



Every child deserves a home.

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CHS and BHC Complete ChildTrends Research and Prepare to Rollout Findings with State and National Campaign

Thanks to a comprehensive research project just completed by the Children's Home Society of Virginia, in partnership with the Richmond-based Better Housing Coalition, The Possibilities Project is changing the paradigm of how support services are offered to young adults aging out of foster care.

With support from the Robins and Brookfield Foundations, TPP commissioned nationwide and Virginia-centered reports on extended



Efforts for Wendy's Wonderful Kids Featured in Richmond Times-Dispatch

CHS was pleased to be <u>featured in the</u> <u>Richmond Times-Dispatch on Sunday Oct</u> <u>29th</u> on the front page! For the article, reporter Katie Evans spent an afternoon with our recruitment specialist Krista Watson, who recently celebrated our 75th Wendy's foster care services to strengthen and inform its practices. Conducted by Child Trends, a leading nonprofit research organization, the reports will be utilized by practitioners, program providers and policy makers throughout the state and nation.

Look for news articles and interviews in local newspapers, online, on television and on the radio in the next few months to inform the public and professionals about this important body of work. <u>Click here to learn more!</u>



National Adoption Month Pizza Fundraiser at Mellow Mushroom November 15

Join CHS Family and Friends in celebrating NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH on Wednesday November 15th! Mellow Mushroom has generously offered to donate 20% of the entire day's proceeds to CHS--**but PLEASE MENTION to your server** that you are here to support ADOPTION and Children's Home Society!

WHERE: Mellow Mushroom, Carytown Location

WHEN: ALL DAY on Wednesday November 15th, 2017

Wonderful Kids adoption. (We're now working on number 80!) The article also profiles one of our waiting teenagers, who are often among the most challenging for whom to find a permanent home because of their age. Bruin Richardson was also recently interviewed by NBC 12 for our Angels in Adoption Congressional Award.

There will be more press, as well as ads online, on TV and in regional magazines, as we promote the Child Trends research--and work to recruit families to adopt teenagers during National Adoption Month in November!



Third Annual sweetFrog Fundraiser is THIS THURSDAY!

Come out to <u>one of six area locations</u> between 4 and 9 pm to support our kids...20% of your purchase will be donated!



CHS Fall Family Picnic was a Smash Hit

Families, staff and supporters all had a great time on Saturday October 28th at the Deep Run Park picnic shelters. A hearty thanks to the wonderful staff at Connexions Loyalty for organizing, and to Your Benfits Partner for their support! <u>Visit our Facebook page</u> to see more pictures.



Wendy's Supports Adoption Month with Nationwide Fundraiser

Visit any Wendy's on November 14th, National Adoption Day, and a portion of your purchase will go to Wendy's Wonderful Kids, a program of the Dave Thomas Foundation. CHS is the regional representative for this program, so please support all of us on Tuesday the 14th!





Keep a Look Out for our Red Stocking Mailer

In the next few weeks you will receive our annual Red Stocking campaign mailer. This year it's a gift! A full-size 2018 calendar that highlights some of our great families and all of our programs, which you will enjoy all year long. Look for it--and please support CHS and our at-risk youth during this giving season.



Attend our Eve of the Eve Gala December 30th

Please join us for our fantastic winter fundraising gala, Eve of the Eve, scheduled for the evening BEFORE New Year's Eve. This festive event, held at Casa del Barco, is hosted by the CHS Junior Board and will benefit all of our programs. <u>Click here for</u> <u>more information and tickets.</u>

Act Now to Make your Investments Pay Off for Virginia's Youth.

Find out why this is an excellent time to consider a gift of appreciated stock by linking to our blog post here. CHS depends on generous donations from supporters like you during this important season of giving to support our mission and improve the outcomes of our families and youth.



Adoption Spotlight: Ashton

14-year-old Ashton is an intelligent, charming, outgoing and curious kid. Ashton loves to meet new people, ask questions, and will talk to anyone! He participates in the middle school strings program and has played the violin for several years. He enjoys playing video or arcade games, watching movies, and using computers. Ashton is artistic and creative, and loves drawing and coloring in his sketch book, building with Legos, and reading. He's very involved in his church and attends youth group weekly and sings in the choir.

We need your help to find Aston--and all of our waiting kids--the permanent family every child deserves. Make sure to visit our <u>Waiting</u> <u>Children page on our website</u>. Thank you!

