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Sipe's Orchard Home We help families grow their dreams

News from the Orchard



from the President

When we started the renovations of the two facilities, we knew we would be asking the community for a lot of support in a variety of ways. One part of that was on our move in day. The buildings were finally ready and we had lots of furniture and items to get in place. I knew it would be a lot of work, so I asked two groups for help. Word spread and I knew more people would be coming.

The morning of move in day, I was out getting things ready with my son, Isaiah. We went to the parking lot a few minutes before I thought people would begin to arrive. The cars started rolling in and kept coming and coming. Isaiah asked, "How many people are coming?" I told him, "I thought 20 or 30", we lost count at 60. One thing I should add is that close to the day I actually turned groups away and could have had 50 more people there, but I figured that we would have enough help.

When I stood to address the group I was a little overwhelmed by seeing the entire parking lot full. We had planned to work the entire morning, but we were done in just a little more than an hour. Please know that we were very humbled and so grateful the amount support we received during the project.

Thank You, Jamie Brown

More Results MEASURING IMPACT

COA accreditation affirms that our organization meets the highest national standards of best practice and establishes our organization's credibility as effective and professionally sound. In addition, the COA accreditation provides assurance to all stakeholders that Sipe's Orchard Home is delivering needed, high-quality services (the Transitional Living Program and the NC Pre-K Program) in our community, conducting our operations successfully, and managing our funds effectively. The process for re-accreditation included a self-study of over 450 standards and a review of our organization's policies. The re-accreditation process concluded with a site

visit from the COA review team. Although the formal part of the accreditation process has been completed, our work is far from over. COA accreditation is not an end in and of itself. Rather, it is a process by which our organization can and will consistently strive for and achieve new levels of excellence.

"I am delighted to inform you that Sipe's Orchard Home has achieved accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA) through June 30, 2021."



DeLane Bowman Chief Operating Officer, MBA, SHRM-CP



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For more news about Sipe's please visit: www.sipesorchardhome.org The Sipe's Transitional Living Program serves young people from the ages of 16 to 21. The background of each youth is different in many ways. So many times, we see residents come to us as a result of situations completely out of their control.

One such young lady was Beth. Beth had been taken into care by DSS at an early age along with her younger sibling due to extreme neglect. After vears in foster care she became a resident in our Transitional Living Program. For 11 months, she attended school, worked at a local restaurant and proceeded to make the most of her opportunities in our program. She worked long hours, saved money better than most her age and graduated High School. Soon after graduation, Beth entered community college in the fall to move on with the next stage of her life. She continued to work and go to school and in the spring decided she was ready to move out on her own.

Most young adults need support as they head out on their own. Our youth do not have that support system. Beth realized that she wasn't as ready as she thought. Beth called and asked could she return to the program and return she did. In the following year, she moved from fast food to a job with a local business working forty plus hours a week with full benefits in a job with room to grow. Her work ethic allowed her to move into a supervisory role. Beth obtained her driver's license, purchased her first car and showed even more marked improvement in the day to day skills needed for independence in today's adult world.

Beth has once again moved out, though it is bittersweet to see a resident leave our program under any circumstances, it is equally reassuring to see young adults make choices, some good and some not so good, re-evaluate their choice, correct it and move on with life.

"Where you end up doesn't depend on where you start; it depends on which direction you choose to take from where you currently stand."

- Kevin Ngo



From Tyndall Pre-K - AMBER VEGA, TYNDALL DIRECTOR OF EAE

Planting Seeds of the Future

Gardening is the practice of growing and cultivating plants. To cultivate is to promote or improve growth by labor and attention. At the Tyndall Center, the teachers are like gardeners, we nurture the young and tender plants given in our care and see the fruit as the students grow and develop into who they are called to be.

One of the areas that teachers help cultivate is the area of social and emotional development. Randy came to Tyndall with a traumatic past that included being in foster care. We began to observe that Randy

had difficulty in a classroom setting that included transitioning throughout the day, participating in group activities, and engaging with friends which was effecting his whole learning experience.

We came together with his adoptive family and specialists with a goal of helping Randy socially and emotionally so he would be able to participate and engage in a classroom setting. Various interventions were used such as building a trusting relationship with Randy so he would feel safe and secure. A safe zone was created to help with his emotions and during transitions helping him with releasing his "big feelings" when he began to feel overwhelmed.

Today, Randy is progressing in his development and making leaps and bounds in his environment. He participates in group activities where he answers questions and sets the example for others. He interacts with friends and takes time to help anyone in need and he transitions throughout the day with the class (growth and fruit).

"If you want something you've never had, you must be willing to do something you've never done." – Thomas Jefferson

Move in Day!

When we were asking around for volunteers to help us move furniture, household items, put together beds, and other items that needed to be done, little did we know we had more volunteers than we could use. We cannot Thank You enough for your all of your hard work and dedication to Sipe's Orchard Home.





Cearning and Serving - ARTICLE BY KATIE GRACE DEHART

To get the Girl Scout Silver Award, Scouts are required to pick a project and complete at least 50 hours of service. Along the way, Scouts develop skills such as planning, organizing, fundraising, working as a team, and leadership.

For our Silver Award, 10 Cadettes from my troop chose Sipe's Orchard Home as our project. As we got started, we learned Sipe's needed items to help displaced teens have a safe and structured home environment. They wanted to double their occupancy. Over the last 4-5 months, we have been raising money for household supplies, even getting a washer and dryer donated.

This was a very rewarding project for our Troop. Not only does it feel really good to help others, but we learned so much along the way. Most of us knew nothing about Sipe's Orchard Home, but now we are forever advocates for this group. We were most surprised by what difference 10 young girls could make. As we asked for donations and sponsored events in the community, we were able to raise awareness and inspire other to supports Sipe's in various ways. We hope our Silver Project will continue to have an impact long after we are gone.

Girl Scout Troop #10441: Lauren Curtis, Katie Grace DeHart, Holly Hentschel, Paige Furr, Erin Moritz, Macon Monday, Sarah Monday, Addison Punch, Madisyn Robinson, and Olivia Setzer.



Easter 2017 5th Annual Bunny Run



A special Thanks to Blue Ridge Harley Davidson, Stevyn Amari and Cindy Martin for its Annual Bunny Run for Easter. Per Stevyn Amari we had 115 bikes, the most we have had for this event.

Thanks to all of those who contributed to the donation box at Blue Ridge Harley Davidson. We appreciate your support to Sipe's Orchard Home.







Pictured left to right DeLane Bowman, COO, Jane Hitchcock, Catherine Whitworth, Chairpersons

Thank you to the ladies at the GFWC Woman's Club in Hickory, NC for donating the proceeds from the raffle for "O My Soap" company.

Mitchell House Dedication

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Thanks to you, our Open House Celebration on March 9, 2017 was a huge success! Over 85 donors, and supporters attended the event – it was so nice to catch up with old friends and to see some new faces! Thank you to Classic Home Renovations and Guest Interiors for the workmanship and detail that was put into our new facilities.



SIPE'S ORCHARD HOME

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HONOR/MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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In Memory of **Peter Whitener, Jr.** June 13,1946—September 26, 2014

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Mr. & Mrs. James R. Mitchell For their dedicated support of Sipe's Orchard Home And the Community

In Loving Memory of **Ruby L. Pope** By DeLane & Duane Bowman

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In Honor of Our **Children & Grandchildren** By Judy White & James Miller Renovations were made possible through the support of the Catawba Outreach Committee, The Episcopal Church of Ascension, The Episcopal Church of Epiphany, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina

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Tyndall Center Pre-K Graduation JUNE 8, 2017

At the end of each school year at the Tyndall Center, we celebrate with the students and their families with a preschool graduation. We celebrate the achievements and growth the students have made throughout the year with songs and receiving a diploma. The graduation took place at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church on June 8, 2017 at 1:00pm. We wish you the best on your next step to kindergarten. We will miss you!



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