MISSION
The Children’s Home of Wheeling, Inc. provides a temporary home, treatment and quality of life programming for abused, neglected and troubled male youth ages 12-18 from throughout the state of West Virginia.

Through individual, group and family therapy, self-esteem building activities, enriching experiences and educational support, our residents have the opportunity to heal and maximize their potential.

We are committed to providing services to residents, no matter their race, color, age, disability, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and national origin.

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Our Move is Complete!

The end of 2016 was a very busy time here at The Children’s Home of Wheeling. Not only were we making the holidays special for our residents but we moved to our new location. The north section of our residential building that was known as “North Hall” became our new Administration, Dietary and Creative Arts location.

The north hall and first floor of center hall were fully renovated and now all of our agency is under one roof. The boxes are unpacked, we are settled in and now that spring is upon us we are gearing up for an amazing summer! Below are a few pictures of our renovations.

One of the favorite rooms is the new Hearne Creativity Center. There is much more room than our previous space. Here the boys can express themselves through drawing, painting and designing. There are few limitations in this room as to what the boys can do. Some of the youth don't realize just how creative they can be.

Our new multi-purpose room is now the dining area. This room is also used to hold board meetings, graduation ceremonies and many other meetings and events.

To the right is our newly remodeled 1st floor Level III Room. Here you will find a gaming system, TV for trainings, groups and special events. There are also bookshelves filled with books for reading and a place to spend free time. This room is also where family visitation takes place. It is important that families visit and feel comfortable while they are here.
Dear Friends of The Children’s Home of Wheeling…

“Character, not circumstance, makes the person.”
- Booker T. Washington

This year the summer program at The Children’s Home of Wheeling will focus on the ten core virtues of character building. The youth will learn trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship, honesty, courage, diligence and integrity. These ten core virtues will help each individual to become a responsible person and to make decisions based on what is right rather than what is easy.

Our residential leaders will be using the In Search of Character curriculum. The program is not just about each core value but about blending the qualities together. It is about young people constructing a future for themselves and then living up to their virtues.

The character education will go hand in hand with other aspects of our summer programming. In health education the youth will learn about topics such as dating and relationships, STD’s and nutrition. Our maintenance director will teach handyman skills like minor plumbing and painting. Reading group will again work with developing literacy skills and the enjoyment of reading. Time spent in the garden with planting and harvesting vegetables is always fun.

The summer will go by quickly with volunteering, pool time and a surprise summer outing or two.

The youth come to The Children’s Home from different circumstances and environments. Whether it is ordered by court due to abuse or neglect or they have no place to go. Our goal is that with our summer of character education the young men in care will develop wisdom for life.

Sincerely,

Louise M. Paree

Student Art Show of Excellence, 2017
Some of our youth will exhibit artwork at Artwork Around Town on Friday, April 7 from 5:30pm—8:00pm. Come and see what they have created!
Mark Your Calendars for Tuesday, May 2, 2017

The Children’s Home of Wheeling is once again participating in The Amazing Raise Ohio Valley. This event is a 24 hour online giving challenge where donors from not only the Ohio Valley, but anywhere in the world, come together to raise money for local non-profits.

This event begins at midnight on May 2. Donations are accepted until 11:59 pm. Throughout this time period prizes are awarded at certain times to help boost the money that non-profits raise.

Please consider donating to The Children’s Home of Wheeling during this event. Donations can be made at www.giveov.org.

Happy Retirement

On January 3, 2017, Karen Coulling retired from The Children’s Home of Wheeling after 15 years of service as development director. Thank you Karen for your hard work and dedication.

On December 21, Clark Hayes, General Manager at the Olive Garden, arranged for The Joseph Sisters to perform a concert at the restaurant. Patrons were asked to bring Christmas gifts for the youth residing at The Children’s Home of Wheeling. The gifts, along with a delicious dinner from the Olive Garden, were delivered the next evening. The Joseph Sisters helped serve the dinner and also put on a mini-concert for the boys. A thank you goes out to Mr. Hayes, his staff and The Joseph Sisters.

After a valiant fight with cancer we were saddened by the passing on Monday, March 13, of our co-worker and friend, Brent Bilich. Your strength and courage were an inspiration to us all.
Congressman David McKinley and his wife came to visit the residents and staff here at The Children’s Home of Wheeling. The Congressman spent time with staff learning about the challenges that a residential treatment facility face. He asked for suggestions on how, on the national level, he could help as we move into the new administration. He then spent time with the youth letting them decide the topics they wished to discuss.

The boys enjoyed getting their pictures taken with Congressman McKinley in front of the American Flag as he presented each boy with a United States House of Representatives coin.

A sampling of quotes from the boys about his visit:

* “You have to understand I’ve been through a lot and never did something as awesome as this happen to me.”
* “It meant a lot to me how you took the time out of your day to answer our questions.”
* “We talked a lot about mining in West Virginia. Thank you for telling us so many things we hadn’t heard before.”

HELPING OUT

Our youth have been busy volunteering and planning upcoming volunteer activities. Some past and future volunteer opportunities include:

- Debbie Green 5K
- The Gabriel Project
- Faith In Action Caregivers
- Marshall County Animal Shelter
- Ogden Newspapers Half Marathon
- St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church Christmas Distribution

If your organization is looking for volunteers please let us know. We look for any opportunity to help others. Call Dan at 304-233-2367, ext. 282 to schedule.
SUMMER WISH LIST

- Goggles
- Sunscreen
- Flip Flops
- Pool Towels
- Roller Blades
- Fishing Poles
- Swimming Trunks
- Cloth Frisbees
- Pickle Ball Paddles
- Street Hockey Equipment
- Corn Hole Boards/Bags
- Gardening Equipment (shovels, hoes, fencing)

According to the U.S. Administration for Children & Families, Child Maltreatment 2015…

- An estimated 1,670 children died from abuse and neglect in the United States.
- An estimated 683,000 children were victims of abuse in neglect.
- Approximately 3.4 million children received an investigation or alternative response from child protective services agencies.
- A parent of the child victim was the perpetrator in 78.1% of substantiated cases of child maltreatment.

**What do I do if I suspect child abuse or neglect?**

- In West Virginia concerns should be reported to the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) where you live or by calling the Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-352-6513.
- In Ohio concerns should be reported to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) by calling 1-855-O-H-CHILD (855-642-4453).
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| Brandon Mason                  |                          |
| Wayne & Linda Mason            |                          |

| Chris Miller                   |                          |
| AJ & Debbi Gray                |                          |

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| Anna Monteleone                |                          |

| Charles Newmeyer               |                          |
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**The Children’s Home of Wheeling**

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