

The HOME JOURNAL

Carpenter Place

December 2020-January 2021



Campus Highlights

This year has looked vastly different from years past. We have had zero fundraising events, we stopped almost all donations and we have had limited outside groups coming to volunteer. We are extremely grateful to our supporters and friends who have been so generous in giving, especially in this difficult time. While we have not had a lot of contact with our community, we have had some fun things happen on campus!

Cricket Alley Ministries

Cricket Alley Ministries put together "Style Boxes" for each of our girls based on items they wanted or needed. They gave each girl personalized items and made them feel as special as they are! Thank you Cricket Alley Ministries for loving our girls and making them feel seen and loved through your special gifts!

Sojourners

This year we were able to have Sojourners visit us and help around our campus in many incredible ways. They painted, put up fencing around our property, replaced all of the windows in one of our cottages, and so much more. We are thankful to this group who came out and blessed us!

Sewing with Charlene

Charlene and Richard Brensing have been able to come out and teach the girls sewing as an extra curricular this year for school. The girls just finished their first project, a pillow case, and are having tons of fun learning!

You may have noticed that our newsletter has a new title and look. That's because it is our 75th anniversary! Maude Carpenter had originally titled her newsletter "The Home Journal" and we thought it would be a nice way to honor her memory this year!



Emporia Ave. Church of Christ

This year Emporia Ave. Church of Christ, a small congregation, was able to bless us with a gift of \$10,000. We are incredibly thankful to them for their generosity and all others who have blessed us! We could not do what we do without our church supporters and friends!



The Carpenter Place Girls Say, "Thank You"

Year End Giving



As you are considering your year end tax-deductible gift, please consider helping us with furnishing much needed items for our new cottage that will be open to serve this spring. Some ways to help are listed below:

- Per Bedroom Needs:
- \$25 - Towel Set for (1) Bedroom
 - \$50 - Miniblinds / Window Covering
 - \$75 - Bedding Set
 - \$100 - Shelving Unit and Paint
 - \$200 - Twin Mattress Set
 - \$300 - Headboard, Footboard, & Bedframe
 - \$500 - Dresser, Nightstand
- \$1,250 per Bedroom**
x 7 Total New Bedrooms
\$8,750 Total Project Cost

Character Reflects Choice

By Aaron Arthaud, House Dad

This summer past, we had the privilege of taking the girls of Carpenter Place to the beautiful Cross Bar Ranch for a week of Bible camp. The staff of Carpenter Place along with Richard and Charlene Brensing worked with the girls through a variety of ways concentrating on how our character shapes our next choice.

Focusing on the choices we make is certainly a daily conversation to be had and an integral part of our ministry at Carpenter Place. Never has the need for character to make choices been easier to see than in the midst of what most would most likely agree has been a challenging year.

Consider for a moment the choices we make every day. Some choices are no doubt easier to make than others. Some are routine and even mundane, but every choice made reflects something about our character and is our witness to the world. Did you brush your teeth? Are you really going to wear that in public? Did you really just say that to her? Is that how you really feel or think? Why does that frustrate you so much?

Other choices can be life altering; some we make ourselves and others are inflicted upon us by the will of others. How do we respond when we are pressed? When someone opposes or even hurts us deeply, how does our character spill out?

Jesus, our great example, was the epitome of choice and character in harmony and unity. To compare 2020 to Jesus' time on earth is ludicrous by any stretch of imagination. He lived under the rule of Rome. He grew up in a despised village. Sickness, disease, war and cruelty were the norm. He was betrayed, cursed, ridiculed, spit on, and crucified on a Roman cross like a criminal. Though many choices were seemingly removed from Him, the character of Jesus came shining through. (1 Peter 2:21-25) In this, He set the example for all believers who have old wounds or present suffering.

Will we whine and complain or rejoice and be glad? Will we rebel or surrender? Will we doubt or trust? Will we abandon or obey? Will we withhold or give abundantly?

Carpenter Place is where ministry and healing and restoration of hope abounds and it is beautiful. All is made possible through your partnership in this ministry to the girls and families seeking help. On behalf of the Carpenter Place staff and girls, past, present, and future, let me express our thanks and say we see your reflection here every day.



Kaytlin Arthaud, Director of PR and Marketing

Welcome to our newest member!

Kaytlin Arthaud is the new Director of Public Relations and Marketing. She graduated from Harding University with a Bachelor's in Social Work. She previously worked at Mid-Western Children's Home in Pleasant Plain, Ohio as a case manager.

Kaytlin spends her free time knitting, doing word puzzles, drinking coffee, and spending time with her cats. She is the daughter of our house parents Aaron and Denise Arthaud. We are very excited to watch her grow and have her on our team!

Our Girl's Prayer Requests

- Everyone to stay safe and healthy
- Nana's chemo treatments and cancer to go away
- Family and personal struggles
- To make progress in program and go home to my family
- To do well in school and get my subjects finished on time
- My sisters pregnancy to go well
- Families who are having to travel
- Cousin's court to go well
- For a good Christmas

Follow along with us!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram! We are always posting about what is happening on campus and events that are coming up. Don't miss out on anything! Keep an eye out for our Feature Fridays where we highlight a different person on campus each Friday!

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Cross Bar Cottage

Handle With Hope Update

Cross Bar Cottage Progress

The construction of Cross Bar Cottage is moving along quite nicely. We have had fantastic weather this fall so the crews have been hard at work. As you can see the framers are nearing completion and soon the windows and doors will be installed to have the cottage dried in so the interior projects can start! Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram so you can see real-time progress along the way. Thank you so much for your support of our girls through this project.

Educational Scholarship Program has been established

One of the goals of the Handle with Hope campaign was to establish a scholarship program for the girls who successfully complete our Christian Family Program. We want to stay connected to our girls and support them through their lives, and this is one way we can do just that. This scholarship fund will help our girls with post-secondary dreams and as a way for us to invest in their future beyond placement. Recently, we reached \$50,000 towards our initial goal of \$150,000 in this fund! Thank you so much for all who have contributed so far to the Educational Scholarship Fund! If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, or would like to make a donation to this initiative please contact us anytime.

Rhodes Fieldhouse Remodel

The Bill Rhodes Fieldhouse was completed in 1960 as a safe place for our children to play, but also as a spot for our community to gather. A few years ago we had severe damage to the original maple floor, and it was time to focus some resources to bringing this facility back to life. Many of you know us because of the Rhodes Fieldhouse, whether you came here for a youth event, played recreational basketball, or we hosted your event. Through your generosity, over the past few weeks we have been able to refinish the floor and add a fresh coat of paint and it looks amazing! We are thankful to have such a beautiful place for our girls and community to play, and we hope Mr. Rhodes would be proud.

Providing a Safe Setting for Our Girls

A point of continual focus is ensuring that we are providing a safe setting for the girls in our care. As we were examining our campus and how best to provide the care necessary, we determined we needed to add fencing around the north side of our campus and additional security lighting. Thanks to the Sojourn group this fall, and through your support, we were able to complete these necessary measures. We will also be adding a front gate in the coming months to help better provide a secure home for our girls.

Team

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Ladies Brunch Has Been Canceled

Unfortunately this year, our Ladies Brunch has been canceled due to COVID-19. We hope to be able to have one next year but felt it best to take all precautions in keeping our girls, our community, and YOU safe.

Be on the look out for a different way to give this year in lieu of the brunch! Please be safe and stay healthy!

MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS

AUGUST-DECEMBER 2020

In Memory of

Myrna Beal

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kelley
Don and Debbie Davis-Kirkland
Bonnie Washington
Donna Etter
Helen and Robert Czaplinski
Robert and Lori Schrock
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