YOU'RE INVITED: CHS "Play for Keeps" 2019 Fundraiser

Bring the whole family on November 16 for an afternoon of fun & games in support of Virginia’s children waiting for adoption and youth who have aged out of foster care. In recognition of National Adoption Month, Play For Keeps 2019 is presented by CHS’s Junior Board. It will feature arcade games, CHS bingo with fabulous prizes, food, beverages, raffles and a silent auction featuring terrific items from throughout Virginia.

- November 16, 2019 from noon – 3:00 pm
- Bingo Beer Company on Broad St. in Scott’s Addition
- Tickets are $45 and include food, arcade game tokens, bingo, two adult beverages, and a silent auction! Raffle tickets are available for purchase.
- $25 tickets are available for kids 14 and under!

Please register at chsva.org/play-for-keeps-2019/
Adoption Spotlight: Aangel

Aangel is a loving teenager with a smile that can light up any room. Aangel also has a great sense of humor and is always telling jokes to make other people laugh. She loves to have conversations with people and will ask you deep philosophical questions. Aangel in an animal lover and enjoys having a pet to take care of. She enjoys playing basketball and football, board games, listening to music, and dining out. Seeing the beach and putting her feet in the water is on her bucket list! In a family, Aangel would love to attend church, be active, travel and feel like she belongs. You can help Aangel fulfill her dreams!

“I want to play on a team, see the beach, and feel like I belong.”

We need your help to find Aangel--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!

Thanks To Our Generous Facebook Community of Support!

Earlier this year CHS announced that The Possibilities Project, which provides housing and full wrap around supports for young adults who have aged out of foster care, was expanding to serve more youth. With this great news came the need to ask our supporters for help.

While several generous donors had already offered to furnish the new apartments, we had an immediate need for a storage unit to temporarily store the furnishings. So CHS initiated a Facebook fundraiser for $400 in donations by September 1.

The reaction was swift and amazing! In just a few days, several supporters in our community made donations to the tune of nearly $700! We’d now like to recognize our very generous donors who met and exceeded the call for support...THANK YOU!

We know that CHS and The Possibilities Project has many more fans who want to help. So please stay tuned to our Facebook for future funding and donation requests. Also please visit the Wish List on our website. In early November, check out the Holiday Wish List that will enable you to make the holiday spirit come alive for these deserving youth like they may have never known before!

You too can participate in the noble mission of supporting these deserving young adults as they transition from struggle to great success.
CHS FY2019 Impact Report

Did you know that CHS facilitated 45 adoptions for Virginia's most vulnerable children last year, and that we worked with a total of 112 children waiting in Virginia's foster care system for a permanent family?

Or that our Post Adoption Services Program provided 431 parents and adopted children support, coaching, referrals and much needed respite?

Or that our statewide advocacy efforts engaged 60 legislators and identified more than three dozen policy recommendations?

Please click here to check out our just-produced IMPACT REPORT for fiscal year 2019, where you'll learn about ALL of our great outcomes and efforts over the last year. Hopefully you'll be inspired to support and donate to CHS!

Also check your mailbox for the Impact Report, and please consider returning the enclosed envelope--or making an online donation--as a generous token of your appreciation for the lives CHS transforms on behalf of the deserving but often overlooked children of our Commonwealth.

Join the PAC—Kid's Club is now The PAC! ("Post Adoption Club")

A name change to our adoptee respite program was made to more accurately describe what we are doing. The clever acronym "the PAC" has been very well received by our participants and supporters!
Over the summer months we were very encouraged by the growth of our PAC events in the Fredericksburg region, where our two events turned out to be the highest ever attended—totaling 33 participants. We also hosted 3 Richmond-area PACs over the summer, also with 33 total participants. All told, over the summer we provided 528 much needed respite hours for the adoptees' exceptional parents!

One participating sibling set of three brothers who have been adopted into two separate families were able to use our summer PAC as a way to have "brother time." The oldest brother even chose to attend our Busch Gardens trip, instead of going with his summer camp, so that he could spend the day with his brothers.

Another highlight was that one of our attendees participated in her first ever PAC after being discharged from a week-long hospitalization—and quickly made friends with another participant. The two youth have kept in touch and have been awesome supports for each other ever since!

**COMING UP:**

- The PAC–Fall Adventures–10/14/19 in Fredericksburg.
- The PAC–Sports Center of Richmond–Election Day 11/5/19 in RVA

**Look For and Support CHS During National Adoption Month 2019**

It's almost November, and once again during National Adoption Month CHS will be generating great awareness about adopting children out of foster care—and asking the community to financially support our amazing programs for Virginia's vulnerable youth and adoptive families. Look for CHS promotions in your Facebook feeds, Google searches and a variety of public websites. We are hoping for some great press in the newspaper and on television and radio, and have purchased a full page ad in November's Richmond Magazine. Don't forget about our Play For Keeps Fundraiser at Bingo Beer on November 16! Please help CHS make this year's National Adoption Month the best ever.

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Join the Friends of the Possibilities Project

If you too are a fan of The Possibilities Project and want to participate in our efforts to support Virginia’s youth who have aged out of the foster care system without being adopted, please sign up to be a member of the Friends of TPP. You’ll receive the latest updates and news about the progress of the youth enrolled in The Possibilities Project, and learn about ways you can help these former foster children who are working towards achieving their dreams.

Every dollar makes a difference in the life of a child

Please VISIT OUR WEBSITE to learn about supporting CHS. Learn about some of the ways we put your gifts to work supporting vulnerable and underserved populations, and building strong adoptive families in Virginia:

YOUR GIFT’S IMPACT.

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