



SUMMER APPEAL

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RECOVERY

DCCH celebrates National Foster Care Month.





SPRING 2022



Greetings, Friends and Supporters of DCCH!

It has taken its time to get here, but Spring is upon us.

This season always symbolizes hope and renewal, but that seems to be even more the case after the long couple of pandemic years we have undergone. It seems we may be finally returning to some semblance of normality. As we attempt to fully “spring back” to life, I would like to send a message of gratitude to all of our friends and supporters.

Thank you for not forgetting DCCH and our kids over the past couple of years. It has been a tough stretch for our residents and staff, but your support and prayers never wavered. People from throughout the community continued to connect with us, wanting to know how they could help under unprecedented circumstances. The generous flow of donations and gifts started strong and continues to this day. I cannot tell you how much of a boost it has been for all of us here at DCCH.

So again, God bless you all for remembering his most vulnerable little ones. I wish you all a wonderful spring and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

Bob Wilson

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Executive Director



During the spring we recognize April and May as **Child Abuse Awareness and Foster Care Months**, but our work to raise awareness continues all year long. Please remember our children and caregivers in your prayers.

Stay Connected to Us!

There is always something good happening at DCCH! Whether it's a fun event, the latest adoption, or a child's success story, you can stay connected to it all.



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Help Us Secure Sweeter Dreams For Our Kids in Residential Care

"Although no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending." ~ Carl Bard

DCCH has offered residential care for children in crisis since 1848! We are proud of our history of helping survivors of abuse and trauma make their "brand-new endings," and we make it our mission to provide children with everything they need to thrive. From nutritious meals to specialized education to life-changing therapy; if our kids need it, DCCH provides it. And that is because of your support!

The children in our care come from homes where their most basic needs were not met. Many slept on bare, dirty mattresses thrown on the floor. They did not feel safe in their bedrooms, if they even had a room of their own. DCCH is committed to providing survivors of child abuse with a safe, clean space in which to heal. Our current Residential Building, built in 1963 as a dormitory, was considered state-of-the-art for its time. Almost 60 years later, some parts of the building could use some revitalizing and updating to meet the needs of our current residents. That's where YOU can help!

We've been blessed to have received a transformative gift a few years ago that allowed us to update the kitchens and living rooms for each of our five apartments. And this past year, so many of you stepped up to support our Sweet Dreams Campaign – furnishing each child with a new mattresses and pillow. Now it's time to take the next critical step.

Every resident has their own bedroom. These rooms are overdue for update after many years of wear and tear.

Would you please consider making a gift to support our Summer Appeal? Your funds will help us restructure, refurbish, and refresh our Residential Building's bedrooms to ensure each child in our care has a safe, comfortable place to heal.

Every dollar raised through the Summer Appeal will help survivors of child abuse achieve their "brand-new ending!"

Go to www.DCCHCenter.org/donate to make your secure, tax-deductible donation today...thank you!

Doing, Being, Becoming

"Life's not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it's about doing, being and becoming." ~ Mike Dooley

We work with a LOT of different people. Families, children, parents, individuals, mentors, volunteers, staff. To a person, we continually see what is possible with careful actions, a positive attitude, thoughtful consideration, and a dedication to hard work. Every day we experience people reaching their potential. The children living at DCCH have experienced trauma – things we find difficult to imagine. But we work with them in a trauma-informed way to help them heal. We work to bring families together. We help each person become the best version of themselves. The families, individuals, and children in our care work hard too. Each family or individual situation looks different, and no challenges are the same. But, doing, being, and becoming happens every day at DCCH.

We are so proud of our DCCH family. And you are a big reason all of this is possible. We thank you for your prayers and dedication to our mission. We couldn't do this without you!



“Mamaw you are a safe person; you and Papaw will protect me” uttered a four-year-old boy placed in foster care last summer. Repeated often, this is spoken more as a question seeking reassurance. He learned that Pearl and James Duncan are his new foster mom and dad; they are trustworthy! They offer unconditional love, nurturing beyond measure, and patience galore.

Pearl and James have been down this road before. They began their fostering journey with DCCH in 2015 when another couple from their church started working with DCCH foster care program. The Duncans first cared for an older teen who needed emergency placement and they readily opened their home and hearts. Later they fostered a younger set of siblings. In 2018 they became an adoptive family when the two children they were fostering needed a forever home. It was Gabe and Chasity that we remember first echoing those same words, “You are safe, you will protect me.”

For the young children in the Duncan home, they quickly saw an abundance of home cooked meals. A cozy place filled with toys and laughter. The kids sought security and comfort in the arms of Pearl. In James they sought his protection that no bad person would break into their home to hurt them ever again. They had trauma to overcome from earlier life experiences. After daily tantrums and months of night terrors, Pearl was able to soothe them with her soft voice and hands, giving hours of cradling.

During the month of May, DCCH celebrates National Foster Care month. The Duncans exemplify all that is good with the world. Having raised two sons and loving on four grandchildren, they have parenting experience, are a mature couple, strong in faith and support. Most importantly they have big hearts open to God’s calling to care for the most vulnerable.

They recently decided to step into another role as St. Joseph Ministry ambassadors at their church, Bethesda Community. Led by Reverend Tim Freimuth, it is a small Christian place of worship and fellowship in southern Kenton County. They are open to the needs of abused and neglected youth. In the past dozen years this church has recruited a handful of families from their church who have fostered and adopted. The Duncans now assist in these recruitment efforts and help coordinate their church’s mission to offer meaningful support and prayers to other foster/adoptive families and youth.

DCCH continues to seek more churches in the Northern Kentucky Community to start the St. Joseph Ministry. Please contact us or read more from our website: <https://www.dcchcenter.org/stjosephsministry>

Staff Spotlight - Meet Rebecca

Please join us in welcoming Rebecca Hair to DCCH!

Rebecca has accepted the position of Director of Targeted Case Management (TCM).

Here's what she wants you to know:

"Growing up I always had a passion to help people, so I decided to go to college to pursue a degree in Social Work. I received my bachelor's degree from Northern Kentucky University in 2016 and my master's in 2018 (Go Norse!). I started my career working with severely mentally ill adults at Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCBHS) four years ago. During my time at GCBHS I provided case management services in order to increase stability and independence to those in need. I have always wanted to be an advocate for children and the TCM position at DCCH seems like a perfect match for my career goals and field experience. My goal for the TCM program is to offer wrap-around support to adults and children by providing access to resources in order to decrease the odds of an out-of-home placement. During my free time I love exploring new authentic restaurants with my husband Jason and doing sensory activities with my 6-month old baby girl Zara."

One of my favorite quotes I try to live by daily is 'People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'
Maya Angelou"

Check out our awesome staff highlights online at <https://www.dccchcenter.org/spotlight>.



Volunteer Terri Rogers

Several years ago, Terri Rogers asked to visit DCCH and learn more about what we do.

She went on a tour and asked a lot of questions about our programs – why we did certain things, why we didn't do others. She really dug in asking some tough questions. Terri is thorough and dedicated and wanted to be sure, if she was going to commit to volunteer and support DCCH, she could have a positive impact.

Terri is retired from a career in the medical field with her interest being with the Children's Hospitals. She noted that when she discovered that clinical trials were not being done with children and that doses of approved medications were just being adjusted for children, she became a proponent for children's clinical trials. Terri has one child of her own and has always been interested in children and children's health care. Given her history, she was looking for a nonprofit that focuses on taking care of kids. A friend of hers suggested the HALO group and that is what brought her to DCCH.

Today, Terri is one of our very active HALO League members, creating and participating in fun activities with the children. She also makes financial contributions to support our Residential Treatment program. Terri says, "I feel it's important because it goes toward an area that is underfunded." She noted that there are tax benefits to donating using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from her retirement account and encourages other to do so.

Terri also volunteers as a Patio Pal for St. Elizabeth Hospice, planting flowers outside patient's rooms and volunteers with the Boone County Go Pantry, packaging non-perishable food items for children who need food over the weekend during the school year as well as weekly food during the summer. Terri enjoys playing bridge, golf, tennis and stays busy spending time with her grandson. She says, "there is so much need around us, we need to help. Being able to help children and a child's well-being is what motivates me to volunteer with DCCH and the kids."





Swing into Spring!

DCCH's Gala fundraiser, Swing Into Spring, was held virtually April 20-24.

Friends of DCCH showed their support for DCCH's programs for survivors of child abuse by participating in this week long event featuring a Silent Auction, the Care for Kids Raffle, Pappy VanWinkle Raffle, Gift Card and Lottery Raffles. Swing Into Spring culminated with a Live Online Broadcast Event on Sunday, April 24.

Special Thanks to Big Dave from B105 who emceed the event which included a Live Auction, with special appearances by Sister Jean Marie Hoffman and Chris Carle, music from the Beechwood Show Choir, DCCH stories of hope, and a few words from our Executive Director, Bob Wilson and event chairperson, Bob Hoffer.

Thank you to our sponsors, committee, and everyone from the community that participated in the event. Swing Into Spring was a huge success! To view the program or hear "Lily's Story," check out the videos on our YouTube channel. The link can be found at the top of every page on our website.

Don't forget to subscribe and share!

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Did you know that HALO stands for Helping All the Little Ones?

We are so excited to be able to do activities in person with the children in Residential Treatment! This spring we had a fun St. Patrick's Day party, an Easter Egg hunt, and a Bingo tournament where the kids won prizes.

Come join our group! We do monthly activities and outings with the children and support DCCH's programs. Find out more by visiting DCCHCenter.org/Volunteer or call us at (859) 331-2040.

The Little Mermaid Came to DCCH!

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's "Off the Hill Touring Play" recently brought an adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's The Little Mermaid to DCCH's campus! The children living at DCCH thoroughly enjoyed this magical show and this was a fabulous way for our kiddos to experience something most have never had the opportunity to see.

Our Recreation Director, Eric Varner said, "The actors said they hope to come back and enjoyed performing for our group. The children really loved it. They had a lot of questions for the talent at the end, signed some 'autographs' and the Playhouse even provided a craft for the kids to work on later. I thought it was great." We are so grateful for the troupe and those who made this possible.

Flea Market is Open!

We are so grateful to our dedicated Flea Market volunteers who show up every Monday and Thursday and third Saturday of each month from 8:30 a.m. – noon! Have you visited recently? It's right on our campus behind the big blue barn. They have amazing items from toys to household items, jewelry, furniture, and so much more. Stop by and say "hi" while you peruse the many offerings at our Flea Market.

Pictured (left to right): Diane Thomas, Barb Heck, Gary Hampton, Dianne Schneider, Bob Maier, and Kathleen Finley.
Missing from photo: MaryBeth Connelly, Rose Ferrier, Esmeralda Gallagher, Lisa Harmes, Lori Kennedy, Eunice Koch, Marilyn Thomas, Sue West.



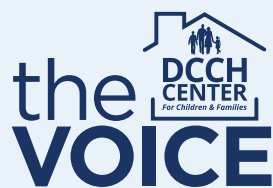
HALO St. Patrick's Day party



The Little Mermaid



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