

# COMING HOME



Every child deserves a home.

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## Local and National Experts Convene At CHS To Begin Policy Work for Transitioning Foster Youth

In May, our Panel of Experts convened for their kick-off meeting to begin developing policy recommendations for youth aging out of foster care. The group will meet as a panel and smaller subcommittees over the course of the next nine months to identify challenges the youth face--and policy recommendations to overcome those challenges in the areas of housing, education, employment, financial capabilities, healthcare and mental health and establishing permanent relationships.

### Our panelists include:

*Honorary Co-Chairs Senator Barbara Favola (D – Arlington) and Delegate Chris Peace (R –*



## Adoption Spotlight: Hunter

Hunter is a friendly, creative, and loving young ten-year-old in the third grade. He enjoys reading comic books and watching cartoons, playing with Legos or anything superhero or Star Wars related, and riding his bike. Hunter's favorite food is ice cream sundaes! Hunter's ideal family would include a mom, dad, and pets. Hunter's perfect family would love Legos, Marvel movies, and ice cream.

We need your help to find Hunter--and all of our waiting kids--the permanent family every child deserves. Make sure to visit our [Waiting Children](#) page on our website. Or, [CLICK HERE to make an appointment](#) to start the adoption process! Thank you!

*Mechanicsville), Nadine Marsh-Carter, Greta Harris, Jennifer Pokempner, Dr. Amy Dworsky, Currey Cook, Former Secretary of Education Dietra Trent, Dr. Alex Wagaman, Dr. Danny Avula, Dr. Robyn McDougale, Pam Kestner, Allison Gilbreath, Chris Saxman, Sarah Mendoza, Michael Farley, Robert Bolling, Valerie L'Herrou, Sandra Henderson, Liz Pearce, Lakeisha Doman, Suzanne Bednar, The Hon. Sandra Bowen, Suzanne Grable, and Chauncey Strong.*

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT THE CHS PANEL OF EXPERTS AND OUR ADVOCACY FOR AGED-OUT FOSTER YOUTH](#)



## The Possibilities Project Receives Major Funding From Brookfield Foundation

Continuing its support of The Possibilities Project (TPP), Brookfield Foundation has awarded CHS a two year, \$175,000 grant. Brookfield's grant will allow TPP, a collaboration between Children's Home Society and the Better Housing Coalition, to provide housing and full wrap-around supports to youth who have aged-out of the foster care system.

Now entering its third year, TPP has just graduated its first participant who completed the full two years of the program. TPP expects to have several more graduates by year's end...[CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE ABOUT TPP AND ITS SUPPORTERS.](#)



## CHS Presents at Wendy's Wonderful Kids Summit

In May members of the CHS expert staff travelled to Columbus Ohio to participate again in the annual Wendy's Wonderful Kids Summit. Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) is a program managed by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, which seeks to facilitate adoptions of teens, sibling groups and disabled children--among the most challenging for which to find permanent attachment. For many years CHS has proudly partnered with the [Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption](#) in Virginia as a Wendy's Wonderful Kids site. Our WWK social worker, Krista Watson, recruits families for our kids.

Krista was joined by Sara Buckheit and Lauren Weidner at this year's summit, who presented to **over 300** fellow WWK recruiters and supervisors. The presentation was titled "*Parenting through the ACEs: Improving Family Dynamics for Children of Trauma.*" They did a great job! [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT OUR WORK FOR WENDY'S WONDERFUL KIDS AND FOSTER CARE ADOPTION.](#)



## Robins Foundation Spotlights The Possibilities Project

Since May The Robins Foundation has featured The Possibilities Project (TPP) in a communications campaign to educate key audiences on the impact of their generous investment in the program. The



## CHS Staff "End of Fiscal Year Celebration" Lunch and Canal Cruise

To recognize another highly successful year, full of accomplishments and accolades, the CHS staff was invited to spend a beautiful afternoon together to celebrate, bond and relax. We lunched downtown at Casa del Barco, then embarked on an amazing historical tour of the Kanawa and James River Canal!

[CLICK HERE TO SEE ALL THE PICTURES FROM THE CANAL CRUISE!](#)

campaign employs meaningful content in social media, targeted emails and their website.

Robins hopes to gain awareness of--and recognition for--the roles both of our organizations play in enhancing the lives of youth in foster care and propelling policy reform on matters affecting youth in the Richmond community.

## Every dollar makes a difference in the life of a child

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