

CHS IN THE NEWS

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In this season of love, give hope to Virginia's most vulnerable children and youth.

Children's Home Society would like to share some great news, and some opportunities for your support in this special holiday edition of our newsletter!



CHS featured in local television news and newspaper for National Adoption Month.

In November CHS focused on educating the public on the tremendous need to provide permanent families for the more than 700 Virginia children and teenagers in foster care waiting to be adopted. We were thrilled when local TV news reporter Jake Burns at WTVR CBS6 responded with an emotional and provocative segment that featured one of our Foster Care Adoption families, the Timmermans.

[Click here](#) to watch the news feature video and read the online article from November 29!

CHS was also grateful for a front page article in the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star on Sunday November 25th. Featuring the headline *HEALING FROM ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES*, this story also profiled one of the adoptive families served by our Post Adoption Services program in Fredericksburg. [Click here](#) to read the article and see some great photos of the Stephens family at home.

Visit our [NEWS](#) page to check out all of our recent press. Our important efforts to engage the press and educate the public about the dire need for adoption--and the outcomes of our programs--is made possible only with the generous financial support of CHS donors. Please consider continuing [your support](#)...THANK YOU!



CHSVA President and CEO Nominated As Richmond Times-Dispatch Person Of The Year 2018

CHS has the special honor of announcing that Nadine Marsh-Carter, our CEO and President, has been selected as a 2018 Richmond Times-Dispatch Person of the Year honoree! The RTD Person of the Year program honors servant-leaders who strengthen and highlight the Richmond region. Congratulations Nadine!

Nadine and the other 2018 honorees will be featured in the December edition of the RTD's Discover Richmond magazine, which publishes in early December. [Click here](#) to see the RTD announcement online.

Nadine and CHS staff have been honored by several other industry awards programs this year. In April, Nadine Marsh-Carter was named the 2018 recipient of the Pat Asch Fellowship for Social Justice. The announcement was made at the YWCA Richmond's 2018 Outstanding Women Awards; The Pat Asch Fellowship is awarded annually to advance social justice in Richmond. [Click here](#) to read our website post of a Times-Dispatch report.

Voices for Virginia's Children selected CHS for the 2018 Carol S. Fox MAKING KIDS COUNT Award in October. The award recognizes organizations for their exemplary efforts to improve the lives of children in Virginia; please [click here](#) to read more about it.

And in November, CHS and Nadine were honored by the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network as finalists in the "Great Nonprofit Organization" and "Great Nonprofit Boss" categories at the Great Nonprofit Awards ceremony in Richmond. We are grateful to our donors for supporting our fantastic outcomes--and helping us achieve recognition as experts in our field.



Second Annual Eve of the Eve Fundraiser for the Holidays!

Join us again--or for the first time--for our second annual winter party, Eve of the Eve on December 29th. This event is really exciting...with much dancing, feasting and celebrating our successes! If you didn't go last year--it was a great time!

Sponsored by SunTrust, Aetna Better Health of Virginia, and M&T Bank--and hosted by the CHS Junior Board members--the ticket sales of this fundraiser will benefit all of our programs for waiting children, adoptive families and at-risk youth transitioning out of foster care.

Eve of the Eve features an impressive array of Mexican fare, desserts, dancing and an open bar. New this year, a silent auction offers an opportunity to claim some great bargains on locally-provided goods and services! So please plan to come down to Casa del Barco on the Canal in Shockoe Slip December 29th from 7:00 pm-11:00 pm. Tickets are just \$85/person or \$160 for two! [Click here](#) for complete info and to purchase tickets.



Giving the Gift of Hope Every Month

One of our cherished financial supporters [has written a blog post](#) that expresses why he was so moved to become a monthly donor to support the mission of the Children's Home Society of Virginia. Here's an excerpt:

"About a year and a half ago, I drove to Richmond to attend Children's Home Society's Legacy event at the University of Richmond. It was a beautiful spring day for a drive from Lexington, and as I traveled east I thought about the kids in foster care who needed a home. I wanted to support CHS not only because one of my oldest and dearest friends works for the organization, but also because I had closely monitored the grand jury proceedings in Rockbridge County that heard evidence of the horrible abuse that too many children endure. I felt the check I had written and put in my pocket could help some of those children find new loving, permanent homes..."

*After experiencing the program, "I realized I wanted to do more. I reached in my pocket, tore up my check, and instead reached for my credit card. **I knew that I wanted to become a monthly giver to CHS so that each and every month I could feel like I was doing my small part to help young people open doors** -- letting them see worlds they had never seen before.*

*"Please join me in supporting CHS, and please consider making your gift a monthly gift, a gift which will help sustain the great work CHS does not only every single month, but every single day. Signed, **Robert W.H. Mish, III**"*

Please [click here](#) to read the entire article, and consider the rewards of becoming a monthly supporter of vulnerable and at-risk children in Virginia.

2018 Red Stocking Campaign is in full swing!

The Children's Home Society relies on financial support from supporters like you to produce amazing outcomes for Virginia's most vulnerable children. Our year-ending annual **Red Stocking Fundraising Campaign** is among our most important fundraising efforts, and we look forward to the generous support we have always enjoyed from you, your families and your friends.

We hope you received and are enjoying the 2019 Red Stocking calendar. [Click here](#) to request a free calendar! A reminder of all that we do, the colorful calendar showcases our wonderful families and our expert and caring staff via the various holidays and seasons of the upcoming year. As you enjoy the heartwarming images and messages, please return the enclosed envelope--[or make an online donation](#)--as a generous token of your appreciation for our programs that serve the many deserving but often overlooked youth of our Commonwealth.



Every dollar makes a difference in the life of a child

During this season of giving, please [VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) to learn about some of the ways we put your gifts to work building strong adoptive families in Virginia: **YOUR GIFT'S IMPACT.**

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