



**WOODBURN  
CHRISTIAN  
CHILDREN'S  
HOME**

## Monthly Newsletter

### Dear WCCH Family,

People often ask, "What is the goal of the families in the homes at Woodburn Christian Children's Home? What do the children learn?" We asked Rick Gustin, a member of the Board of Directors, to reflect on these questions from his leadership perspective.

Rick writes,

"For most, *home* is a term that carries pleasant emotions, warmth, security, and restfulness. We call it 'home sweet home.' Those of us from Indiana sing 'Back Home Again...' John Denver sang, 'Home was the place he belonged.' Michael Buble simply sang, 'I want to go home.'

*Home* stirs memories of good times, good feelings, and good smells: mom's cooking, dad's aftershave, sister's bubblegum, or brother's gym socks (okay that one was not a good smell).

*Home* is not a simple location or a place, it is a complex mixture of personalities, preferences, pleasures and even some pain. God fully intends for home to be a place of safety. We must also believe 'home' is a place of value, not that our house has monetary value, but that our 'home' is a place where all who gather know and feel that they have value. For a home to be truly a happy place, these two principal factors, safety and value, must be paramount, and recognizable by children.

Safety and value are what children need most - they symbolize the blankies and teddy bears that help them sleep. Unfortunately, there are children who do not have those security measures. It is vital that our "homes" have these features. It is why the Prodigal son in Luke 15 returned home to his father, a place of safety and value. At WCCH, safety and value are the goals of the families and central to the Core Values and Mission Statement. We want the children in our care to know they are safe and valued by us, and especially God the Father.

May God bless your home, as you love your children.  
In Service to Him, Joe Heins Executive Director

### Benefit Golf Outing

Woodburn Christian Children's Home is supported by voluntary contributions. We receive no federal, state or county support. We are entirely dependent upon private contributors whose strong support enables WCCH to operate on a cash basis. Family participation is on a sliding scale. Over the years, numerous children have been accepted for placement even though their parents had little or no ability to pay. The annual fundraisers are an essential part of maintaining WCCH core values.

### Event Sponsors Needed

All sponsorship funds provide care for children.  
*Impact a child, be a sponsor!*

### Sponsorship Opportunities

(Great for churches, businesses, and families)

Eagle Sponsor: \$1,000

Birdie Sponsor: \$750

Food/Beverage: \$400

Hole Sponsor: \$200

Please visit [wchonline.org](http://wchonline.org) to register as a sponsor (or call the office, 260-632-5551).

*The Golf outing is full - 120 golfers are registered. Please visit the website to be placed on the wait list.*

### WCCH Opportunities

- 1) Schedule a WCCH family workshop at your church. Topics: parenting children/adult children, managing conflict, grandparenting, mental health: depression and anxiety, etc.
- 2) Impact children by volunteering at WCCH. We welcome families, small groups, churches, and businesses. Groups of varying sizes and skill help children feel connected to the Christian community.
- 3) Give to the Legacy Fund. Your gift may make a difference where a child spends eternity. It is our mission and prayer that your gift will be passed from life to life in an unbroken line of opportunity for young people to live their lives for God. More information can be found at [wchonline.org](http://wchonline.org).

If you donated in March, your receipt is on the back of this letter. Thank you for your faithful support.