



October 16, 2006

PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

SECOND CENTURY OF CARING

Raising Awareness - Getting Results!

Campaign Progress

Over the past year, PHFC Board and staff members have been working hard to "get our story out" and increase awareness for the ministry. Director of Development & PR Sarah Thomas said "We no longer want to be the best kept secret in Black Mountain. We want people to understand the need that exists and the remarkable work this ministry is doing everyday." The results of their efforts are coming to light!

On Saturday, October 7th, Presbyterian Home for Children held its Fall Work, Worship and Play Day. Over 250 people gave up a few hours of their Saturday to do general cleaning, maintenance and other chores to help prepare the PHFC campus for the winter months ahead.

These hard working groups arrived in busses, vans and cars to share the day with the children and staff. There were several new faces in the crowd, including members from Montreat College and 16 churches - a new record! Events like Work, Worship and Play, as well as weekly volunteer opportunities are a great way for anyone to get involved and contribute to the ministry. The Home's Annual Report for 2005-2006 will celebrate over 1400 volunteers who gave over 13,000 hours of service valued at \$235,000.

This renewed interest is also being seen as we make plans for the upcoming **Fall Festival** - a day filled with family games, entertainment, food and a silent auction. Sarah Thomas said "The response has been amazing! We have well over 100 baskets and several arts and craft items already donated. This is sure to be one of our best auctions!" The fundraising goal is set at \$10,000 for this year's event and everyone is invited to come out and get a start on their Christmas shopping while helping to support the children of Presbyterian Home.

Raised to Date: \$2,001,023

100% **\$4,820,000 Goal**



As of October 15, 2006, we have raised 42% of our campaign goal!

Grant us this day...

Presbyterian Home for Children recently submitted a grant proposal for the Independent Living Facility to The Eckerd Family Foundation (EFF). We are excited about the prospects of partnering with EFF due to their collaboration with the Foster Care Workgroup, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative and the Youth Transition Funders Group who currently operate three Independent Living Programs in Florida, Indiana and California.

Although the leadership and staff of Presbyterian Home for Children are in the process of developing their own unique curriculum for the Independent Living Program, there is still much to be gained by networking with other providers of Independent Living programs.

This exchange of ideas, resources and advocacy channels will continue to help Independent Living program operators across the United States build stronger, more effective programs that prepare foster youth for a successful transition into adulthood.

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Mark Your Calendar

- 10/28/06 **Second Annual Fall Festival & Open House @ 11 AM on the PHFC Campus**
SCC Presentation at 1:30 PM
- 11/19/06 **Annual Thanksgiving Offering**
WNC Presbytery Churches

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Questions or Comments?

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