"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." "This Little Light of Mine." "I've Got the Joy Down in my Heart..." We sang these songs at the top of our lungs.

Flannel graph stories about David and Goliath, Noah and the Ark, Jonah and the Whale. We listened intently to these stories about characters who seemed larger than life.

Memorizing scripture verses. We hoped we would remember the verse long enough to recite to the teacher and get a star by our name.

We made stained glass windows with crayon shavings and wax paper, crosses from burnt match sticks, and plaster handprints. Who didn't love arts and crafts time at Bible School?

For many, memories of Sunday School and church youth programs make us think of a time when the seeds of our faith journeys were planted. We learned about God's love for us and how we should love. Standards for right and wrong and how we should treat people became part of us.

When people tour CHS campuses, it is not uncommon to be asked, “Do you have any kind of spiritual instruction for CHS kids?” It’s a good question. There’s a good chance many of our readers wonder the same.

It is worth noting that CHS was founded in 1893 by William and Elizabeth Sherrard, a Christian couple, whose personal mission was to care for orphans. Their faith sustained them through good times and bad, and profoundly influenced their work and decisions. The first board of directors was heavily populated with pastors and leaders from many of the major churches in Sioux Falls at that time. A faith-based history is evident in CHS’ records and publications.

As a private nonprofit organization for 123 years, CHS is pleased that faith-based principles and traditions are threads that can be woven into the fabric of the therapeutic environment that surrounds CHS children.

Inside this issue on pages 2-3, we share examples of some of the spiritual growth options that are available to our children.
As I write this in late fall, the leaves are changing color and have begun falling while daylight hours shorten and temperatures cool. I really don’t like to see leaves falling, and I don’t look forward to the starkness of winter. But I understand that they are simply giving way to new life that will appear in the spring.

In some ways this annual regeneration of life reminds me of the changes that occur on our boards of directors at this time each year. Typically, three or four board members from each board, CHS and CHF, finish their second three-year terms and, in keeping with our by-laws, must leave the board for at least one year.

Thankfully, unlike the leaves dropping from trees, all board members don’t leave each year and those who do depart often remain connected with us for many years. After the required waiting period, many others return to board service and continue sharing their wisdom in that way.

Amazingly, some of these dedicated friends have followed this path for nearly 40 years, usually earning emeritus status! While others don’t return to board service, they almost always remain lifelong friends, helping us in a variety of different ways, too numerous to list here.

Every year, we also ask other community members to join one of our boards for the first time. While they don’t have the lengthy experience with us that long time board members have, they bring fresh ideas and new experiences to help us become better servants to those who need us.

Whether experienced or new to us, we are thankful for the tireless friendship and commitment to our work made by these fine folks who give of their time, talent and resources year after year. So much of who we are and what we do at CHS is the result of faithful board service and ongoing friendships. What a blessing to us and those we serve!

For more than 15 years, Glenn Fiechtner and friends from Lord of Life Church and Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls have provided Sunday School at Sioux Falls Children’s Home (SFCH) every Sunday of the year! The session begins with spirited singing, followed by a Bible story lesson. On occasion, the kids have even acted out a story using period costumes provided by Marian Sullivan, another supporter of the Sunday School program. There is always a coloring or craft project that goes with the lesson. Everyone prays together at the end.

Glenn shares, “Time after time we see that the kids are really listening, and really thinking about what they have learned. It is not uncommon for kids to ask questions several weeks later concerning a lesson that was taught before.”

Glenn tells of a girl that used to be at SFCH several years ago. Sometime after she was discharged, she told her mom that she wanted to go to Glenn’s church. Her mom tracked it down and called Lord of Life Church looking for Glenn. He heard about the phone call and contacted them. He arranged for some church friends who lived near them to pick them up for church on Sunday mornings. They became regular attendees, and the girl, now a young woman, made the decision to be baptized. Her baptism sponsors were the couple who had been giving her and her mother a ride to church on Sundays!

More Threads in the Fabric...

From Wendy Ensz, SFCH music teacher
We often listen to Christian music song requests. A few from this year are: “10,000 Reasons” by Matt Redman, “Holy, Holy, Holy” (the hymn), and “Light Up The Sky” by The Afters.

From Rod Lenz, SFCH Education Director
On Fridays, one student and I do announcements over the PA system. We begin our announcements with a prayer. We ask all students and staff to stop whatever they are doing, and to fold their hands and pray.

From Lisa Johnson, SFCH Unit Director and Family Therapist
Nightly prayers happen with tuck-ins. We also have staff who regularly take children to church services. There are often conversations with our kids about the plans that God has for them, to offer hope and to build self-worth.
Sequoia Crosswhite is CHS’s Cultural Relations Advisor and is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. He states:

I teach Lakota culture and language to all CHS children with an emphasis of not having a child feel left out and also to have the children feel like they are all part of a beautiful culture. I go about my lessons as if the children were learning about the first culture and language that was spoken in our state.

There can be much to learn just from the Lakota virtues of Generosity, Fortitude, Respect, and Wisdom. I ask all children, not just the Native ones, how they can apply this to their lives. These are virtues everyone can use on their daily path.

We have lessons on other cultures, as well. There are so many lessons we can learn from all over the world! I am here for all children! In Lakota we say they are Wakan Yëja meaning no matter race, religion, or creed, they are all sacred gifts!

That is why at the end of all my lessons I have them say Mitakuye Oyasin which means “We are all related.”

CHS acknowledges the varied faith traditions of all children and families and will try to do whatever possible to honor what is important to them. Whether it’s going to church, a sun dance, synagogue, temple, or mosque, CHS recognizes the importance of respecting and nurturing the spiritual journey of every child.
Children’s Home Society (CHS) is excited and grateful to announce the addition of two major challenge gifts for the Legacy of Love & Hope $10 million Endowment Campaign. Combined, these challenge donors will match, dollar-for-dollar, any gift given to the CHS Endowment Campaign, up to $1,000,000!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
Endowment Challenge Takes Two Giant Steps Forward!

Arlen “Arnie” Hauge

My wife, Marian, was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. I am so pleased to give a gift that honors her memory. She had such a heart for those who needed help, and she was usually the first in line to offer it. I am so very proud of my son, Todd, for how he lived his life and what he meant to people. There is an unending supply of stories that people share with me, even today, about how Todd impacted their lives. It brings comfort to me to know this gift given in his memory will continue to help the kids that mattered so much to him.

~ Arnie Hauge

Arlen Hauge has committed a $500,000 challenge in loving memory of his wife, Marian, and their son, Todd. In 1986, Arnie established Hauge Associates as a credit/financial services organization, based in Sioux Falls with multiple offices representing hundreds of credit grantors throughout the region. Upon retirement, he passed the firm on to its employees. He is a former State Senator and continues to serve as a State Board Member.

The Hauge relationship with Children’s Home Society dates back to the mid-1990s, when their family began taking name tags from the Children’s Inn Angel Tree at the mall and providing Christmas gifts for the children. One year, Marian suggested adding some rocking chairs for Children’s Inn to add a special sense of security and comfort for “the little ones” who were staying at Children’s Inn. Marian passed away in 2002.

Todd was a very generous behind-the-scenes “Santa” for many years at Sioux Falls Children’s Home and always requested the wish lists for those kids who might be the last to be chosen. He wanted them to be “first chosen.” That was important to him. Todd passed away in October of 2013.
Harold and Helen Boer

Harold and Helen Boer have committed a $500,000 challenge to the CHS Endowment Campaign! CHS is so very grateful for this, and also for Helen’s dedicated service as a CHS board member.

Their story is one of the great American success stories. Many years ago, Harold constructed a fire truck for the town of Lyons, SD, where they live. He went on to build fire trucks for other towns and cities, and eventually he and Helen established a business, Central States Fire. Located in Lyons, Central States Fire became a major manufacturer of fire trucks and fire equipment. The Boers even brought some of their fire trucks to show the kids at Sioux Falls Children’s Home for their learning and enjoyment!

They eventually merged their business with Rosenbauer Group, based in Austria. The combined firm is the largest manufacturer of emergency vehicles in the world! Harold and Helen worked together in their business for 42 years until their recent semi-retirement.

We realize that we have been blessed abundantly and we wanted to do something to make a difference in the lives of others. It is said that “...it is how we use our blessings that is the true measure of our thanksgiving.”

~ Harold & Helen Boer

Endowment IS...

- A planful, thought-out strategy to develop a source of permanent and stable funding.
- A hedge of protection against the uncertainties of fluctuating government funding streams.
- A fund where the principal remains untouched. Only the interest/earnings from the fund can be spent.
- An opportunity for donors to make a long-term investment in CHS that will support the mission for many years to come.
- Good stewardship! Having an endowment protects all gifts given.

Endowment IS NOT...

- A “rainy day” or reserve fund that is just sitting around waiting to be used.
- A fund that can be tapped quickly should unexpected problems arise.
- A luxury. In the ever-changing ebb and flow of funding streams for nonprofits, earnings from an endowment can mean the difference between a nonprofit organization surviving or closing its doors.

$10 Million Endowment Campaign Goals

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Since the launch of the campaign in January 2012, 28 people included CHS in their estate plans and are now Guardians of the Children (CHS’s legacy society).
Children’s Home Society (CHS) has such a rich history, going back to the very beginning in 1893. The programs and services have grown and evolved, but the essential mission focusing on the safety and well-being of children and families has remained constant.

In early editions of The Children’s Friend newsletter, founders William and Elizabeth Sherrard would appeal to readers with such things as: “We need a milk cow to provide for the children” and “Could you send coal for our furnace? The railroad company will transport it for free if you can get it to the train.”

People would respond to the Sherrards’ pleas by donating jars of canned goods, fabric remnants to make clothing, baskets of eggs, and bottles of milk.

Today, we are blessed to have so many friends who continue to provide the resources necessary to carry out our work. Your support comes through our events, in response to mailings, our endowment campaign, book sales, wish lists at Christmas time, and in so many other ways.

From time to time, there are certain needs that arise for our children and families that we wish we could help with, but that we don’t have Funds for. From experience, we know there are so many caring friends who might help if they knew what was needed.

Reflecting back to how William and Elizabeth Sherrard would reach out and call on friends to help, we are launching a new opportunity—Friends on Call—for those who might want to help ease a temporary burden for someone or make a difference in a special situation.

Here’s what you can expect if you become one of our Friends on Call:

• You will be made aware of and given details for a specific need for a child or a family served by CHS.
• It will be at your discretion to respond to the request, should you wish to help.
• You will be alerted immediately when enough charitable gifts have been committed to meet the need.

If you would like to join Friends on Call, all you need to do is provide your e-mail address. You can do that by contacting me at (605) 965-3127 or rick.weber@chssd.sd.

Today we don’t need a milk cow or load of coal, but we would welcome your interest in this new opportunity if you are interested in being part of it. Thanks for your consideration and for everything you do all year long to keep the mission of CHS going strong!

Why Does CHS Need to Grow Endowment?

To secure permanent support and stability for CHS.

Writers of “best practices” for nonprofit organizations often recommend that nonprofits should work toward an endowment that—at a minimum—is three times the amount of its annual operating budget:

- CHS’s annual budget is approaching $20 million. That amount \( x 3 = \$60 \text{ million} \).
- CHS current endowment is \$56 million.

In 1998, the Board of Directors set a goal to build an endowment that would support 25% of the annual budget.

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25\% \quad \text{of} \quad \$20 \text{ million} \quad \text{annual budget} = \$5 \text{ million}
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Today with a 5% distribution it would take

- an endowment of \$100 million to provide
- \$5 million

- The Board’s goal is to exceed the minimum recommendation for an endowment that is three times the annual budget. The CHS goal reflects an amount that is five times the annual budget.
- CHS is always looking for ways to improve and excel. A healthy endowment could permit the expansion of program and service offerings to children and families that only exist on paper as a “Wish List”!

The CHS Endowment Fund is a forever lifeline!
At the statewide annual meeting for Children’s Home Society and Children’s Home Foundation, the following were elected officers and board members for 2016–2017.

**CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY**

Mike Buckingham
PRESIDENT
Rapid City

Sally Anderson
Honorary Member
Mesquite, TX

Lisa Richmond-Kirby
SECRETARY
Sioux Falls

Greg Schweiss
TREASURER
Rapid City

Bill Colson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Rapid City

**CHILDREN’S HOME FOUNDATION**

Scott Sletten
PRESIDENT
Sioux Falls

Julie Anderson Friesen
VICE PRESIDENT
Sioux Falls

Greg Blomberg
SECRETARY
Sioux Falls

Linda Daugaard
TREASURER
Pierre

**DIRECTOR EMERITUS**

Board members who attain Director Emeritus status have met all three of the following requirements:

- have served six or more years as a CHS Board Member
- have served six or more years as a CHF Board Member
- have served as President of either Board.

**WITH OUR THANKS...**

We recognize our outgoing board members for their dedicated service!

- Lynne Byrne
- Jeb Clarkson
- Steve Egger
- Phil Helland
- Blake Hoffman
- Bob Hoover*
- Deanna Lien
- Helen Madsen
- Jack Marshman
- Royal (Mac) McCracken
- Tim Meyer
- Linda Mickelson
- Graham
- Rob Mudge

**TJ Reardon**
- George Roberts*
- John Rozell
- Dave Schmidt
- Peg Sejleskog
- Carolynn Stavenger
- Dennis Steen
- Pam Taylor
- Jansa
- Gene Uher
- Marilyn VanDemark*
- Doug Wells
  *Current board member
From Doug and Darla Crown’s perspective, “Children’s Home Society stands on its own merit whether you are intimately involved with the organization or not. The commitment to its critical mission, stewardship of donor gifts, and long-standing excellent reputation for protecting, supporting, and enhancing the lives of children and families, are all well known throughout the state and beyond.”

However, the Crowns feel fortunate their connection to Children’s Home Society (CHS) is a personal one. It began in 1998.

Darla was employed by an educational consulting firm that encouraged employees to volunteer with local nonprofits. She chose CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). One of her cases involved advocating for a young boy named Kenny. Removed from his home because of abuse and neglect, Kenny was referred to Black Hills Children’s Home (BHCH) for treatment and therapy.

Doug and Darla visited Kenny often at BHCH, and they became more familiar with its mission, programs, and resources. They were “amazed by the quality of care, educational programs, and cultural opportunities available for the children.”

After they were licensed as foster parents, the Crowns provided respite foster care for Kenny and continued to befriend him. When he was in his early teenage years, he aged out of BHCH and was placed in another residential treatment center. Kenny is now 31 years of age, and they still stay in contact.

Darla joined the Children’s Home Foundation team as a Development Officer in December 2005. During that time, Doug and Darla became “more impressed by the nonprofit’s unparalleled accountability to donors, clients, and the community at large.”

As the need for services continued to grow, so did Darla’s passion for fundraising for the foundation, as well as her sense of purpose as a conduit for those in dire need of refuge and support.

After Doug sold his bulk fuel business and Darla completed her service as state Command Chief Warrant Officer with the South Dakota Army National Guard, the Crowns entered retirement and needed to update their will. It seemed only natural that CHS would be named a beneficiary. Becoming Guardians of the Children is a decision of which they are very proud, and it represents yet another chapter in the couple’s CHS story, though certainly not the last.

Darla joined the CHS Board this fall and says about the opportunity, “I am honored, and look forward to serving in an advisory role, and building on the foundation of excellence that Doug and I were originally drawn to more than 20 years ago.”

Thank you Doug and Darla for sharing your time, treasure and love to help others.

To include CHS in your will, the most common bequest language is:

“I bequest (description of gift) to Children’s Home Foundation to be used to support the operations of Children’s Home Society of South Dakota.”

If you would like to become a GUARDIAN OF THE CHILDREN by making a gift through your will or trust, visit: www.chfgift.org or call Jeff Nelson at 605.965.3125.
The Greatest Gift–The Wise Ones’ Journey

A new book by author Tom Roberts and illustrator Jim Brummond


Written by author/storyteller Tom Roberts and illustrated by Jim Brummond, 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.

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

Return To The Farm–A Christmas Journey

Tom Roberts’ childhood memories of Christmas on the farm told in the form of a family scrapbook. Illustrated by Jim and Zach Brummond.

'Twas The Night Before Christ


Santa’s Prayer

A touching tale of a young boy and girl who discover Santa kneeling at a church nativity on Christmas Eve. What they overhear is Santa’s prayer for the children of the world. Illustrated by Doug Moss.

The Little Lost Sock

A simple yet poignant story of hope, the power of faith, and how true friendship can make a positive difference in the life of another. Illustrated by Jim Brummond.

Book Signing Events

For a complete list of retailers, story-telling programs and book signings, or to purchase books online, visit our website:

www.chssd.org/books

To purchase books in bulk quantities, please contact:

tammy.roberts@chssd.org
or call 605.965.3183

CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY
Since 1893, grassroots support for Children’s Home Society has been the constant supply for
BHCH = Black Hills Children's Home
SFCH = Sioux Falls Children’s Home
CAC = Children’s Home Child Advocacy Center

Golfers Raise Some Green on the Greens!

The 27th Annual Rushmore Rotary BHCH Golf Tournament was held July 25 at Arrowhead Country Club in Rapid City. A record $72,000 was raised to support the CAC in Rapid City!

The 21st Annual Orion Classic Golf Tournament and Evening for the Kids, held August 7–8 in Sioux Falls, featured eight professionals from the PGA Champions Tour. This event netted $309,418 for CHS!

Construction Industry Center of Rapid City held a golf tournament on August 20. CHS was selected to benefit from the event’s “Charity Hole” where a record $3,500 was raised! This gift will benefit the CAC in Rapid City.

The 3rd Annual Hills Septic Service & Kieffer Sanitation Trash Can Open was held on September 1 at The Golf Club at Red Rock in Rapid City. In a day filled with friendly competition, marshmallow drives, and the aroma of roasting pork, more than $25,000 was raised to support CAC in Rapid City!

Artists, Bikers, and Bidders: Our Fundraising Friends

The 8th Annual “Those Guys ABATE” Poker Run was held on July 17. Special thanks to event coordinator Dave Brende. These very loyal “biker friends” raised $14,300 for CHS! A highlight for the riders is a stop at SFCH along their route to enjoy some refreshments and to show their bikes to some very excited kids.

The 18th Annual Borrowed Bucks Poker Run was held July 30. Thanks to Kirk Keupp, many faithful rider-friends, and for significant event support from Myrl & Roy’s Paving, $4,000 was raised for CHS!

The 10th Annual Jon Crane CHS Benefit Auction was held on September 23 at Arrowhead Country Club in Rapid City. It was an evening filled with original art to auction as well as unique silent auction packages for spirited bidding. A record $51,660 was raised to help support the CHS Prevention Initiative!

CHS is grateful to RE/MAX ADVANCE of Rapid City for raising $5,012 for CAC through a Poker Tournament! Thanks also go to Major Mortgage for sponsoring tournament prizes.

Our thanks to Artisan 57 Skin & Laser Center in association with Vance Thompson Vision for raising $2,240 through a raffle and sales of our Christmas books!

Learn more at www.chssd.org
**MESSAGE INSIDE CARD:**

Your guidance and love have helped to mold and shape my life. And for that, I am grateful, more than you can ever know.

As a token of my gratitude, and to honor your place in my heart, a gift has been given to Children’s Home Society. They work with children not as blessed as I have been—most are victims of abuse and neglect.

While in the hands of Children’s Home, those children’s lives will also be molded and shaped through guidance and love.

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**Order Your Tribute Cards Today!**

Request card(s) by contacting kim.balk-phelps@chsssd.org or call 605.965.3144

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**Our daily bread.” Matthew 6:11**

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

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**Need a meaningful gift idea for a special person?**

We all have those people—parents and grandparents, teachers and coaches, pastors and youth leaders, aunts and uncles, bosses and mentors, loved ones and friends—whose lives have had a positive impact on our own.

CHS has a way you can recognize and thank those people, and help support CHS at the same time…

**Request this special tribute card!**

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**Also available…**

Honor Cards are used to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special relationships or occasions. Memorial Cards are used to honor the memory of a cherished loved one.
Established in 1893, CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY (CHS) is South Dakota’s oldest human services, nonprofit organization. Our mission is to protect, support and enhance the lives of children, women and families. Through a merger in 1998, Children’s Inn (founded in 1977 as a domestic violence shelter) became a program of Children’s Home Society.

CHS provides emergency shelter, residential treatment and special education, forensic interviews, foster care and adoption services, and prevention services. In addition to serving victims of child abuse and domestic violence, CHS partners with caring parents to help children with emotional or behavioral problems.

SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AT:
Black Hills Children’s Home .............................................. Rapid City
Black Hills Community Based Services ................................. Rapid City
Child Advocacy Center .................................................... Rapid City
Children’s Inn ................................................................... Sioux Falls
Sioux Falls Children’s Home .............................................. Sioux Falls
Sioux Falls Community Based Services ............................... Sioux Falls
Bright Start ...................................................................... Sioux Falls

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