



WOODBURN  
CHRISTIAN  
CHILDREN'S  
HOME

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**We don't raise victims  
We raise Overcomers**

## Monthly Newsletter

Dear WCCH Family,

Summer activities are in full swing at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. This includes recreational activities, academic tutoring, and church camp. The summer also provides opportunities to teach WCCH children life skills with a variety of visitors from churches, public service entities, local employers and service groups. The goal is to help children discover how to become overcomers: mature young adults, employable and seeking God's plan for their lives.

For example, on **June 12 at 2:30 PM**, we are hosting Brad Hurtig as a life skill experience. Brad's story is very compelling. Below is a snapshot...

Brad Hurtig was a student-athlete in a small town in Ohio. Only days after finishing his sophomore year of high school, a devastating accident resulted in the amputation of both of Brad's hands. Within months of losing both of his hands, Brad rejoined his high school football team. How was Brad able to quickly overcome such a devastating obstacle? Even more, to navigate a loss into a win by going from amputee to all-state? Brad's message is centered around an influential story that took place between himself and his football coach. Brad would often rely on others to pick up a water bottle when he was thirsty. At the end of practice, Brad asked his coach for a drink. Instead of picking up the bottle, his coach said something that would ultimately change Brad's life. He said, "If you're thirsty enough, you'll Find A Way." That day Brad successfully got a drink and that challenge became the catalyst in learning what it takes to overcome. Brad would soon learn a powerful strategy that enabled him to move past his fears and reach his goals. He now shows students how to do the same *and it all starts with Jesus*. Brad's story has commanded national attention. He has been featured by media outlets including ESPN. Now Brad travels the country sharing his message: "Find A Way."

Please feel free to join us in our new Learning and Counseling Center on **June 12**. This is a free event for families, youth groups, churches, etc. Please email [carol@wcchonline.org](mailto:carol@wcchonline.org) to make a reservation.

Your Fellow Servant, Joe Heins

Where do we go from here?

Please enjoy the following reflection from Dennis Armstrong, President of the WCCH Board of Directors.

WOW! WCCH is 50 years old. What a blessing the home has been to all the children who have called it "home". As we embark on the next 50 years, we pray for God's continued blessings and guidance, both spiritually and financially. WCCH is well positioned to serve the needs of the children that will come to the home for years and years to come. Through the efforts of the staff and board of directors, we have a strong strategic plan in place that incorporates both short- and long-term visions for WCCH. Several aspects of this plan will come to fruition with the completion of the Learning and Counseling Center.

The board of directors continue to provide governance for the home in keeping with God's will. We are dedicated, along with the staff, in staying true to WCCH's vision and mission statements and our core values, all of which are part of the strategic plan. We are charged with being good stewards of the gifts God has provided and we take that responsibility very seriously. We are working with the staff on policies, procedures and planning activities to ensure that WCCH remains a continuing legacy well into the future.

And now we look forward to the rest of 2023 and beyond. There will be challenges to overcome but also opportunities for growth and development. Planning for the next phase of the strategic plan is on the horizon as we strive to do God's will for WCCH. So be in prayer for WCCH continuously so that we will live out the commission found in our vision statement... "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27).

**Golf Outing:** We hosted 120 golfers & raised \$15,000. The children served a special dinner with prayer and laughter. One golfer shot his first hole-in-one at the age of 65! Next year's outing is May 18, 2024.

**Benefit Auction:** October 7, 2023. The event will host over 700 guests and offer over 300 auction items. The WCCH website has all the details, including sponsor opportunities. In 2022, we raised over \$170,000!

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

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