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"These Kids Are Really Hurting and Need Help..." - Bob Wilson

Read the stories of a few individuals who took action when they heard these words. Pages 4-5

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Time

- Help paint children's apartments and other maintenance projects
- Volunteer at the DCCH Flea Market
- Enjoy a shift at our annual Music Fest
- Attend a DCCH event
- Like and share our Facebook page
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Talent

- Become a tutor at our on-campus school
- Be a mentor for a child in residence
- Shelf books in our Library
- Join a DCCH Committee

Treasure

- Make a donation to DCCH
- Become a recurring donor
- Give a gift of stock
- Remember DCCH in your estate



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Everyone has something worth sharing with the world. Please call or email PMiller@DCCHCenter.org today to discover ways **you** can help a child make lasting life changes.

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Dear Friends,



“These kids are really hurting and really need help!” I so often hear or say this about the children we serve that perhaps it loses a bit of urgency and impact.

I wonder if there is sometimes a romanticized notion of the children who reside at DCCH; maybe an image of the iconic ‘Oliver Twist’ orphan. The fact is most of these kids have been exposed to an unimaginable combination of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. Many of them exhibit disruptive and difficult to manage behaviors because of the abuse they suffered. They feel hopeless and defeated at an early age. Yes, they are really hurting and really need help.



In my short tenure as Executive Director, I have had the privilege of seeing how you, the DCCH community, steps up to provide help and healing for children. Your financial support enables our dedicated Residential Treatment Team to provide daily therapy for children in residence; you provide for our Therapeutic Foster Care staff to find safe and nurturing homes for children; you feed children through our talented food service staff who provides delicious and nutritious meals on a tight budget.

I am amazed by how many people from our community answer the call to help these children. Countless friends of DCCH offer their time, talents, and treasure to our mission such as:

- The little girl who requested that all the gifts for her birthday party be donated to our children in residence.
- The volunteers who honor a weekly commitment to be one-on-one mentors and friends to our residents.
- The numerous church, business, and community groups that provide activities and donations for our children and who help with various building and grounds projects.
- Generous donors who, through their gifts, provide quality care and treatment for children at DCCH.

These are just a few examples of people from all walks of life who volunteer their resources and have the power to make “positive, lasting life changes” for the children living at DCCH.

I encourage you to read in this issue of The Voice the stories of a few individuals who took action when they heard the words, “These kids are REALLY hurting and REALLY need help”.

As always, thanks for your prayers and support.

Sincerely,

Bob Wilson

Bob Wilson
Executive Director



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Therapeutic Foster Care/Adoption

Sometimes the littlest thing, a comment, gesture or introduction can change lives. That’s the way God works through us, and it is absolutely amazing to watch it play out at DCCH.

For example, Sr. Jean Marie Hoffman spoke to employees of the Sara Lee Company for a United Way presentation a few years back. Mike Fury, an employee in the audience, hears her message, takes it home and convinces his wife their adoption search should include DCCH. They call, attend trainings, become foster parents and eventually adopt the little girl placed into their home. Mike and Peggy share their story with friends, church, family and co-workers. Their Fairview Christian Church family reaches out to DCCH and builds God’s Healing Garden on our campus. The corn, tomatoes, beans, squash, peppers and pumpkins have fed the children, staff and other families around DCCH for the past four years. Surplus is given to a local soup kitchen, feeding even more. New volunteers work in the Garden, provide child care during monthly support groups, and spread the message that children are in need of loving foster and adoptive homes. Through their example, Mike and Peggy led a co-worker to become new foster parents, their neighbors to adopt, and changed countless lives; all because of that one United Way presentation.



LOVE IS SHARED Love is shared and faith instilled, until children realize they are lovable and worthwhile.

Through these connections, children find families. Love is shared and faith instilled, until children realize they are lovable and worthwhile. Despite their painful life experiences, they learn this truth. Little souls come to see God has a plan for them here on earth and yearns for their eternal happiness with Him in Heaven.

Every case, every foster and adoptive family in DCCH Center’s Foster Care and Adoption Program has a story demonstrating God’s beautiful tapestry. It is woven with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each person shares. Most of us don’t even recognize the difference we can make in the life of another or how far reaching those gifts are. They truly do make lasting life changes! Thank you for giving, helping and praying for DCCH, our staff and the children we serve!



THE GARDEN THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

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Talent

Driving down Orphanage Road one day a few years ago, Bill Schult noticed a message on the DCCH marquee reading “Mentors for Children Needed”.

As a former CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer, Schult had experience working with abused and neglected children. He felt he could offer his talents as a mentor at DCCH and fulfill his desire to develop relationships with children and be a positive influence on their lives.

Four years later, Schult is now mentoring his 5th child in the Residential Program at DCCH. He combines fun activities like outings to the Zoo or the Aquarium with teaching the children valuable life lessons, like the importance of a good education and how to present yourself in public.

Strong in his Catholic faith, Schult is willing show the children he mentors the spiritual dimension of their lives. If a child asks, he takes them to Mass with his family on Sundays.

Schult said, “I am amazed at how cheerful and pleasant most of these kids can be despite their backgrounds. They have positive attitudes and hope. All the kids are different. The tough ones are the ones who won’t talk.”

Kerrie Brittingham, the DCCH Therapist with whom Schult works said, “Bill is amazing. He is a good communicator, consistent, reliable and flexible; all qualities we need in a mentor. Bill checks in with me often to make sure the kids are relating to him and getting something out of it. He is willing to do anything for the best interest of the child.”

It is people like Bill Schult who make a positive difference in the lives of the children living at DCCH. Thanks to Bill and all of our volunteer mentors who give their talent and time for our kids.

Schult and his wife Amy have three sons and live in Edgewood, KY.

Please contact us to learn more about being a mentor for a child at DCCH.



Time

One look at the Flea Market showroom floor and it is clear what treasures shine the brightest: the volunteers!

There are many treasures to discover at the Flea Market at DCCH. Row after row, tables overflow with dark brown ties, light blue sweater vests, souvenir glasses from all points West, gently-used golf clubs, eclectic assortments of cups and carafes, outdated cassette decks and VHS players, 2ND and 3RD place bowling trophies, ornaments and trees from Christmases past, and retro-chic vinyl furniture. But more than material treasures can be found at the little shop off Orphanage Road. One look at the showroom floor and it is clear what treasures shine the brightest: the volunteers!

Volunteers at the Flea Market dedicate their time to cleaning, repairing, pricing and displaying every trinket, tea cup, puzzle, book, basket, vase, jewelry and more. Four hours a day, two days a week, most weeks of the year this remarkable group works to make each used item look and feel almost as good as it was brand new. And their efforts are paying off! This past year, the Flea Market saw an increase in visitors and sales! More and more customers are telling their friends about this little gem!

Why does the Flea Market exist? Why do the volunteers work tirelessly week after week? Why is it so important? Just ask any of them who have worked there for years. Their stories of how they became involved will be uniquely different and interesting. But their mission and reasons for staying are all the same: it’s for the kids living at DCCH. They tinker and fuss over their “departments” to display each item in the best possible light. They set prices to be fair and reasonable for their new and returning customers. They celebrate with each other when they sell a rare and expensive item. And they do all this to raise more dollars for children who have so little. Some treasures are valuable based on their rarity. Others, on the time and devotion that went into making them. There are many of both types to discover at the Flea Market at DCCH. But the greatest treasures are the volunteers!



Treasure

Committed to supporting DCCH even though they were putting four boys through Catholic School, Jay and Kathy decided to set up a recurring monthly donation.

Jay and Kathy have supported DCCH since the late 1990’s! Northern Kentucky natives, Jay and Kathy started donating to DCCH because his sister went to high school with former Executive Director Sr. Jean Marie Hoffman, and they attended the same parish as a DCCH Alumni. At first, they donated whatever money remained in their bank account at the end of the month, but often times there wasn’t much left. Committed to supporting DCCH even though they were putting four boys through Catholic School, Jay and Kathy decided to set up a recurring monthly donation. “We were already giving monthly. Setting up a recurring gift on our credit card was the easiest way to do it,” states Jay.

For Jay and Kathy, it’s a win-win situation; they are able to budget their giving, and DCCH can count on their donation every month. Says Kathy, “We have a responsibility to help out those close to home, and we know DCCH uses donations wisely. If there were more places like DCCH, the world would be a better place.”

After 20-plus years of support, Jay and Kathy are still committed to the children of DCCH. They know their gifts are changing lives and helping children right here in our community. As Kathy says, “Who is going to help these kids? Donors.”

You can help a child make lasting life changes through a recurring gift to DCCH. These gifts help provide financial security, while covering the day to day costs of caring for the children in residence. It’s easy to become a recurring donor; give us a call at 859/331-2040 ext. 8534 and we’ll take care of all the details!



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DCCH Welcomes **New Volunteer Coordinator**

DCCH is pleased to introduce our new Volunteer Coordinator, Sahar Arsala. Sahar will help recruit, screen, train and place incoming volunteers.



"My name is Sahar Arsala and I am semi-new to Kentucky. I have lived here for about three years now and love it! I was born and raised in the District of Columbia area and attended college at NVCC in Virginia. I come from a marketing, advertising, and project management background. I enjoy hunting, traveling, chasing after my three dogs, and restoring antique furniture. My mission is to help our volunteers here at DCCH change the lives of the children we serve! God Bless."

WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS!

We love volunteers at DCCH and have opportunities for every schedule and ability. Find out how you can join the ranks of amazing DCCH volunteers! Email Sahar at SArsala@DCCHCenter.org or call 859/331-2040, ext. 8214.

A Few Ways You Can Help...

Donate items from our Wish List! DCCH is in need of items to better serve our children. These items will be used in our apartments or by the staff. Visit www.DCCHCenter.org/donate for a list of needed items.

Pray! Our children, staff and volunteers need the spiritual support that prayers bring.

Share our story! Staff members are enthusiastic about sharing the DCCH Center for Children and Families story. If your church, civic group or organization would like to hear our story, just call 859/331-2040, ext. 8534 to schedule a speaker.

Make a gift to DCCH! Through memorials and honor gifts, you are sending a true gesture of love. To find out more about giving, visit our website at www.DCCHCenter.org

Visit DCCH! Just like sharing our story, only with a guided tour. Schedule a visit by calling 859/331-2040, ext. 8534.

Become a volunteer or foster parent! The most loving gift that you can give our children is the gift of time. Many volunteer and foster opportunities await you. Call 859/331-2040 ext. 8214 for more information.

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The mission of DCCH Center for Children and Families is to express God's love by providing compassionate care and quality services to address the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of children and families.

Our **Vision:**

DCCH Center for Children and Families will be the preferred provider of flexible, adaptive and the highest quality family-centered care in a safe environment. We will increase awareness in the community and expand funding sources to ensure the long-term financial viability of a state-of-the-art facility.

Our **Goals:**

Are to assess, stabilize, treat, and educate children and their families while facilitating changes in relationships, attitudes and behavior. Through a continuum of support and assistance, we strive to establish them into a family setting, as well as develop them into productive, self-confident members of the community.

