



Victaulic Offers Pathway for Transitional Living Youth

For children served through Boys and Girls Homes, there is often a question about what happens after graduation from high school. Thanks to a recent partnership with Victaulic, a manufacturer located in Leland, our youth have a new opportunity.

“Victaulic has offered us a direct pathway to employment for our youth who are 18 years of age,” said Ian Callahan, director of transitional living. “This great opportunity offers our kids a job that will teach them skills that will lead them into a more stable economic future. The jobs also offer a real livable wage with the chance to reach higher positions within the company.”

Victaulic of Leland, led by plant manager Mike Reives, makes commercial fire suppressive systems for companies worldwide. They operate 24 hours per day. Founded in 1919, the company has more than 4,000 employees worldwide with more than 50 global facilities.

“This partnership will most definitely provide another opportunity for our kids who are aging out of the system, and are looking for a career



Victaulic of Leland plant manager Mike Reives, left, meets in a Thomas Academy classroom to discuss the opportunities for students to work at the company once they turn 18. Inset is a photo of the Leland location where the students will begin their Victaulic career.

that is outside of the normal college path,” Callahan said. “Kids these days are not always ready or sure they want to go to college directly after high school.”

With the partnership only a few months old, two youth have already taken advantage of the opportunity.

“Both boys have experienced a real world working environment so quickly after graduation that emphasizes how well prepared they are to be out in the working world,” said President Gary Faircloth. “We are grateful that the leadership at

Victaulic recognize the opportunity for our youth to provide a benefit to their workforce as well.”

Callahan agrees that the benefits go both ways.

“With the opportunity to gain real employment skills and make a good wage, these workers and those that follow will have a better chance of meeting true success after leaving the foster care system,” Callahan said. “We look forward to seeing what the future holds for this effort.”

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A Message from President Faircloth



GARY FAIRCLOTH
President/CEO

Thank you for continuing to be a voice for the largest voiceless minority - children who have been abused and neglected.

We are truly blessed by the support of special donors like Margaret Stanton. This beautiful soul provided us with financial support of various amounts over the years. We received word over the summer that she was not doing well. That same day, we were contacted about her desire to make a generous gift of stock. Within a few days of making those arrangements,

this caring angel passed away. Yet on her deathbed she wanted to make sure that the children will continue to be cared for in a way she had seen make a difference in their lives and futures.

As you will read in the pages that follow, we are experiencing tremendous support from a variety of individuals and civic organizations that allow the children to continue their journey to brighter futures!

The 2019 Old Dominion Rotary Golf Tournament and Sandhills Benefit Luncheon & Silent Auction both raised significant amounts of money to support our children while also raising awareness about the services children receive through B&GH. (See page 5) And our 2019 Rodeo raised more than \$20,000 for the children! (See page 8).

And as always, it is so wonderful to be able to share the success stories of our children, like the Thomas Academy graduation and the Victaulic partnership.

I am so grateful to be able to share these stories with you and warmly invite you to pay special attention to the upcoming events. Please join us as you are able to celebrate all the good things that are happening for children in our care!

Thank you for making futures brighter for children!

For the Love of Kids,

OUR MISSION

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Alumni Corner: Mike Delk

“Boys Home saved his life and provided the foundation for Mike to grow up to help others.”

Kelly Delk on her husband, alumnus Mike Delk

Following his time as a boy at what was then Boys Home, Mike Delk went on to serve in the military and in government. His wife Kelly is also a retired veteran and government worker. Together, they are now working to fulfill a dream to serve others much like the dream that created Boys and Girls Homes.

“For the past decade we have been doing things to help veterans,” said Kelly. “It has been our dream to start



Kelly and Mike Delk

a facility to help veterans transition back into civilian life.”

The Warrior Refuge is the name

of the nonprofit organization the couple is working to turn into a full facility to help prevent the staggering number of veteran suicides happening on a daily basis.

“The month-long program will provide medical and psychological evaluations and programs to help veterans stabilize as they transition from active-duty to civilian life,” Kelly said.

They are working to create barracks for the veterans. The program will also include a mess hall for the veterans to work in that will be a free food restaurant open to the public Thursday through Sunday.

The multi-phase project will eventually include a shooting range and church on site to go along with the veterans being served.



It's almost time for our Alumni Reunion! Oct. 12, 2019



C.R.E.A.T.E. Hope Program Provides Treatment, Advocacy

Over the past year, the C.R.E.A.T.E. Hope program has expanded the services offered by Boys and Girls Homes as part of an ongoing effort to make futures brighter for children and families.

Funded through a grant received from the Governor's Crime Commission, the program provides treatment and advocacy services for child victims of crime or witnesses to crime and their non-offending caregivers free of charge.

Children who are victims of crime or who have witnessed violence are at increased risk of academic struggles, chronic illnesses and self-destructive behaviors. The goal of C.R.E.A.T.E. Hope is to reduce those impacts. The program's C.R.E.A.T.E. in the name comes from the words: collaboration, resiliency, education, advocacy, therapy and empowerment.

Program Director Chanté Clark is grateful for the opportunity to return to her home community to make a difference in such a special program.

"I grew up less than 15 minutes from here," said Clark. "I went to school, became friends with, and remain friends with, people who were residents at Boys and Girls

Homes."

Clark, who originally wanted to be an attorney, changed her mind during orientation at Campbell University.

"I was praying about wanting to help people," she recalls. "Social work felt like the better fit beyond going to court."

Clark would go on to receive a B.S.W. from Campbell before going on to complete her Master's in Social Work in 2014 at the University of South Carolina. After working for the Department of Social Services in Columbus County, Clark began work on her clinical licensure in 2016.

"I saw that Columbus County needed more services," said Clark. "When this opportunity arose, it was an ideal way to serve children and help people from the area. I wanted the opportunity to join an established organization and help create a program from the ground up.

"We can be creative and it is rewarding to see the impact we are having for these children and their families."

The program currently serves youth and families in Columbus, Pender, Bladen, Brunswick and surrounding counties.



C.R.E.A.T.E. Hope Director Chanté Clark and her team are providing treatment and advocacy services to child crime victims and their non-offending caregivers free of charge thanks to a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission.

Referrals for services can come from medical professionals, social workers, teachers and law enforcement personnel for children ages 4 to 18 years old.

"We want to get out in the community more and make sure that people know that we are here to help," said Clark.

For more information about C.R.E.A.T.E. Hope, contact Chanté Clark at chante.clark@bghnc.org.

B&GH Statewide Raffle is Back!



The 2019 Statewide Raffle coordinated by our civic club committee is underway. The prize package includes a two night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Concord for 6 and 6 two-day passes to the water park, plus Great Wolf gift cards totaling \$200.

\$5 per ticket, 5 tickets for \$20

Make checks payable to Boys and Girls Homes of NC

All proceeds benefit the children of B&GH.

For more information, contact Mason Smith at mason.smith@bghnc.org or 910-646-3083.

The drawing will be held on Dec. 6, 2019.

Thomas Academy Celebrates the Class of 2019



President Gary Faircloth presents the Anthony J. Brill Valedictorian Scholarships to Co-Valedictorians Annaelise Kennedy and Racheal Winger during the Thomas Academy graduation ceremony held June 8. The \$2,500 scholarships will help with expenses for Kennedy at Yale University and Winger at the University of North Carolina Greensboro.



Each member of the Thomas Academy Class of 2019 received a personalized framed photo that was displayed during the graduation ceremony on June 8.



Carolinas District Key Club Administrator J. Scott Johnson presents the keynote address during the 2019 Thomas Academy graduation ceremony held June 8.

“An issue in our modern society is comparing yourself to one another when all you need to do to become the best person is to compare the you of today to the you of yesterday. Most of us have come so far already, going against the statistics by coming this far to graduate from high school and then go on for higher education. And for that, we can hold our heads high.”

Thomas Academy Co-Valedictorian Racheal Winger’s challenge to the rising seniors was just one highlight in the 2019 graduation ceremony held Saturday, June 8 in the Catherine V. Powell Educational Center Gymnasium.

The class of 2019 was 16 members strong, and the ceremony commemorating their achievements included strong challenges from the speakers.

“We all will face days when it seems like the whole world is caving in and those questions are going to cloud our minds,” said Co-Valedictorian Annaelise Kennedy. “What’s my plan? How am I going to pay for that? How am I going to make any of this work? On the days that we are at our weakest, our integrity will be tested. In those times of darkness, we can choose to be authentic, surrender the outcome and do uncomfortable work. When we do that, we will achieve success beyond what we believe is possible. We will gain the respect of our peers and we will gain the respect of ourselves.”

The respect the graduates have already gained was demonstrated through the presentation of awards and scholarships. Thomas Academy Director Dr. Geraldine Bradshaw presented the Distinguished Senior Award to Andrea Ward.

“This award recognizes the senior who best exemplifies the Thomas Academy commitments to connection, compassion and character,” said Bradshaw. “Andrea represents all of those commitments through all that she has done as a student.”

Bradshaw then presented several scholarships to members of the graduating class.

Carolinas District Key Club Administrator J. Scott Johnson served as the graduation keynote speaker.

“Graduates, there’s only one you in this great big world,” he said. “You all have that opportunity, that five-minute opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life. That compassion you show for someone else may be insignificant to you at the time, but you can make a lifelong impact on someone else.”

Read the complete story at
www.boysandgirlshomes.org/News/Thomas-Academy-celebrates-the-Class-of-2019

Practical Gifts from the Heart

We are truly blessed to have so many great friends who support our children. You have heard me say more than once that there are very powerful tools available to provide support for the children and realize personal benefits at the same time.

Making a gift of stock is one such vehicle. Given the dramatic swings of the stock market over the last few years, you may find that some of your assets may have appreciated (increased in value) considerably. You are also likely aware that when you sell these appreciated assets, you will owe a “capital gains” tax on that increase.

If you are thinking of exploring ways to support B&GH financially, you may want to consider a donation of appreciated stock as an option. When you donate stock or another appreciated asset, you can avoid the capital gains tax that would be due on any increase in the value, and you may be eligible for a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift.

We recently lost a very special friend of the children. She gave her first gift of \$15 to B&GH over 30 years ago. She maintained her support over the years and was especially generous for the last 10 years, making several gifts of appreciated stock. On the same day President Gary heard that she was not doing well, I received a call from her financial advisor indicating she had directed another gift of stock to be made to the children. Even in her final days she was thinking of the children!

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child while avoiding capital gains tax, reducing your estate, and being eligible for a charitable deduction, please contact me so we can discuss further. The enclosed brochure will also share more detail about this wonderful gift vehicle.

As always, I stand ready to help where you need me. Thank you for loving our children!



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A collage of four images: top-left shows four children smiling in a grassy field; top-right is a vertical list of ways to help: ADOPT, FOSTER, SPONSOR, VOLUNTEER, DONATE, EDUCATE; bottom-left shows hands holding a heart with the word 'Family' written on it; bottom-right is the Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina logo with the tagline 'Community Based Services'. A quote in the top right corner reads: 'We do not need to know the beginning of a child's story to change the ending.' - P. Newwood

Putting the Pieces Together

A Foster Parent Training

Sponsored by Women's Giving Circle of Cumberland County

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Highland Presbyterian Church

Fayetteville

For more information or to register,
contact Taylor Barber • taylor.barber@bghnc.org

The Amazon logo, featuring the word 'amazon' in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font with a curved arrow underneath it pointing from the 'a' to the 'z'.

The Amazon Smile logo, featuring the word 'smile' in a large, white, lowercase, sans-serif font on an orange background.

When you shop on smile.amazon.com, select
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AmazonSmile purchases to support our programs.

On Dec. 4, 2019, Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina will join with other nonprofit organizations across the world by participating in **#GivingTuesday**.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information about this year's special campaign.



President Gary Faircloth, Golf Pro Cecily Overbey and Rotarian Sanders Dallas pose for a photo at Hole #6 at the Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club during the 2019 Old Dominion Rotary Golf Tournament to support the children of B&GH.

Old Dominion Rotary Golf Tournament Raises More than \$21,000

More than 75 golfers gathered at the Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club in Pinehurst June 3 for the 2019 Old Dominion Rotary Golf Tournament fundraising event for B&GH.

The annual event sponsored by Old Dominion Freight Line for Rotary Clubs from throughout the state raised more than \$21,000 to support the children of B&GH. This event has raised nearly \$240,000 over 14 years.

Sandhills Benefit Luncheon & Silent Auction Sets Record of Support

Nearly 200 individuals gathered June 17 at the Pinehurst Members Club for the 15th Annual Sandhills Benefit Luncheon and Silent Auction to support the children at B&GH.

This year's event raised more than \$40,000 to support the children served by B&GH.

Former major league baseball manager Grady Little served as emcee for the event. Actress and writer Joyce Reehling performed monologues based on the experiences of the children served by B&GH.



Actress and writer Joyce Reehling performed a series of monologues based on the experiences of children served by B&GH during the 2019 Sandhills Benefit Luncheon and Silent Auction.

Stray Hands...

I remember a local story that's never been forgotten about Mr. A. D. Peacock, founder of Boys Home. It was passed down by many folks from days gone by who were struck by his ingenuity and, dare I say, audacity. As the story goes, Mr. Peacock would frequently attend the tobacco auctions. What a sight and sound that must have been, with the distinct aroma of dried leaves and hustling people filling the air. The sound of the auctioneer echoed in the background as graders inspected leaves with keen eyes. Bundles of leaves tied together, called hands, were everywhere. If a hand happened to fall to the ground and be overlooked or forgotten,

Peacock would not let it go to waste. He would swoop in and collect the hand of tobacco, making his own pile to be sold. These stray hands, when gathered together, became a real source of income!

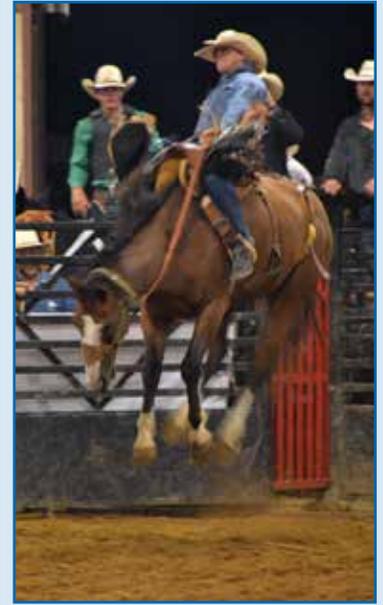
Today most of us don't deal in tobacco auctions; however, we have our own kind of "stray hands" laying about. A few extra dollars here, a



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gently used coat there, we often have leftovers and additional resources that we might overlook. These stray hands, when entrusted to Boys and Girls Homes, can really add up. Whether it be a few extra dollars in your account at the end of the month, or the items left over from your big yard sale, we are blessed to be able to receive your "extra" and allow it to add up to a big difference in the lives of children.

We are so thankful for what members of our civic clubs share with our precious children! What may seem like a little to you can actually add up significantly when everyone shares their "stray hands."



2019 B&GH Rodeo Raises More than \$16,000 for children

The 2019 B&GH Rodeo raised more than \$16,000 to support the children of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina.

The three competitions took place Aug. 15 – 17 in the Benton/BTS Arena & Exhibition Center and saw a strong turnout despite torrential rains.

“We were very grateful to all who came out in the weather to experience an evening of entertainment,” said B&GH President Gary Faircloth. “Seeing the crowds come out reminded us that the rodeo is something this area enjoys.”

Equine Manager and Events Coordinator Amanda Thompson was thrilled by the turn out.

“We cannot begin to thank everyone enough for supporting the children of B&GH by attending this event and making it such a success,” Thompson said. “Many thanks to our sponsors, vendors and volunteers who helped make this event possible.”

Continue reading at <http://www.boysandgirlshomes.org/News/2019-Rodeo-Recap>

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