



**WOODBURN
CHRISTIAN
CHILDREN'S
HOME**

Monthly Newsletter

Dear WCCH Family,

The Benefit Auction brought crowds of many kinds. We hosted generations of families and dearly loved churches and business owners. There were young and old. Those new to the faith, and seasoned saints who have journeyed the path of faith for many years. Some came for the first time, others returned for the eighteenth time. Despite this diversity, there was a single goal: *impact children in the name of Christ.*

Within the crowds, there came several adult children who lived at Woodburn Christian Children's Home. At one point in the evening, several of these adult children gathered in the hallway outside the main auction. As staff and board members greeted these adult children, I was overwhelmed with joy. At first, they felt a little awkward. The same way children feel when attending an "adult event" for the first time. Then as hugs and conversations unfolded, they felt the old feelings of belonging to a family, the WCCH family. Each of the adult children came with life's problems at their heels, some had just moved, others were starting new jobs. Interestingly, those who came could have gone any number of places on that particular Saturday night. But they chose to come to the auction. Why... why did they come back?

As a WCCH family, we asked this question. Why do the adult children come back to WCCH? Simple: we are home. WCCH is a safe place to return home; a place where love and support is the tone. A place where acceptance and faith in Jesus undergird all relationships. Whether "home" is at an auction, or a coffee shop, or the new multipurpose building... home is where the people love no matter what. WCCH provides this type of home for children of all ages. Those kids who came back to the auction, they came home for love, support and faith.

Thank you for helping us keep the lights on at home!

In Service to Him, Joe Heins Executive Director

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

Benefit Auction Update

The 18th Annual Benefit Auction was a tremendous success. The auction committee, along with over 75 volunteers hosted 600 guests, and by the grace of God, raised over \$150,000.

If you are interested in joining the auction committee, please contact the office at (260) 632-5551. Meetings are held monthly from March through September.

The New Learning & Counseling Center

We are so excited! The new center has become a hub for Christ-centered relationships, instruction, biblical counseling and activity-based learning.

This new ministry platform facilitates the development of each child, helping form a biblical worldview so that life's experiences are defined through biblical Truth. The picture below is one of the rooms where tutors, counselors, houseparents, and volunteers spend time helping children within a framework of love and hope.



Your continued desire to fund this project enables lives to be changed. The final stage of the building's capital campaign calls us to raise \$700,000. This amount clears associated building debt so that we can begin Phase II of strategic vision, a third 10-bedroom home. Please consider helping WCCH realize the *Strong & Courageous Strategic vision.*

More information is available at www.wcchonline.org.



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