

Monthly Newsletter

Dear WCCH Family,

People often ask, "What is the key to Christ-centered child development." At WCCH, the answer is simple: commitment. Every child needs a home where adults "stand still," or if you like, remain committed to Christ and family. At WCCH, this is played out in the lives of many staff members who serve over long periods of time. Through their commitment, children see God's faithfulness. For example, this month Hal and Carol Rogers celebrate 25 years serving at WCCH. Please enjoy the following reflection article.

In August 1998, 25 years ago, Rogers' family sold their house and possessions and moved to WCCH. We were like "a deer looking into headlights," but we heeded the call from God. We had friends and family that were excited about our transition and others who could not understand "why." As we look back, our children: Nathan, Jill, and Jonathan were the ones who gave up so much so their mom and dad could give their time to raise other children who needed spiritual, physical, emotional and educational stability. As we recall, we had five high school boys in our first WCCH family - and they *knew all the answers about life*. Carol and I built relationships with each boy, even when the boys tried to "pull the wool over our eyes". We thought at times how unequipped we were to handle children who had been traumatized at this level. We would ask God daily to give us the strength and understanding to handle every challenge that may "bear its ugly head." As each boy left WCCH, a part of ourselves left. We soon found out that as ornery and rude these boys could be, we missed them. What's more we found out when one child left another Justin, Charles, Bobby, Terry, or Daniel showed up to take their place. We sold a lot of our material possessions to move to WCCH, but we grew in our love for the Lord, and as Romans 12:2 says, He "transformed" us in a way so we were able to minister to children who were made in the image of God. That is more precious than all material possessions one could own.

Their words reminded me that commitment always includes sacrifice. May God continue to bless Hal and Carol as they serve at WCCH.

Your Fellow Servant, Joe Heins
WCCH Executive Director



The Along-siders

Last month, we introduced a new volunteer program called "The Along-siders." This is a group of volunteers of all ages who love children and love Christ. Their efforts fill the hearts of children with love and hope.

Current opportunities: maintenance, cleaning the new learning-counseling center, devotions with the children, recreational activities, and educational tutoring.

WCCH is a vital ministry, your prayers, sacrificial giving and willingness to serve are essential.

If you are interested in becoming a WCCH volunteer Along-sider, please call the office at (260) 632-5551.

Save the Date 18th Annual Benefit Auction, Saturday, October 7.

Meal/Silent Auction: 4:00 PM; Live auction: 5:00PM

The event includes Kingdom fellowship, a delicious meal, and many opportunities to impact children in the name of Christ with over 300 auction items.

The Benefit Auction provides essential funds to help children realize their full potential at WCCH. Each year, the Christian community rallies around the opportunity to provide a home for discouraged children. The goal is to show God's love through a family-focused event.

To make this year's auction a success, we need your assistance to *gain valuable items*. Examples include business owners who donate a product or service, owners of vacation rental properties who are willing to donate a week's stay, churches or groups who develop themed baskets. Donation categories include new tools, toys, outdoor furniture, electronics, sports equipment, entertainment, get-away packages, etc.

We are also looking for businesses, churches and families to *sponsor the auction*. Sponsorship is an excellent way to impact children while supporting vital Kingdom activities. Please visit our website.



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