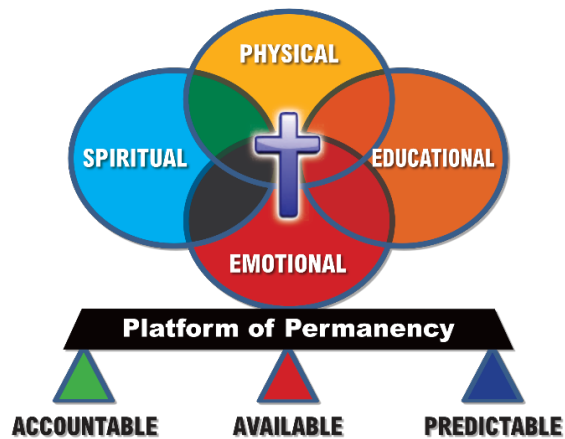
“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Clinical Director

KIMBERLEE WINNETT

2024 was a time when we saw our highest number of children come and go. The experience of adding children to our family and then “ministering” to them after they go home continues to leave memories and hope in our hearts, thoughts and minds. The impact of each relationship lingers, reminding us of a favorite scripture, Ecclesiastes 3:1, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” We are blessed for every season under God. We are also blessed with a collective legacy from the children who lived at WCCH.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT WOODBURN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME



The Learning and Counseling Center provided growth and development opportunities for children and staff to create memories and face challenges together. Cooking classes, family devotions, celebrations, guest speakers, counseling and skills groups took place at “home.” WCCH hosted events and will continue, and we began serving families through community counseling. Our goal was to form a “platform of permanency” for development.

Our “family” ebbs and flows with the addition of (Counselor) Megan, our first clinical intern, Paul, and new tutors, all working together in a growing ministry. Megan shares “Since working at WCCH, I have built relationships with the kids and helped them succeed and grow. It has been a great learning experience in such a loving and nurturing environment.” Jayla is another new face, and we’ve now welcomed baby Hostetler too. Children advanced into teen developmental tasks, and it’s been nice to see them gain confidence in themselves. Their progress reinforces that God created them on purpose, for a purpose. The lessons of 2024 continue to reflect our passion to come alongside those in need.



Student Testimony

ADRIANNA

I came to WCCH on January 8th, 2024. At first, I was nervous, but I soon felt comfort from the staff and my house parents. Once I met the rest of the kids in the house, I just felt like I belonged.

At WCCH we get way better school opportunities and our own tutors to help us with whatever subject we are struggling with. We also receive good counseling and build trustworthy relationships with the staff and our house parents. I have been shown that I can change and that I am not the same person I used to be.

Most of the kids here don't come from the best backgrounds, but WCCH has helped us get through that and develop an understanding of why things were the way they were, and why they are the way they are now. I get the chance to have a healthy and loving family at the Children's Home while I work with my other family to have a better relationship as well.

WCCH has helped me plan my future. I am an eleventh grader now and soon I will be a senior. After school, I know I want to do something that helps people, like hospice. I am not sure what yet, but I want to thank WCCH for inspiring me to want to help other people in the future.

Even though I didn't want to be here at first, I do now. I am learning how to be a better person and know God's got my back and always will. He led me here and on this path for a reason.

Thank you, WCCH!



Houseparent Couple

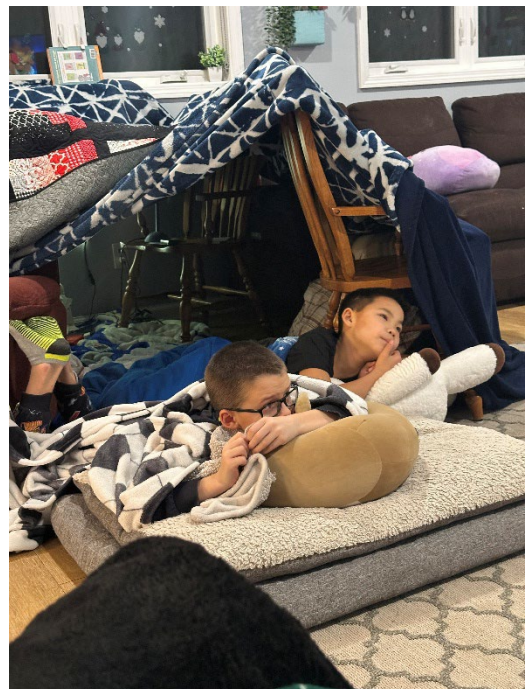
ADAM AND BROOKLYNN COOPER

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

My wife and I have been blessed to serve at WCCH since 2023, and as we begin our third year, we take time to reflect on all the memories, growth, and opportunities. God has provided us with the opportunity to serve Him, and we do this through the care of the children within WCCH. While we have not experienced in life what they have, God sees all. We choose to see beyond their past and see their heart, as God does.

Serving appears in many ways. From morning devotions to impromptu water balloon fights (with the Ark house) to camping in the living room and crafts around the table. From time one on one with the kids, to the blessing of working with the other staff members.

Family is very important to my wife and I and having that sense of community here is crucial to our home. Brooklynn and I are very thankful and humbled by the opportunities God has placed before us. While the last year may have had some hard times, I have truly seen that God does take care of his people when we follow his path.



Board Member

DALE BERNARD – FINANCIAL SECRETARY

I have been a Board Member since 2017. My first memory of WCCH was when Lee Bracy would bring several children to our church service at First Church of Christ in Garrett. I was impressed by the way that children responded to Lee and Vivian and how they interacted with our youth in the church. Lee would invite church members to come and visit their campus in Woodburn and see where the children live and help do service projects. Since I joined the Board with a focus on the finance side, I was able to see how so many people in the Christian churches have invested in these children and the ministry. I would like to share a story that I heard from a lady that currently lives in Ohio that I met at the ICOM conference in Lexington (2024). She lived in Woodburn as a youth and had many friends with our female children at the Children’s Home, but her highlight was going to the WCCH Christmas party. She was amazed at how these children lived very much like the same life as she did with her family. We are Blessed to invest in our children at WCCH.

Assistant Residential Director

DYLAN ATCHLEY

2024 was an “Unexpected Journey.” The year started off like any other year. But when summer came, and I was able to attend Hillsboro Family Camp, I reconnected with a woman that changed my life. That woman was Jayla McDaniel, whom I married in December. At the beginning of the

year, I had no idea that I would get married by the end of the year. But I wasn’t surprised. You see, I had been praying for the Lord to give me patience and wisdom to find the right woman. The Lord answered my prayers and blessed me with the best woman! A woman to help me serve at WCCH and in the Kingdom. Now, as my role expands, I have a faithful partner. I am reminded of my favorite



passage, *“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* We may not know what the Lord has in store for us, but at WCCH we will rejoice, pray continuously, and be thankful for everything the Lord will do for us.

2024 WCCH Income Statement

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Income

	<u>Income</u>	
Interest Income	\$	7.57
General Income	\$	935,390.81
Fund Raising	\$	241,216.09
Building Income*	\$	598,101.03
Other Income	\$	<u>21,500.00</u>

Total Income **\$ 1,796,215.50**

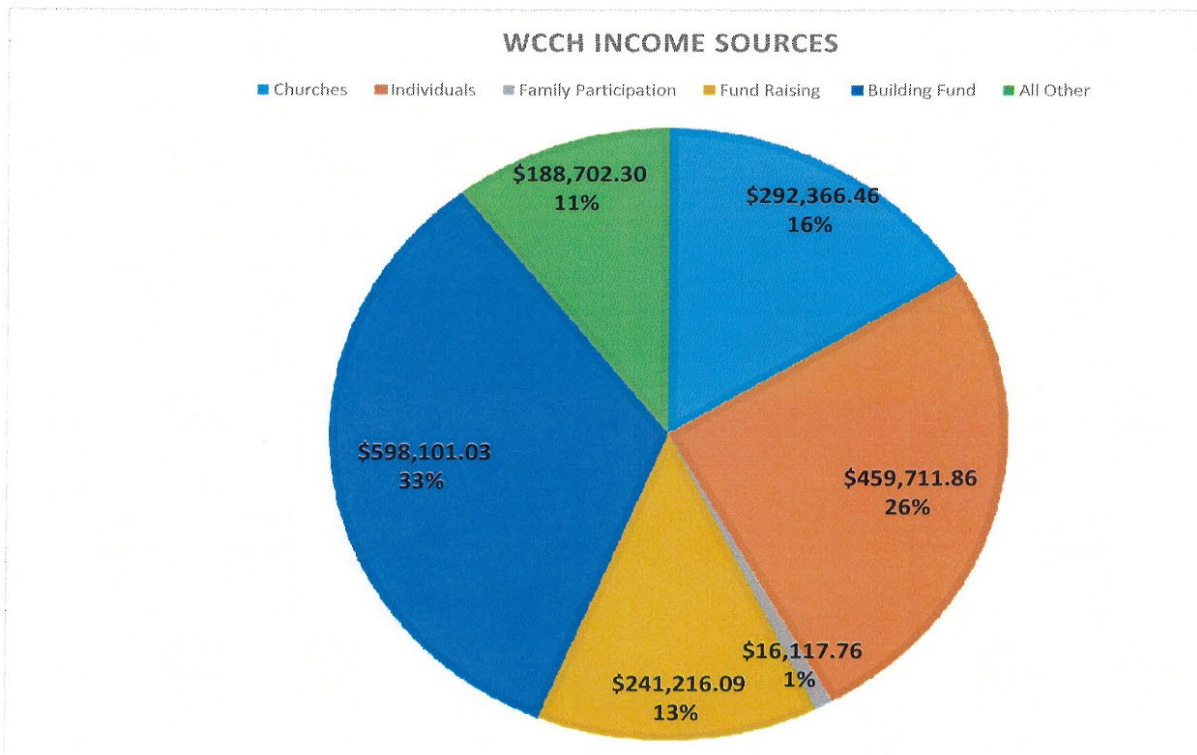
Expenses

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Personnel - Salaries and Taxes	\$	617,427.64
Operating Expenses	\$	245,240.94
Household Expenses	\$	52,245.27
Depreciation Expense	\$	95,685.71
Interest Expense	\$	34,458.56
Insurance	\$	81,758.15
Fund Raising Expenses	\$	<u>23,647.79</u>

Total Expenses **\$ 1,150,464.06**

NET ORDINARY INCOME * **\$ 47,650.41**

* These funds are saved for designated use



NOTE: Income does not include in kind gifts of food, clothing, building materials and donated labor for maintenance projects, inc.

2024 WCCH BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2024

Assets

Cash

General Fund	\$ 182,974.76
Legacy Fund	\$ <u>1,042,692.91</u>
Total Cash	\$ 1,225,667.67

Fixed Assets

Cost	\$ 3,624,611.64
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ <u>(555,097.77)</u>
Fixed Asset - Net Book Value	\$ 3,069,513.87

Other Asset

Prepaid Expense	\$ -
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TOTAL ASSETS \$ 4,295,181.54

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities

Liabilities	\$ (3,777.13)
Notes Payable	\$ <u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ (3,777.13)

Equity

Restricted Capital	\$ 1,381.95
Unrestricted Capital	\$ <u>4,297,576.72</u>
Total Equity	\$ 4,298,958.67

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The WCCH Story

Since 1972, Woodburn Christian Children’s Home (WCCH) has provided a Christian home for children in need, ministering to children and families on physical, educational, emotional and spiritual levels. Located near Fort Wayne, Indiana, WCCH has welcomed hundreds of young people (ages 6-21) to be part of our family. Over the years, many of the WCCH children have returned to their homes, enjoying an enhanced quality of life and purpose. When grown, many of these youth maintain a vital relationship with the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home and rely upon us for counsel and spiritual encouragement throughout their lives. The mission enables dedicated staff to empower children and families to reach their full potential in faith and life.

WCCH, supported entirely by voluntary contributions, receives no federal, state or county support. We are entirely dependent upon our private contributors whose strong support, along with in-kind donations, enables this mission to operate on a cash basis. WCCH is unique in that we are committed to meeting the needs of youth, privately placed by their parents or guardians, who typically have little or no financial resources. WCCH adheres to all Department of Child Services requirements for residential children’s homes, and health, nutrition, fire, and safety requirements.

CORE VALUES

- WCCH, a ministry of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, is broadly supported by the Christian community throughout the tristate area.
- WCCH accepts no public funds but is entirely funded by private donations.
- WCCH accepts only private placements referred primarily through our churches.
- WCCH provides a home to children regardless of their ability to pay.
- WCCH integrates the Christian faith into every-day life. No part of our daily life will be separated from the expression of our faith.

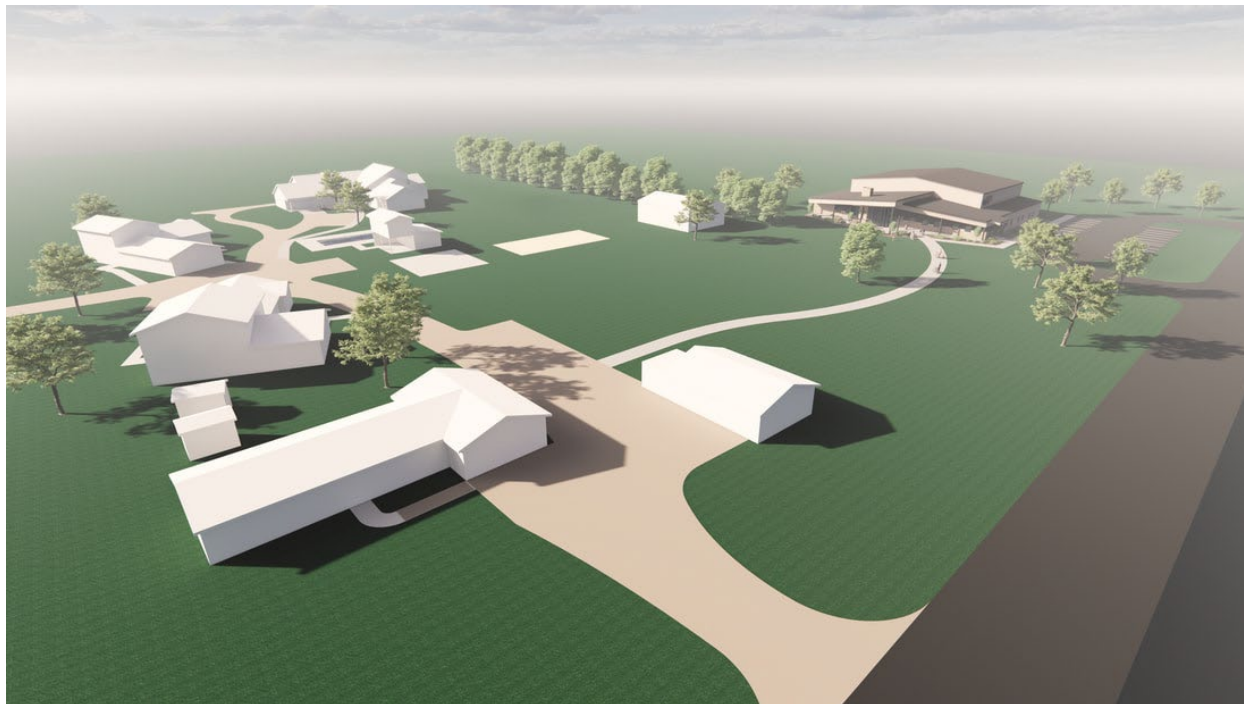
VISION STATEMENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

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