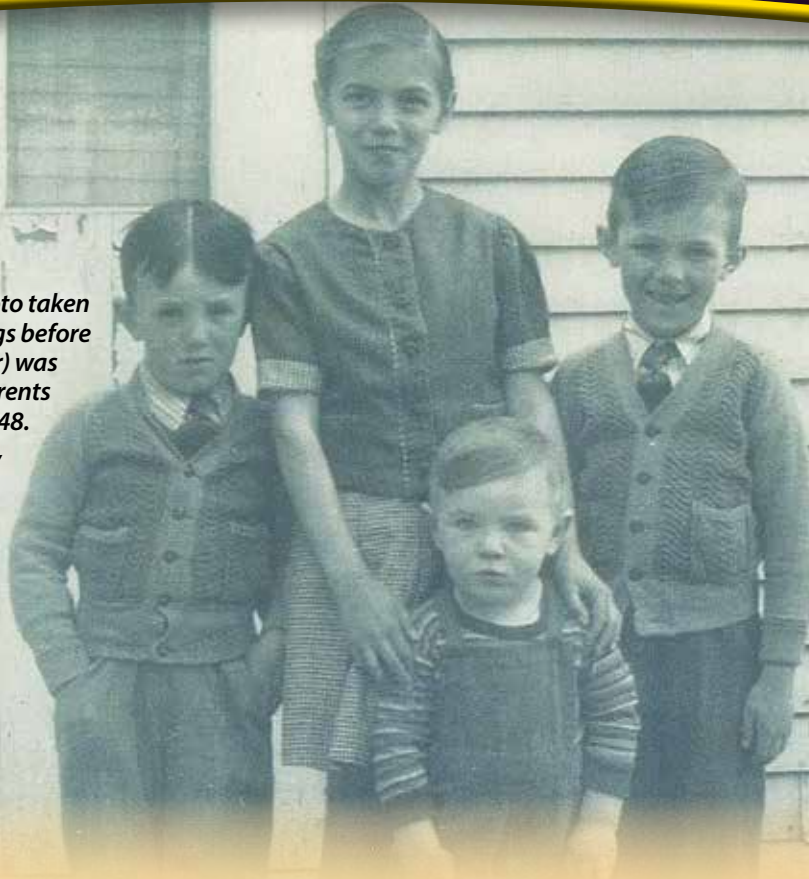


# The Children's Friend

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**This is the last photo taken of the Mohr siblings before Rollie (front center) was given up by his parents for adoption in 1948. Left to right: Arlen, Lois, Donald, and Rollie (front).**



## I'll Be Home For Christmas...

Even though you don't recognize the name in the return address, imagine opening a hand-addressed piece of mail to find a letter, written in long-hand, with this opening paragraph:

*"I hope this letter finds you well. If your parents were Austin and Alma Thompson from Sioux Falls, SD, then you are my younger brother.*

*You were taken somewhere 70 years ago, but I remember that day like it was yesterday..."*

This is exactly what happened to Jerry Thompson just a few short months ago. This letter was the culmination of many months of determined research by Jerry's older brother, Arlen Mohr, now 78, in an effort to find his brother.

Arlen grew up in the 1940s in a home with his parents and three siblings. His older sister and brother were Lois and Donald, and his younger brother was Roland, who they all called "Rollie."

Arlen was four when his mother died of toxemia, seven months into her pregnancy. She needed medicine, but medicine was scarce during the years of World War II.

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*The Mohr siblings reunited for a recent family gathering: Jerry Thompson (Roland Richard Mohr), Lois Mohr Mammanga, and Arlen Mohr.*

## Home For Christmas *continued from page 1*

The baby girl was delivered, but she also died the following day. Perhaps overwhelmed by grief and by caring for four children, Arlen's father took one-year-old Rollie across the street to live with grandparents. Rollie lived with them for nearly three years.

Arlen's father remarried, and they had a daughter together. Rollie also came back home to live with the rest of his family.

Arlen remembers feeling like his stepmother did not like him or his siblings. Their childhood was hard and certainly filled with more work than pleasure.

Then one day, Arlen's father gathered Donald (9), Arlen (8), and Rollie (4) together at the front door of their house and told the two older boys to say goodbye to Rollie. Not long after, two people came and took Rollie by the hand, got into a car, and drove away.

Rollie was never spoken of again, nor did they ever see him again.

Years later, Arlen and Donald both enlisted in the Navy, married, and had families of their own. Sister Lois also married and raised a family. Brother Donald passed away from cancer at age 59. All their lives were filled with children, grandchildren, work, church activities, hobbies, family events, and retirements.

But for Arlen and his sister Lois, there was always this empty place in their hearts that could only be filled by, and

was reserved only for their brother Rollie. And there was a lengthy list of questions with no answers. Where was Rollie taken all those years ago? And why? Who took care of him? Did he have a good home? Was he loved? Is he happy? Does he have a family? Is he homeless? Where is he? Is he alive or dead? Does he know we never stopped thinking about him?

For many years, June 21 has always been special to Lois. Not only is it the first day of summer, but it is also Rollie's birthday. She has never forgotten.

Not long ago, Arlen decided to direct his energy to getting answers to these decades of questions.

Arlen and his wife, Diann, went to Pierre to see if there would be any adoption records to trace. This search came up empty, but they were advised to go to Children's Home Society (CHS) and check records for children adopted through CHS.

At CHS in Sioux Falls, Arlen connected with staff member, Nicole Peterson, who handles inquiries about adoptions through CHS. Arlen and Nicole eventually found an entry in 1948 showing admission of Roland Richard Mohr, who was surrendered by his parents.

Not long after, Roland was adopted by Austin and Alma Thompson of Sioux Falls, who were recommended as good parents by a pastor at First Lutheran Church. They also discovered that the adoptive parents changed Rollie's name to Jerry Ralph Thompson.



Arlen now had names. He had something to work with! But further local searches at First Lutheran Church, the Register of Deeds, and the Equalization Office were all dead ends.

Arlen decided to see what he could find on the internet. Googling “Jerry Thompson” resulted in many hundreds of possibilities, but narrowing his search to “Jerry Ralph Thompson, age 74” narrowed those numbers to **ONE**.

To get more contact information, Arlen paid the extra \$40. Not only did he get more information, he got a picture. Oh my. Arlen choked back the tears. It was like looking in a mirror. There was no doubt in Arlen’s mind that he had found his little brother.

So now what? If he called, Jerry might just hang up thinking it was a scam and that would be the end of it. If he emailed, he might think the same thing with all the email scams.

So he got out pen and paper, and began to write a letter. It opened with his reason for writing, he told a little bit about his family, and ended by giving his contact information and writing, “I would like to visit with you by phone, email, letter or text if you care to, it’s up to you.”

Arlen wrote and mailed the letter on March 30, 2018. And then the waiting began. **On April 3, Arlen received this email from Jerry:**

*Dear Arlen,*

*Wow! You could have knocked me out with a feather. I have been curious about my past for some time and have been told to let it alone by many dear friends and relatives. Your letter answers a ton of questions.*

*Please forgive me if I approach this cautiously. This is a tremendous shock. To find out I have brothers and a sister and such a large extended family is such a blessing that it’s almost too much to type out. My mom told me when I was 12 that I was adopted and my birth certificate says I was born in Marion, SD. I have been trying to find out about my natural parents but could not get any leads. Our Mother and Father, what happened? When you say I was taken away, by who? My adopted parents or others? So many questions.*

*My wife Julie and I have been married for 35 years and we had one son who was killed in an auto accident in 2002. I was in the Navy in 64-68, been a graphic artist since 72 and currently have my own business. Semi-retired, I have lived in Southern California since I got out of the Navy.*

*I am very eager to visit with you. Wow! God Bless and can’t wait to hear from you.*



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From there, the phone calls began. Jerry and his wife, Julie, came to South Dakota to see Arlen inside of two weeks. He also met his 83-year-old sister, Lois. Jerry’s first visit to South Dakota included a trip to Marion where Jerry took a picture of their childhood home, including the front doorway where they stood the last time they saw one another 70 years ago.

Since their connection on April 3, Arlen and Jerry phone and text frequently.

Jerry’s wife, Julie, has given him an early Christmas present of sorts. She insisted that Jerry purchase a plane ticket and fly “home” to be with his birth family for Christmas this year. The ticket has been purchased, and Jerry will spend Christmas week with the Mohrs’.

**It is unlikely that Santa could find anything in his bag of presents that could begin to compete with the gift of finding a long-lost brother—a gift 70 years in the making.**





CHS Executive  
Director

**Bill Colson**

As staff, Board members,  
and friends of Children's  
Home Society celebrate

its 125th Birthday, and as I finish a quarter  
century as a proud contributor to our  
history, I can't help but think—where did  
the time go?

The passage of time is such a strange  
phenomenon! When we're children it seems  
to move so very slowly. We're in a hurry to  
grow up, learn to ride a bike, be allowed  
to stay at home alone, become a teenager,  
drive a car, and do all the things we envy  
about those older than us. For youngsters,  
summers seem endless. Our friends of a few  
years seem to have always been a part of  
our lives, and each day is filed away in our  
memories as our thoughts turn to the next  
day and the next adventure. Those were  
the days!

As I age, instead of the endless summer,  
I find myself wondering how summer could  
pass so quickly, and winter be approaching  
again so soon. I wake up in the morning  
contemplating all I have to do that day and  
before I know it the day is gone.

Twenty five years ago, I was honored when  
asked to join the Board of Children's Home  
Society. At the time I had no notion that I  
would join the staff barely six years later  
or ultimately become a member of the  
leadership team. It all seems like yesterday.  
I know my time here will end in a flash, even  
though I want it to be like those childhood  
summers—never ending!

I have great confidence that the next 125  
years at CHS will be great ones because of  
all of you who care so much and give so  
much of yourselves toward serving those  
who need your help. Just as those that  
walked this path before us laid a foundation  
for us to build upon, you will do the same for  
those who will follow after us. The children,  
women and families served will be blessed  
by the past and strengthened by all that is  
paid forward.

Throughout 2018, Children's Home  
Society has been featuring articles from  
the historical archives. This timeless  
message by Mrs. W.S. Edwards was  
written in the fall of 1963. Her message  
is a fitting tribute that showcases our  
"Never Changing. Ever Changing"  
history over the past 125 years at CHS.

*From the Ass't Superintendent*



As we enter into the fall of the year  
and the Thanksgiving Season, we are  
again mindful of the wonderful heritage  
handed down by our Pilgrim Fathers.

Among the many blessings, one of  
which is significant to me, is the privi-  
lege which has for many years given me  
an opportunity to share with the South  
Dakota Children's Home its responsibil-  
ity and joys.

To extend a helping hand and a warm  
welcome to the many less fortunate lit-  
tle folks who have knocked at our door,  
as well as being able to give comfort  
to troubled mothers and fathers, has  
been a source of great pleasure. It is an  
inspiration to be engaged in a work  
where character building and spiritual  
guidance are so vital.

The necessities of life, such as food,  
clothing, clean beds, and a warm wel-  
come are the first requisite in creating a  
feeling of security to the child. These  
things accomplished, he becomes more  
receptive to the stern realities of life;  
that of giving and taking, loving and  
being loved.

Sunday school and religious training  
play a great part in making the child  
responsible to the ultimate aim of the  
Home; that of helping our children  
grow into normal and useful men and  
women, with love and respect to God  
and man.

MRS. W. S. EDWARDS  
Ass't. Superintendent





## *A Legacy of Love and Hope*

### \$10 Million Endowment Campaign

#### —PROGRESS REPORT—

In 1998, the CHS and CHF Boards of Directors recognized the risk to the future of Children's Home Society due to the high dependence on government funding which is uncertain and does not keep pace with increasing expenses. A goal was set to build an endowment with a distribution that would cover 25% of the annual budget.

#### NEWS TO SHARE!

**Gordon Spronk** and **Randy Spronk** are the newest Challenge Donors to this campaign with a challenge gift of \$200,000!

#### GOALS

Secure \$5 million in  
Challenge Gifts

Raise \$5 million to earn  
Challenge Gifts

Raise a total of \$10 million  
to meet Campaign Goal

#### PROGRESS-TO-DATE

\$ 4,600,000

\$ 4,425,000

**\$ 9,025,000**

Since the 2012 campaign launch, **43 people** have included CHS in their estate plans to become members of **GUARDIANS of the CHILDREN**.



Development  
Director

**Rick Weber**

2018 has been a special year at Children's Home Society (CHS) as we are celebrating 125 years.

It has been fun to connect with some of our alumni, and their stories have been inspiring—whether it was related to an adoption back in the early decades or to children served in recent years.

As we dusted off and read through our archived publications, there became both a greater awareness of the difficult times throughout our history and an even greater appreciation for those who helped overcome those challenges. Imagine what it must have been like during the depression years in the 1930s or during World War II.

The resiliency and tenacity that kept CHS going over all these years were tested very early on. In the very first year, CHS was on the brink of closure. Founders William and Elizabeth Sherrard were to be paid an annual salary, but the funds simply were not there to provide it. Supervisors recommended the closure of the home, citing that it was an injustice to the Sherrards to be expected to carry on the work without sufficient financial support, and the Sherrards were asked for their resignation.

Through their determination to keep moving forward, the Sherrards convinced their supervisors to give them more time. That extension was granted, but, in a letter to the Sherrards, expectations were clarified: *"I want to see the financial situation in better condition. What I want is to have the people of South Dakota feel they must more fully support the work. There is but one Sherrard in the world that I know of, who is willing to work like a pack-horse and pay \$500 a year for the privilege... While it is noble self-sacrifice on your part, the precedent is a bad one and should not be allowed to continue."*

Thankfully, the people of South Dakota did come through. And while there have been many ups and downs over the years, the kindness and generosity of people have kept our work going. Today we are blessed by the wonderful friends of CHS—those who share their time and financial resources. To all those who help in some way, you are our partners and shareholders in the CHS mission: to empower children, adults, families, and communities to be resilient, safe, healthy, and strong.

## **You Can Help Secure Our Future**

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

*I bequeath (description of gift) to  
Children's Home Foundation to be used  
to support the operations of Children's  
Home Society of South Dakota.*

Become a **GUARDIAN of the CHILDREN**  
by making a gift through your will, trust,  
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Contact  
**Rick Weber at 605.965.3127**

Or visit our website  
**[chssd.org/support/planned-giving](http://chssd.org/support/planned-giving)**





# What a Fun(d)-Raising Summer!

With gratitude to all these friends who support CHS!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 1-24:** Children's Inn Gift Wrap Booth

**January 12, 2019:** Cleaver's Chefs Challenge

**January 18-19, 2019:** Media One Funski

**March 16, 2019:** Gala at Mount Rushmore

### JUNE • JULY

**Rehfeld's Art & Framing** sponsored the raffle of a print by artist Brad Kringen. Raffle proceeds raised \$3,120.

### JUNE • JULY • AUGUST

For the 8th consecutive year, **Billion Toyota** has sponsored the gift of a new Toyota car to be raffled in conjunction with the Orion Challenge banquet in August. All 300 tickets were sold, raising \$30,000.

### JULY 22

The 10th Annual **"Those Guys ABATE"** Poker Run raised \$17,000.

### JULY 30

The 29th Annual **Rushmore Rotary BHCH Golf Tournament** raised \$65,472 to support the Children's Home Child Advocacy Center in Rapid City.

### JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

**Red Rock Bar & Grill** in Rowena, SD, raffled a Harley Davidson motorcycle as a benefit for CHS. The raffle raised \$2,400.

### AUGUST 5

The **Lowballz Motorcycle Ride** raised \$4,721 for Black Hills Children's Home.

### AUGUST 5 & 6

Featuring players from the PGA Champions Tour, the 23rd Annual **Orion Classic Golf Tournament and "Evening for the Kids"** raised \$546,00 for CHS programs and the CHS Endowment Fund.

### AUGUST 6

The 6th Annual **Black Hills Wind & Fire FireFighters Motorcycle Run** raised \$2,369 for Black Hills Children's Home. Members are firefighters who ride Harley Davidson bikes.

### AUGUST 13

All Sioux Falls locations of **Scooters Coffee** sponsored a "Day of Giving" with 100% of the day's proceeds given to four local charities. Children's Home received \$5,350 to benefit CHS Foster Care and Adoption programs.

### AUGUST 17

The **Saddle Bronc Event** at Camp Crook raised \$1,000.

### AUGUST 29

The 5th Annual **Kieffer Sanitation Trash Can Open** raised \$36,000 to support the Children's Home Child Advocacy Center in Rapid City. Net proceeds were also matched by Rotary Club of Rapid City Rushmore.

### SEPTEMBER 20

CHS was the charity chosen to benefit from the **50th Anniversary of Sullivans Inc.** in Sioux Falls. At their Anniversary Celebration event, Sullivans Inc. presented a \$5,500 gift to CHS.

### OCTOBER 5

The 12th Annual **Jon Crane Benefit Art Auction** raised a record-breaking \$95,000 to help support Children's Home Child Advocacy Center, Rapid City.

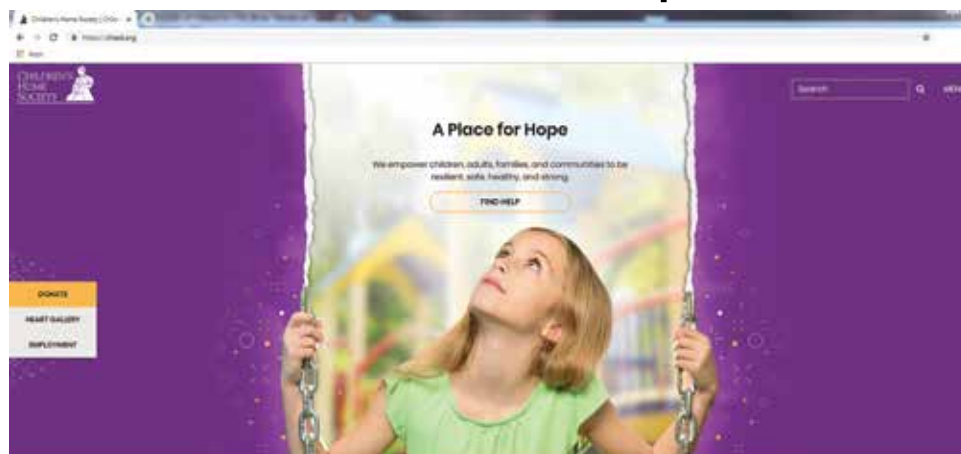
### OCTOBER 9

The **ReMax Advantage Poker Night** in Rapid City raised over \$10,000, including a matching gift from **Modern Woodmen of America.**



CHS launches new website:

# A Place for Hope



Visit us at [chssd.org](http://chssd.org) to see our new and improved website.

Children's Home Society (CHS) is excited to introduce the development\* and release of our new and improved website!

There is no denying how the internet has changed human interaction over the past two decades. In recognizing this fact, there was also no denying that our website needed some major changes in order to provide a more consistent and seamless experience for those who seek our programs and services.

A lot of thought and collaboration went into the development of our new site. First and foremost, we wanted to focus on talking directly to those in need of our services and truly serve as a valuable resource. Second, we wanted to create an informative and user-friendly experience for those who want to help and support CHS.

By identifying our focus, the desired tone became clear: **to inspire hope.**

Hope to a mother fleeing her abuser.  
Hope to a survivor overcoming trauma.  
Hope to a child in need of a family.  
Hope for a better future.

CHS truly is a place for hope. And we are proud to unveil a website that delivers the same.

Alongside the development of our new website was the adoption of an updated mission statement which is more inclusive of all of the services we provide:

***We empower children, adults, families, and communities to be resilient, safe, healthy, and strong.***

Visit us at [chssd.org](http://chssd.org) to see these changes and learn more about CHS, our services, and our impact.

*\*A special thank you to Epicosity, our website development partner.*



***Children's Inn home page as it appears on a cell phone. Our new website provides easy access to programs and services on all mobile devices.***



**Children's Inn**

**Bright Start**

**Black Hills Children's Home**

**Sioux Falls Children's Home**

**Community Based Services**

**Child Advocacy Center**

Established in 1893, Children's Home Society (CHS) is South Dakota's oldest human services, nonprofit organization. Our mission is to empower children, adults, families, and communities to be resilient, safe, healthy, and strong.

CHS provides residential treatment and special education, emergency shelter, forensic interviews, foster care and adoption, and prevention services.

In addition to serving victims of child abuse and domestic violence, CHS also partners with caring parents to help children with emotional or behavioral needs.

CHS is accredited by the Joint Commission and licensed by South Dakota Department of Social Services.

## PROGRAM SITES

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### Bright Start

605.274.0233

4402 E. 3rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

### Black Hills Children's Home

605.343.5422

24100 S. Rockerville Road  
Rapid City, SD 57702

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## Mudges named South Dakota Philanthropists of the Year

**Rob and Debbie Mudge** of Rapid City have been named the "South Dakota Philanthropists of the Year," an award that is presented annually by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).

The Mudges were nominated by Children's Home Society (CHS) with supporting letters from many other organizations that also benefit from their generosity.

In addition to their generous financial support, the Mudges continually find ongoing creative ways to support CHS, such as when Rob and Debbie donated and planted trees at CHS's Community Based Services Center in Rapid City—and Rob was literally in the trenches when it came time to install the lawn sprinkler system. Also, it has become an annual tradition for the Mudges to share their passion for water sports, treating CHS kids at both ends of the state to a day of waterskiing, tubing, fishing, and other activities.

The statewide AFP Awards Luncheon was held in Rapid City on October 24.

To read the entire nomination statement, go to:  
[chssd.org/pdfs/Mudge.pdf](http://chssd.org/pdfs/Mudge.pdf)

## IRA Gift Provision has been made permanent

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.

A direct distribution from an IRA can be a great way to provide a charitable gift.

### BENEFITS TO THE DONOR

- Allows the donor to avoid receiving an IRA distribution as taxable income.
- May lower the donor's income tax rate.
- The gift counts toward the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

### RULES

- The donor must be age 70½ or older.
- Gifts are allowed up to \$100,000.
- The gift must be a direct distribution from the IRA to the charitable organization.
- The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction.
- The gift may not be used to fund a gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, donor advised fund, or private foundation.
- You may not receive any goods or services in return for the gift.

**For more information, check with your tax consultant, or contact Children's Home Foundation Development Director Rick Weber at:**

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## With Our Thanks...

We recognize our outgoing board members for their dedicated service!



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Rapid City



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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.

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# On That One Christmas Eve

The newest book in a series by Tom Roberts, illustrated by Jim Brummond



Add the newest book to your collection of heart-warming Christmas stories from Children's Home Society: **On That One Christmas Eve**, written by author/storyteller Tom Roberts and illustrated by Jim Brummond.

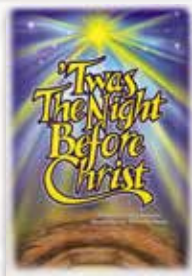
**On That One Christmas Eve** is a poetic tale about a young college student who is home for Christmas and decides that he no longer believes in the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus. But an encounter with a cluster of birds sets in motion a realization that a compassionate God does exist...

only  
**\$20 each!**  
(includes tax)



**100% of every sale**  
supports the programs and services  
provided by Children's Home Society.

## Complete your collection!



## Book Signing Events

In addition to raising funds, the Christmas book project also serves to raise awareness of the CHS mission through live performance events. Tom and Tammy Roberts travel statewide to promote the books at churches, service organizations, schools, festivals, retail locations, and private venues. For information, or to schedule an event for your organization, contact:

**tammy.roberts@chssd.org** or **605.965.3183**

For a complete list of retail locations, schedule of story-telling programs and book signing events, or to purchase books online, visit:

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**Jack Marshman**

Nov•22•1933 –  
July•26•2018

*Jack Marshman was an institution at Sioux Falls Construction. Jack's leadership helped build the foundation for what Journey Group is today and he epitomized the values system that we continue to use as our guiding principles to run our organization. Like many of us here at Journey, Jack had a significant influence on my life and he inspired me to be a better man, father, spouse, friend and leader.*

*Jack was a true servant leader and passionately gave back to many organizations like CHS with his time, talent and treasure.*

~ **Randy Knecht, Journey Group  
President & CEO**

## Journey Group Honors Jack Marshman

The Journey Group (formerly known as Sioux Falls Construction) has given a gift of \$50,000 to CHS in honor and in memory of Jack Marshman. Jack worked for many years as President of Sioux Falls Construction.

CHS was also the beneficiary of Jack's leadership and wisdom from 1979-1999, serving on the boards of both Children's Home Society and Children's Home Foundation. He served as President for each board. Jack had been an Emeritus Board Member of CHS since 1999.

Jack's keen insight, good judgment, and guidance were instrumental during several key phases of CHS history. Jack served during the time when CHS was transitioning from the orphanage days to residential treatment and programmatic expansion. He was part of the board that hired David Loving to come to CHS.

Jack was also involved in nearly every capital campaign project to develop facilities in Sioux Falls and the Black Hills, and to grow an endowment for CHS. But not surprisingly, Jack could also be found running a carnival game at a CHS fundraiser!



*Jack's involvement with CHS ran the gamut from serving both boards as President to helping kids play carnival games at one of many CHS fundraisers.*



**Dennis Stene**

March•4•1944 –  
March•10•2018

## Emeritus board member recognized for 41 years

To CHS, Dennis Stene was "devotion" personified. Other than Mira Beveridge, who served 49 years as a board member and record-keeper for CHS from 1896-1945, Dennis has the longest tenure as a board member serving over 41 years from 1974-2016.

He was a board member of both Children's Home Society and Children's Home Foundation, and served as President of each board. Since 2016, Dennis had been an Emeritus Board Member.

As a CPA and partner with Henry Scholten & Co. in Sioux Falls, Dennis loved working alongside some of his closest friends while supporting companies and organizations, including CHS.

Dennis' steady hand and experience helped provide sound financial direction, particularly during some lean and difficult years in the 1970s and early 1980s. He was also instrumental in advocating that CHS should build an endowment fund to position itself against the changes likely to come in governmental funding for children and families served by CHS programs—a fund that has now become a lifeline!

**Children's Home Society  
was indeed blessed to have had these  
two great friends play such impactful  
roles in our history.**

**Both the Marshman and Stene families  
extended their kindness to CHS by  
naming CHS for memorial gifts.**

**CHS memorial cards are available  
upon request. Contact Kim at:**

**[kim.balk-phelps@chssd.org](mailto:kim.balk-phelps@chssd.org)  
or 605-965-3144.**



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# Who Could Have Imagined...

One of the special projects created for Children's Home Society's 125th Birthday Celebration is a 10-minute video titled ***Who Could Have Imagined...***

Written, filmed, and produced by the CHS marketing team, this entertaining and informative video features a 14-member cast of children who recreate the story of the early years of CHS.

Also featured are four people who spent a part of their childhood at the historic Children's Home

Society orphanage which was located at the corner of 10th and Cliff in Sioux Falls.

Our CHS friends are encouraged to enjoy their own private viewing of this story by visiting our website:

**[chssd.org/125video](http://chssd.org/125video)**

**Enjoy these sneak previews of the video:**



**VIEWER RATING:**

*This film is rated "F" for a Fun, Family-Friendly, Folksy, Factual Flick!*

