



Beneath the Behavior: Helping Children and Families Succeed

When Grace came to Children's Home Society (CHS), she was tightly wired, anxious and stretched like a rubber band on the verge of breaking.

She was angry, defiant and disruptive – both in school and at home.

But when we look at Grace through the eyes of a Children's Home Society counselor, her behavior makes perfect sense.

Grace's tension and anxiety had developed in response to being neglected and abused by the adults in her life who were supposed to protect her. In her world of fear and

uncertainty, she needed to be on guard. She needed to be ready for the next bad thing that would happen.

CHS serves many children with stories similar to Grace's. While the form of abuse may differ from child to child, the trauma experienced is no less profound. Children respond to abuse in a variety of unique ways. In order to heal, each child needs care and understanding that addresses his or her individual needs and development.

In addition to individual treatment plans based on each child's diagnosis, CHS employs a philosophy of total care through therapeutic "milieu." Milieu Therapy creates an atmosphere in which every interaction throughout the day provides an opportunity to be therapeutic, while each person the child comes into contact with has an opportunity to contribute to the child's life.

Sue Williams, Program Director at Sioux Falls Children's Home, explains how staff maintains consistency through therapeutic milieu: "We take the approach that all actions revolve around two primary emotions: love and fear. By understanding that children are behaving a certain way out of fear as opposed to defiance, we are able to respond more effectively." Sue continues, "We don't allow any consequence or behavior to overshadow a child's relationship with CHS staff."

Children learn to practice new skills with trained counselors present to help facilitate everything—from

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~ Sue Williams
SFCH Program Director





CHS Executive
Director
Bill Colson

At Children's Home Society, aspirations for those we serve are driven by the agency

Mission Statement, Belief Statement, Areas of Focus, and Core Values. I won't quote any of these in their entirety but will address a few elements as I write this message about helping children and families remain united.

The very first element of our Mission Statement is: "To provide the essence of Home—refuge, nourishment, love and limits—to children whose homes have been violated."

In our residential programs we do all that is within our power to meet this expectation, and I am proud of the way our staff strive to make this so, day after day. Still, we recognize that the "essence of Home" in residential treatment isn't really home but, instead, a period of time when children are reassured that they can overcome the loneliness and desperation of their past and, with our help, prepare themselves for a return to home in the more traditional sense.

Our Belief Statement begins in a similar way: "We believe every child has a right to a permanent, functional family." Fortunately, most of our children do return to either their birth family or a kinship family (a relative family other than the birth family), but for a significant number a biological family of either type is not suitable or available.

For those children, a new family must be created by connecting children and caring adults through adoption or through foster care until a permanent adoptive family can be found. Unfortunately, sufficient numbers of these families are difficult to find.

We need more families and we need all the help we can find to get them. One of our Core Values is "Hope." We have "Hope" for the future of the children in our care and we "Hope" you might be able to help. If you or someone you know might be in a position to offer a special child "Hope," please don't hesitate to call.

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waking up, preparing for the day, learning at school, playing with friends and, for some, coping with night terrors.

For example, if Grace is having a difficult time taking turns during play, counselors can remind her of a new coping skill she has learned during her individual therapy. This gentle reminder helps Grace practice and master the new skill, develops positive outcomes, and helps build Grace's confidence in using the new skills she is learning. This method forms a foundation of successes for each child to build upon.

Through therapeutic milieu, staff members help give children the right amount of control over their own lives and then teach and regulate how that control should be appropriately managed and exerted.

"How can I help you?" or "let's get through this together," are the usual approaches CHS staff will take with a child who is struggling, explains Sue.

"As adults, we don't always know why a child doesn't want to do something. When a child's negative behaviors are escalated, this isn't the time to teach a lesson. This is the time to be caring. We can revisit the situation later, when the child is calm, to gain understanding," she said.

Helping families gain understanding is also critical to the success of the child. Depending on each child's unique situation, either birth families or foster/adoptive families are encouraged to attend counseling and participate in the child's care. Staff is present to model behavior, and parents are able to learn new approaches. "We use different strategies that appeal to and best fit different family dynamics," explains Sue. "And we work as a team to start a new beginning."

After nearly a year of residential treatment, an adoptive family was identified for Grace. Visits soon became a part of her weekly routine, and her new family became deeply involved in her care at CHS. After several months, Grace was ready to leave residential treatment and start her new beginning together with her new family.

We hope you enjoy receiving

The Children's Friend

This newsletter is our way to keep you informed about CHS news and about the work we are doing with children and families. We also hope that you will consider making a gift to support our mission. As long as the kids continue to come, we will continue to ask for your help.

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Recently, while doing some cleaning and organizing, we found various Children's Home

Society presentations. It was interesting to follow the formats backwards, from CDs to VHS tapes to slide shows.

I couldn't resist the urge to go back in time and watch each one. While technology has changed drastically, our core mission has not, and the content of the presentations proved that out. Stories were told about the children we serve, how they need and deserve to be safe, and also given the kinds of opportunities we would want for our own children and grandchildren.

Former clinical director Fred Tully shared a story about a little boy who would sneak out his window at night and sleep under a railroad trestle as a means to escape being sexually abused. Sioux Falls Children's Home Program Director Sue Williams told the story of a young girl who came home sunburned from the swimming pool, but her mother would not let her in the house as she was prostituting herself. To get out of the sun, the little girl crawled into the dog house.

As a call to action, former CEO David Loving invited listeners to help us "change a generation." I've been at CHS long enough that kids I worked with in our foster care program years ago are now in their 40s. Many of those "kids" are now parents of children who are the same age as the kids who are currently living at CHS.

It is fascinating to meet that next generation of children. The saying "breaking the cycle of abuse" is not just hollow rhetoric. It can be done. I've witnessed it right before my eyes. When I meet these children, I know we are changing a generation—one child at a time.

Over the years, we have shared our presentations and invited many people to embrace the CHS mission by becoming friends of the children. Maybe you once saw our slide show or, more recently, watched a video on our website. Perhaps you came for a tour, or keep in touch through our newsletters. Whatever your connection may be, thanks for keeping the needs of children on your mind and in your heart.

10th Annual Jon Crane CHS Benefit



It's your chance to own an original piece of art and to help prevent child abuse. The 10th Annual Jon Crane CHS Benefit Auction is set for Friday, September 23, at the Arrowhead Country Club in Rapid City—and the evening will be filled with spectacular original art and unique silent auction packages for sale. Proceeds raised will help fund the CHS Prevention Initiative.

Many of the artists involved with the benefit also serve as Dream Team Mentors, teaching art and encouraging creativity and healthy expression to small groups of children at Black Hills Children's Home.

Make plans now to attend by reserving your table for eight (\$480). Open seating is also available for \$60 per person.

For information about art submissions or sponsorships, contact Ella Shafer or Theresa Schreiner at 605-343-2811.



Adoption Program Celebrates Milestone and Plans for Program Expansion

This past March, Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK), a Children's Home Society program in partnership with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption®, celebrated its 50th child adoption since 2009. WWK currently has one adoption recruiter, Jessica Olson, who is based in Rapid City and works with the South Dakota Department of Social Services to help find permanent homes for children in foster care.

A press conference was held April 5 in Rapid City to honor 50 adoptions achieved and to announce an expansion of the adoption program for children in foster care. WWK, DSS, and CHS will hire a second adoption recruiter for eastern South Dakota on July 1, 2016. This recruiter will be based at the CHS campus in Sioux Falls.

Olson said of this milestone, "We are amazed and honored with the 50 adoptions the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Program in Rapid City has experienced. We are confident with the program expanding to Sioux Falls that we'll be able to serve many more waiting children with families living throughout the state. Children deserve the love and support of family, and this expansion will help us achieve even more adoptions."



Guardians of the Children

Guardians of the Children is a legacy program established to recognize and honor those people whose vision, philanthropy, and love of children has been demonstrated by a planned gift to Children's Home Foundation. Funds from the Foundation support the programs and services at CHS, including Children's Inn.

Gloria Lundstrom was known for her deep Christian faith and love of children. She secured that legacy with recent bequests to Children's Home Society (CHS), Children's Inn, her church and other favorite charities in the community. As her niece Jan traced her life story, it became clear that Gloria's gifts were a testament of her life experience and commitment to stewardship.

A Sioux Falls native her entire life, Gloria grew up on a small farm south of the city in the 1940s. Her mother, Hannah, was abandoned by her first husband during the Great Depression, leaving her alone with Gloria's older sister, Evelyn. Gloria was born much later after her mother was remarried to Oscar Lundstrom. While Gloria did not suffer the same hardships as her mother and sister, her remembrance of their haunting stories made an indelible impression on Gloria when she was a child. Jan believes these stories contributed to her decision to include CHS and Children's Inn in her estate.

Gloria attended a small country school, graduated from Washington High School, and studied accounting at Nettleton College. She spent her working years at the architectural firm of Fritzel, Kroeger, Griffen and Berg and the Anderson Group accounting firm. She loved numbers and prided herself on being an intelligent investor, parlaying the proceeds from the sale of her childhood farm she inherited into a sizable estate.

Foremost, Gloria believed God's people have a responsibility to be good stewards and help the unfortunate. In addition to helping CHS and Children's Inn, she planned estate gifts for the Salvation Army and her home church,

First Lutheran. A long time parishioner, she was very active in Ruth Circle.

Gloria never married or had children. She spent most of her time with Jan's family, which resides in Sioux Falls. She also enjoyed spending time with the rest of her sister Evelyn's children, Bonnie, Paula, Danny, and Joanne who live in various parts of the country.



Gloria's gifts were a testament of her life experience and commitment to stewardship. Her legacy will live on.

Gloria's fondest childhood memories were traveling with her parents to Montana, Oregon and Washington in their Airstream trailer. She loved the mountains and had a fascination with bears—so much in fact, that she planned a significant bequest for the Sioux Falls Zoo, which used the gift to renovate the Bear exhibit in her name. Another passion, classical music, prompted Gloria to make a bequest to the South Dakota Symphony.

At home, Gloria led a simple life. She enjoyed quilting, collecting antiques and playing cards. Her cats, Morris and Scamper, kept her company during her last years at Trail Ridge Retirement Center, which, coincidentally, is located within a mile of where she grew up. Grateful is CHS, Children's Inn, and the entire Sioux Falls community for the benevolence of Gloria Lundstrom.

Law makes IRA gift provision permanent.

A direct distribution from an IRA can be a great way to provide a charitable gift. The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 makes permanent the IRA Charitable Rollover provision that has come and gone several times over the past 10 years.

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Alyce Miles: Eternally grateful for

On June 9, 1931, a baby girl—only one day old—came into the care of Children's Home Society (CHS).

The Great Depression was taking its hold across the country. Banks and businesses were failing, and unemployment becoming widespread. South Dakota was at the forefront of what was to be nearly a decade-long drought.

To a young woman without even a bed to sleep in, the birth of an illegitimate child left few options at that time. The doctor contacted CHS on the young mother's behalf to make arrangements for the newborn baby girl.

Alyce Miles' stay with CHS was rather short compared to most during the Depression years. Irving and Frances Paul, a farming couple from Doland, SD, who adopted a son from CHS years prior, had applied for a baby girl shortly before Alyce's arrival. At only 10-days old, Alyce had found a family.

"Mother and Dad hired a friend with a car more reliable than theirs to come to Sioux Falls," Alyce says of her adoptive parents. "On their way home with me, we ran into a dust storm

and rain, and the car stopped, nearly leaving us stranded in the middle of the night in Huron!" Such a situation was not unheard of during that time, but the family made it home to their farm, where Alyce was safe and cared for.

Alyce's memories are typical of a young girl growing up on the farm. "I loved being outside and had so

many pets—cats, dogs, lambs, and even a pet pig!" Alyce says. "Life on the farm was made up of such happy times." She fondly recalls evenings spent listening to the radio as a family, enjoying popcorn and red Delicious apples.

Only a handful of years passed before Alyce learned of her adoption—a story best told in her words:



Alyce was just six years old when she learned of her adoption.

My brother and I never played together much, mostly because he was six years older than

I—and I think I was always a "pain in his sawdust" as the saying goes!

He was a very talented kid from young on, and he did a lot of wood carving. In fact, he practically made all his own toys. I would beg to play with some of his stuff, but he was never too anxious to have me around.

Share your Legacy story with us!



Growing up on the farm: Delbert and Alyce with their parents, Frances and Irving Paul.



Alyce and her brother, Delbert, were both adopted through CHS.



Alyce and Tip Miles raised their family of five children in Doland, SD.

the work being done at CHS

One day in particular, when I was about 5 or 6 years old, he told me I could play with his windmill, which even had a rubber band on the wheel to make it turn. I gave the wheel one big spin and POP! went the rubber band flying through the air! He gave me a couple big slaps and a shove, and I screamed and bawled at the top of my lungs hoping Mother would hear and come to my rescue—but to no avail.

So I screamed at him, "I'm going to tell Mama!"

He snarled at me in a loud voice, "She's not your Mama!"

I remember stopping in my tracks and at that young age, I understood: She was not my mama.

He said it again. "She's not your Mama and she's not my Mama either!"

I ran screaming and sobbing into the kitchen where Mother stood and began hitting her on her apron as hard as I could asking, "You're not my Mama? You're not my Mama?"

She pulled me towards her to the kitchen table and said, "You're special. We got you from a beautiful house in Sioux Falls and now you are our little girl. We are your Mama and Daddy!"

I remember slapping her on the chest and yelling "No, no, no!" I understood. I wasn't really hers or my dear daddy's. No, no, no!

Life changed from that day forward. I felt strange, unwanted, different,

unworthy, alone...When I got older, there were times when I would throw that up to Mother—something I deeply regret to this day. I know I could have used counseling, but that was unheard of in those years.

While learning of her adoption at that age caused a deep sense of loss, Alyce says her parents were everything and more a father and mother could be. "They worked so hard from dawn to dusk, and sacrificed their whole lives for my brother and me. We were poor, but they gave us so much more than most other children had. And, they **loved us** from the day they set eyes on us."

Alyce went on to marry her high school sweetheart, Norbert (Tip) Miles. She and Tip raised their family of three daughters and two sons together in Doland where they operated the local newspaper for 30 years and 30 days.

After her parents' death and for health reasons, Alyce searched for her birth parents. When she was 57, Alyce had the opportunity to meet her birth mother, who helped Alyce fill in the missing pieces of her past. "She had nothing. Her family had nothing. But they were good and honest people."

Alyce says she is "eternally grateful" for CHS—the home it helped to provide for her and the work it continues today.

"Without Children's Home, where would I be—where would any of these kids be?"

CHS Foster Care and Adoption Services Today

From its beginning as an orphanage in 1893 to its programs of today, Children's Home Society continues to provide a safe and healing refuge for children. While the preferred method of care for abused or neglected children has shifted through the decades, from an orphanage setting to foster care or adoption, the need of finding families for children remains unchanged.

Right now, there are hundreds of children in South Dakota waiting for a family—someone to care for and protect them, teach and love them. If you are interested in providing a home and family to a child in need, contact us today!

The Therapeutic Foster Care and Adoption program at CHS will provide you with the necessary training to help you become licensed, and will provide ongoing therapy, guidance and support, to best help you and the child in need work through any issues that may arise.

Open your heart and your home! Learn how you can make a difference for a child in need.

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Thank You for The Music...and The Arts!

In 2008, Children's Home Society (CHS) started working towards the goal of adding permanent art and music positions in the schools at Black Hills Children's Home and Sioux Falls Children's Home. The purpose was to create enhanced learning opportunities for our students by using arts-integrated instruction, and to build an environment where each child has the opportunity to learn in the way his or her unique mind works.

With the help of a grant from each the Fishback Financial Community Fund and the John T. Vucurevich Foundation, CHS was able to hire art and music teachers at both schools for a period of 3–4 years. In order to permanently sustain these positions, CHS set out to build a \$2 million endowment.

In 2014, thanks to the generous support from many individuals, organizations, businesses, the Creative Arts Endowment was fully funded! While we are excited to be able to provide this learning opportunity within our schools, we are simply in awe at the impact these programs have



"When I've made something I'm proud of, it makes me feel really good about myself."

~ Jacob

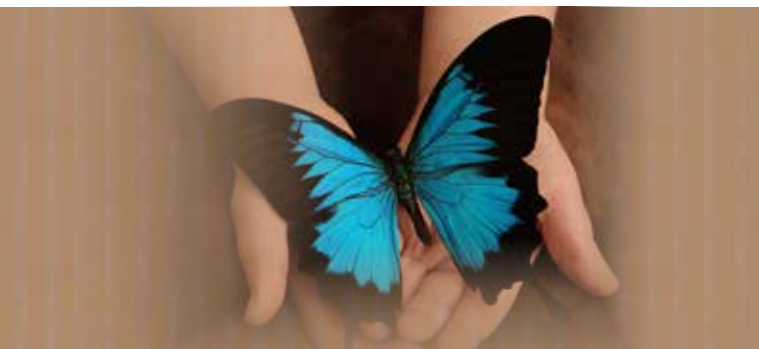
had on the children we serve. Carter's story serves as a great example of this impact:

Carter came to CHS over four years ago. During music, he often hid, made disruptive scenes, or said hurtful things. Every day, year-by-year, his behavior improved in class. Earlier this year, when the music instructor began to play "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," Carter's eyes lit up and he said "Hey! We sang that in a Christmas program!"

That program was four years ago. In spite of the challenging behavior issues, the music has stayed with him. Recently, when Carter was

asked what music means to him, he responded, "Music gives me power and makes me have a good day, every day. Thank you for music! It teaches me everything I need to learn."

Like Carter, we would also like to say "Thank You!" Your generosity has made art and music permanently available to all of the children at CHS.



LEGACY OF LOVE & HOPE \$10 Million Endowment Campaign Goals

■ \$5 Million in Challenge Gifts

Challenge Gifts-to-date:
\$2.65 Million

■ Raise \$5 Million to Earn Challenge Gifts

Gifts & Pledges-to-date:
\$2,569,000

■ Encourage friends to become Guardians of the Children through an estate gift to benefit CHS.

Since the campaign began on January 1, 2012, we have **26 Guardians of the Children** who have made such a provision in their estate plan.

Challenge Donors:

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Anonymous (for General Endowment)

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(for Children's Inn)

\$200,000

Anonymous (for General Endowment)

A Legacy of Love & Hope

For 123 years, CHS has provided loving care and protection for thousands of children. But those 123 years have not always been easy, with financial challenges that continue today.

A high percentage of revenue for CHS programs comes through government-funded entities such as Medicaid. The uncertainty of government funding is an ever-present reality, and CHS must have a plan to ensure that children and families will always receive the help they need, regardless of the ebb and flow of funding streams. The Board of Directors has set a long-term goal to build an endowment fund from which annual earnings can support 25% of the annual budget—and our endowment becomes more critical each year.

Through the gifts to our **Legacy of Love & Hope Endowment Campaign**, we are making progress! For our FY 2015–16, the annual distribution from endowment funds is projected to provide 12% of the \$18.6 million budget. An additional 5% of the budget comes through other fundraising.

Thanks to many generous friends, over \$5 million in gifts and pledges has been received toward the \$10 million goal of our Legacy of Love & Hope Endowment Campaign.

What if...? Card Sets

Versions available for ages 3-5 and 6-10

CHS staff has been teaching the public how to recognize and respond to child abuse and domestic violence through our Prevention and Training Initiative. During these trainings, held throughout South Dakota, our Education and Public Awareness Specialist heard from many adults who wished for a tool to assist them in initiating conversations with children about difficult subjects in these areas.

CHS worked over the past year to research and develop age-appropriate questions and created four prototype versions of the cards, appropriately named, **What If...?**

What If...? card sets are designed to be an interactive teaching tool for adults to evaluate a child's understanding of real-life situations and help them learn how to respond. **What If...?** questions encourage open discussion on topics ranging from sexual abuse, physical abuse, bullying, morals, stranger danger and peer pressure to drugs & alcohol, internet safety, home safety, promises & secrets and everyday issues.

Card sets are available now for children ages 6-10, and the newly released version for ages 3-5. Focus groups are currently testing versions for ages 11-13 and teens 14 and older; both of these sets will be ready by year-end.

The production of **What If...?** card sets became a reality last fall thanks to the generous financial support of these organizations and individuals: **John T. Vucurevich Foundation, Midcontinent Foundation, South Dakota Community Foundation, Tri-State Wholesale Flooring, and John and Kay Rozell.**



Strategies for Safety

An Update on the CHS Prevention Initiative

Prevention and training work is a component of every CHS program—from abuse prevention education workshops and parenting classes to community education seminars about **Keeping Kids Safe.**

In 2015, CHS presented 370 education and training seminars focusing on the prevention of child abuse, neglect and domestic violence. **These efforts reached 10,901 individuals!**

CHS is on track to surpass those numbers in 2016 through the statewide expansion of our training efforts. CHS hired an Education and Public Awareness Specialist this spring to help accommodate the growing requests for **Keeping Kids Safe** seminars.

To learn more about the *What if...?* card sets, or to schedule a training event contact:

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BHCH = Black Hills Children's Home
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"Give us this day

Since 1893, grassroots support for Children's Home Society has been the constant supply for

A Salute to Flag Day!

It was a Children's Home Society salute to our American flag and law enforcement personnel! The Sioux Falls Morning Optimists, along with CHS students, teachers and board members, celebrated the first ever Flag Day event on Tuesday, June 14.

The celebration began with a program in the Loving School gym featuring the Sioux Falls Police Honor Guard and a speech by Lt. Loren McManus. CHS children performed patriotic songs and Sioux Falls Morning Optimist member, Sean Ervin, thanked the students for participating and recognizing the importance of Flag Day.

Students also created art to decorate the hallways in honor of Flag Day. Everyone was invited to attend a campus wide All-American picnic served by volunteers from the SF Morning Optimists Club.

SF Morning Optimists awarded a \$5,000 grant to CHS to support the Flag Day event and for a wide range of summer activities, equipment and outings for our kids!

Thank you, SF Morning Optimists and SF Police Department, for being a part of this wonderful day and teaching our children how to be good citizens!



A GALA CELEBRATION:

Magnificent Gifts, Small Packages

The Gala at Mount Rushmore celebrated "Magnificent Gifts, Small Packages," and raised more than \$25,000 to support Children's Home Child Advocacy Center in Rapid City. The 23rd annual event, held on March 19, also served to honor and thank Diamond and Gold Sponsors of the Rapid City Rushmore Rotary BHCH Golf Tournament.

Rapid City Rushmore Rotary sponsored the entertainment for the evening—Roberto the Magnificent—and assisted with event coordination. Along with the gourmet meal, refreshments and beautiful decor, Xanterra Parks and Resorts, Inc. and their partners created and donated enticing live auction packages. In addition, Xanterra and Mount Rushmore National Park Service (NPS) provided more than 100 volunteers to offer top-notch service at this elegant event.

Xanterra and NPS give countless hours each year to assist with CHS fundraising, and they help Santa provide gifts for the children at Christmas. The NPS also uses resources to create unique learning experiences—like how to use a pulley to hoist a car up a hill—for classes from Black Hills Children's Home (BHCH).

But their service and dedication doesn't end there! Five years ago, these long-time friends of CHS made a decision to host 130 children and staff from BHCH at a **Children's Mini-Gala at Mount Rushmore** held each February.

Children get the opportunity to peer into microscopes, try on fire-fighting gear, become official Junior Rangers, and witness rangers rappelling from the ceiling. They learn which fork to



NPS Superintendent Cheryl Schreier and Marty LaMontagne, General Manager of Xanterra Parks and Resorts pose with the Rushmore Mascots, who travel the country promoting the Black Hills. This year the children at BHCH got to personally "visit with the Presidents" at the 5th Annual Children's Mini-Gala.



Magnificent Gifts, Small Packages: The Gala theme even carried through to delectable bite-sized desserts guests could not resist!

use for eating chicken nuggets from beautiful, fine china and savor delectable desserts—all of which create many squeals of delight and smiles on the children's faces!

Volunteers captured the joy, created a PowerPoint presentation and printed photos for the children so they could scrapbook priceless memories of this day.

our daily bread" Matthew 6:11

"our daily bread." We are so grateful to friends who find special ways to support the CHS mission.



G3 Rods Host Charity Car Show

G3 Rods hosted the first ever Gas, Gauges and Gears, a charity car show for CHS, on Sat., May 3. The event was held in honor of Ryan Gruba's 40th birthday. In lieu of gifts, Ryan asked everyone who attended to make a donation to CHS—and raised a total of \$12,347.24!

Funds were designated to establish a Children's Home Child Advocacy Center endowment at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF), which created the opportunity to receive an additional gift of \$3,087 through a 1:4 BHACF matching opportunity.

Thank you to G3 Rods, BHACF and major sponsors, Rapid City Dairy Queen and Rapid City Pepsi, for donating the food and drinks. Left to right: Theresa Schreiner, CHS Volunteer Coordinator; Tyler Nelson and Ryan Gruba, G3 Rods co-owners; Ella Shafer, CHS Development Officer; Jay Gruba, G3 Rods Shop Manager, and Liz Hamburg, Executive Director, BHACF.



A Slam Dunk! Free Throws for Kids

Pipestone Holdings held "Free Throws for Kids," a competition to raise funds for CHS. Beginning with 16 employee teams, the players progressed from \$50 a shot donated for baskets made to \$150 a shot donated in the final round—and the competition raised over \$30,000! Big Stone Money, the winning team, is pictured. Thanks to Pipestone Holdings for your amazing support of CHS!

Driving Home a New Subaru

The winner of a brand new Subaru Impreza donated by Schulte Subaru of Sioux Falls is Bruce Elkin. Children's Home Society will receive a gift of \$10,000 from this car raffle. Our thanks to Schulte Subaru for donating the car and to the Sioux Falls Morning Optimists who assisted with many of the raffle ticket sales!



2016

Calendar of Events

Tee Time: Golf for CHS

It's time to break out your irons, smell the fresh air and green grass while playing golf with friends at one of our upcoming charity events!

Vern Eide Acura Golf Classic: July 11 (Sioux Falls)

The 3rd Annual Vern Eide Acura Golf Classic benefiting Children's Inn is presented this year by Great Western Bank and returns to GreatLIFE Willow Run Golf Course. Check-in and skills contests begin at 11:00 a.m., and the four-person scramble starts at 12:30 p.m. Visit verneideacura.com or call Jeff Nelson at 605.965.3125 (jeff.nelson@chssd.org) by July 3 to register.

Rushmore Rotary Black Hills Children's Home Golf Tournament: July 25 (Black Hills)

The 27th Annual Rushmore Rotary Black Hills Children's Home Golf Tournament is Monday, July 25, at Arrowhead Country Club in Rapid City. Proceeds from this event are designated to support Child Advocacy Center. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Call Ella Shafer or Theresa Schreiner at 605.343.2811.

Orion Classic ProAm Golf Tournament: August 8 (Sioux Falls)

Join us at the 21st Annual Orion Classic ProAm Golf Tournament, featuring professional golfers (see page 3 for full details).

Kieffer Sanitation Trash Can Open: September 1 (Black Hills)

This year's 3rd Annual Kieffer Sanitation Trash Can Open is September 1. The event will be hosted at the Golf Club at Red Rock with check-in at 11:00 a.m. and a 12 noon tee time. Proceeds from this four-person scramble benefit CHS in the Black Hills. Team openings and sponsorships are available. To register or find more information, contact Brianna Myers at 605.390.8902 or briannam@wcx.org.

Turn Your Tires for Charity: Join in Poker Run Fun!

Those Guys ABATE Poker Run: July 17 (Sioux Falls)

Borrowed Bucks Poker Run: July 30 (Sioux Falls)

Art Anyone?

10th Annual Jon Crane CHS Benefit Auction: September 23 (Black Hills)

Join us at the 10th Annual Auction (read more details on page 2).

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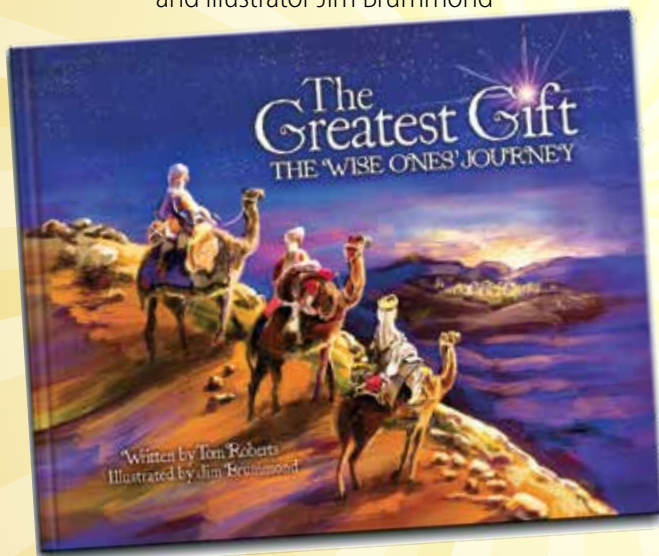
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Coming this fall!
**The Greatest Gift–
The Wise Ones' Journey**

A new book by author Tom Roberts
and illustrator Jim Brummond



The fifth book in a series of heartwarming stories, *The Greatest Gift–The Wise Ones' Journey*, will be released this fall by Children's Home Society (CHS)!

The Greatest Gift–The Wise Ones' Journey is the timeless tale of the Magi's quest, retold with a poetic perspective that invites readers to make a journey of their own and rediscover the greatest gift of Christmas.

Written by author/storyteller, Tom Roberts and illustrated by Jim Brummond, book sales provide financial support for CHS. Over the past 14 years, CHS has raised over \$1,061,000 net through a combination of sponsorships and sales of over 48,000 books including: *'Twas the Night Before Christ*; *Santa's Prayer*; *The Little Lost Sock*; *Return to the Farm – A Christmas Journey*; and the *Home Collection* audio CD.

Because of our generous sponsors, 100% of every book sale goes back to support programs and services that CHS provides throughout South Dakota.

The Greatest Gift–The Wise Ones' Journey will be available on September 1. The entire collection of books and CD is currently available at www.chssd.org/books.

In addition to raising funds, the Christmas book project also serves to raise awareness for the CHS mission through live performance events. Tom and Tammy Roberts travel statewide to promote the books at events held in churches, service organizations, schools, festivals, retail locations, and private venues.

For more information on scheduling an event in your community or for your organization, contact:

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