

## Monthly Newsletter

## Dear WCCH Family,

Looking at life through the eyes of a child reminds us of our primary purpose: to teach each child God loves them, even in the messiness of life. Please enjoy the following reflection written by Charlotte, a 16-year-old young lady who is discovering Life and Love at the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

"I've been at WCCH for about five months now. I was really nervous to come here because for one, it's far from my home in Michigan. I was angry because it felt more like a punishment than anything else. Though it was not a punishment, WCCH Staff has helped me develop a better understanding of why things were the way they were, and why they are the way they are now. I was angry and scared but now that I'm here, I see WCCH as a provision from God. Here I have better schooling opportunities and healthier support from my Counselor, House parents, and Tutors. Physically, my health is improving. I have consistent help and parenting. I feel loved and cared for, not that I never was loved, there's just more time for it here. My faith and trust in God has improved. I trust that God will take care of me in the way he took care of Joseph. I suppose that Joseph probably felt helpless and angry, too. But through all of that, Joseph became a stronger person, and God was able to work through Joseph to not only provide a better future for Joseph but to provide a better life for several people through Joseph. Which also leads me to the belief that bad things may happen to good people for good reasons. And while I'm figuring this all out, I'll just enjoy being a kid by continuing to learn to play Guitar, playing with Hilde the dog and helping my house mom."

For 50 years, children like Charlotte have learned how to overcome life's difficulties at WCCH. Your faithful support enables us to open the eyes of each child to see God's great love. Your impact changes our world, one child at a time.

os/ 1/Keis

In Service to Him, Joe Heins Executive Director

## **Expansion Update**

The Strong & Courageous expansion develops our ministry so that more children like Charlotte can find hope in God, while making sense of their lives.

The first step in the vision is the Learning and Counseling Center. As you can see from the picture, the new building is taking shape. The donated steel is erected, and the concrete pads should be poured this month. Then Votaw Electric and Pranger Mechanical can begin working, both are giving substantial in-kind donations.

Please consider giving today, we are 70% funded!





## Calendar of Events

WCCH High School Graduation Party: May 15

WCCH Benefit Golf Outing: May 21

WCCH Benefit Auction: October 8 (new date)

50th Anniversary Celebration: Fall 2022

<u>Special Note</u>: The golf outing is almost full. Please visit our website to register as soon as possible.

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

