



# Monthly Newsletter

## Dear WCCH Family,

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (building dedication) exceeded our expectations. On April 29, we hosted over 750 people at the event. Included in the crowd were scores of adult-children who lived at WCCH over the years. Among them were children from the first WCCH family in 1972. They reunited in prayer with all three directors: Lee (Kay) Strang, Lee (Vivian) Bracey and Joe (Vikki) Heins. We also hosted many people who served at WCCH over the years, including Board members and staff, and over 100 churches, families and many organizations.

*The event was truly a gift of God's grace.* No one could have expected what we experienced. The many handshakes, hugs and tears reminded us God is right in the middle of our mission. The ceremony lasted 20 minutes, but the visits lasted for hours.

About half way through the ceremony, we unveiled a mural painted on the wall of the multipurpose room. The mural is 35' x' 35', and was designed by staff and children. When we cut the ribbon, the tarp covering the mural dropped, and our commitment to Christ filled the room. The crowd responded with a gasp and many tears. News outlets covered the event, astonished by the experience.

Every so often in life, we are privileged to experience a Kingdom advancement; a declaration of hope and faith in a messy world. We are grateful God provided this experience for the betterment of His people.

The mural on the wall represents every person who gave to the capital campaign - every stroke of the paint brush tells a story of sacrificial giving. However, the mural is not complete. More funds are needed to complete the project. We entered the project in 2021 debt free, and we want to finish the campaign in 2024 debt free. Please join the collective voice of giving.

Please visit our website and Facebook page to view a gallery of pictures and videos of the event. We are still providing tours. Please call the office to schedule.

May God receive all the glory,

## Reflections on God's Grace

Recently we welcomed several children into our care. They range in age from 9 - 15 years old. Together, they remind us of God's deep concern for the wellbeing of children. Each has a unique story of discouragement and trouble. But even in the mess, their eyes shine with hope. Through our WCCH families, each child is loved and cared for as a valuable creation in God's world. Please join us in praying for Curt, Layla and Genet.

At the Woodburn Christian Children's Home, we do not raise victims, we raise overcomers.

We also welcomed Jason and Heather Stoner into the WCCH family. They will minister to children through house parenting, and Jason will minister to churches through preaching while Heather provides support in ministry development to children and families. The following is a reflection they wrote:

"It has been a month at WCCH and my heart is full of excitement for God's purpose to be revealed through our combined efforts as we model to the children in our care what a true Christian Home looks like. My daily prayer lately has been similar to the prayer by David in Psalm 86:11-12: *"Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever."* As we seek to follow in the steps of Jesus, we need to constantly ask ourselves, how can we glorify God through our words and actions. We also need to be reminded that: it is all about God. Every new day we have, is another opportunity in our finite lives to bring the hope of salvation to God's creation around us. Heather (my wife) and I, along with my daughter (Destiny), and my son (Brock) are eager to join the WCCH family in striving to encourage hope, speaking truth in a confused and chaotic world, and sharing our love we have received from our Heavenly Father."

## WCCH Benefit Golf Outing (May 13, 2023)

### Events Sponsors Needed

- Eagle Sponsor: \$750
  - Food/Beverage: \$300
  - Birdie Sponsor: \$500
  - Hole Sponsor: \$100
- Visit [wcchonline.org](http://wcchonline.org) to register or call the office.

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

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# JOSHUA 1:9

