

Monthly Newsletter

Dear WCCH Family,

Newness of hope is shown in many ways - the smile of a child, the familiar presence of an old friend, or simply, a picture of God's creation in all its beauty. Together, these ideas point to God's sovereignty.

Recently, Dave Smith, a longtime member of the WCCH family sent a picture, taken years ago, on our property behind the Angel house. Built in 1972, the Angel House was the first building constructed at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.



Considering the picture, we are reminded of God's faithfulness: the many sunrises that arose on WCCH in 50 years, and the many lives of children who found safety, security, and hope at WCCH. The fresh snow reflects the new life in Christ embraced by each child. The bench reminds us of the mission: to "sit" with children, helping them understand life through God's power and sovereignty. The picture teaches each child needs a loving adult who will settle into their life, to sit with them on life's journey.

For 50 years, God empowered hope at WCCH. Now, as we celebrate what He has done, we will also lean into what God will do for the next 50 years. Confidently, we know the best days are yet to come!

In Service to Him, Joe Heins Executive Director

New Workshops for Churches

Every Sunday we visit partner churches to present the WCCH story. The goal is to stay connected with our vital partners, while reminding churches that WCCH is a valuable resource to help local families.

As part of our commitment to the Kingdom, we also offer a variety of workshops designed to empower children, families, churches and communities. The application-based workshops provide a humorous perspective on today's family while equipping people of all ages with practical solutions.

Topics include creating healthy boundaries, conflict management, family development, communication, mental illness, suicide prevention, etc. We have multiple tracks with varying lengths and topics. The workshops are ideal for churches, businesses, community groups, or youth groups. During the past twelve months, we provided over 30 workshops. To schedule a visit or workshop, call 260-632-5551. You will want to call soon. The calendar is filling up fast.

Strong & Courageous Expansion Update

The WCCH staff is preparing a special update that will be mailed later in January. In the meantime, please join the collective voice. Give sacrificially to the building project - don't miss a "once in a lifetime" opportunity. Visit our website to take a <u>virtual tour</u> of the new learning center (www.wcchonline.org).

Phase I Funding Update: 76% funded in 10 months! Total Cash, Pledge & In-Kind Donations: \$1,224,662 Phase I Goal (Learning/Counseling Center): 1,600,000

Calendar of Events

Annual Meeting: February 19

WCCH Benefit Golf Outing: May 21

WCCH Benefit Auction: October 22

50th Anniversary Celebration: Fall

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



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