

Children's Home news

FALL 2023



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Earning Rewards through Positive Behaviors

Children's Home (CHWC) has an Elementary, Middle and High School on its main campus and has a combination of CHWC residential youth and youth from local school districts across Broome County, consisting of 100 youth. Students have a daily opportunity to earn "Eagle bucks" for Education's on campus store, **Eagles' Nest**. Eagle bucks are given to youth when they meet behavioral expectations as a way to reinforce positive behaviors.

Youth can earn Eagle bucks for all sorts of reasons – being safe, responsible, respectful, having good attendance, completing school work and more!

Not only do youth earn rewards for positive behaviors, but they learn how to budget their coupons for shopping. Some items are small like candy, snacks, and drinks and other items include sensory toys and even games.

One youth in the first twelve days of the school year earned \$125 in Eagle bucks. Individual youth are saving for an RC car, a bicycle and more. When given the opportunity our youth thrive in many ways!

A Chain Reaction of Hope

Dominick, 16-years-old walked into Eagles' Nest a few weeks back and asked Ms. Thomas, Eagles' Nest Coordinator and a Teacher's Aide at the High School, if he can save his Eagle bucks and earn a plane ticket, "actually two" he said. Completely shocked Ms. Thomas, said, "Anything is possible, let's ask Ms. Cali." Maria Cali, Vice President of Education, was approached by Dominick and Ms. Thomas with this request. "I went in

expecting an immediate no," he said. Ms. Cali replied, "I don't see why not." This began a chain reaction of hope from the young man, research between Ms. Thomas and Ms. Cali finding out how much two plane tickets will cost and the equivalency of that cost in Eagle bucks.

After a few rough years, Sam is now living with his grandma and has come so far and dreams of earning enough Eagle bucks to buy a plane ticket for he and his dad to visit Florida. When asked "Why Florida," he replied "I just want to say I went and that I earned it."



If this program is something you are interested donating toward, some of the most popular items include:

- Sensory toys and other sensory items
- Bath & Body Works lotions and perfumes
- Sketch books, journals
- Amazon gift cards

For more information and where to send your donations email dethomas@chowc.org.

RETIREMENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations

Max Ginty
on your Retirement.
Thank you for 40 years
of Service



Director of
Group Homes
1994

Senior Director
of Community
Residential
Programming
2023

"Max was one of the first program employees to welcome me and value my admin position at the Agency. As a new employee that was very encouraging as I got started at the Agency." – Phil S.

"Max always came in with a positive, smiling attitude. This is a great leadership quality. It spreads positivity throughout teams." – Bill T.

"I remember when Max filled out his application at Children's Home! He was a strong advocate for himself and the kids." – Dan T.

2023 EVENTS

18th Annual Maggie Memorial *a few highlights...*



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64th Annual Ice Cream Social *a few highlights...*



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Be a Holiday Hero – Elves Needed!

We are preparing to bring holiday magic to more than 700 youth across New York State this year. Please consider blessing a child or family in our programs to help us make this year special!

Ways to give ...

We are happy to do the shopping for you!
You can either —

- Donate at www.chowc.org
- You can mail your check to:
Children's Home
Attn: CDR
1182 Chenango St.
Binghamton, NY 13901
(Please designate "Gifts" in the memo line)

Looking to Donate Another Way

Call or email John at jthompson@chowc.org or 607-772-6904 ext. 2226 to receive our most requested items list.

LET US DO THE SHOPPING!

\$100 = One child's wish list

\$50 = Stocking stuffers

\$25 = Holiday party supplies

Your generous donation enables us to spread cheer with a gift that says, "you are not forgotten."



"WATCH OUT FOR OUR 2024 CALENDAR MAILING – COMING SOON."

Chaplains Conference at CHWC

The National Chaplains Association for Children at Risk (NCAAYRC) held their annual conference at Children's Home in September. NCAAYRC is a professional association for chaplains to children in residential treatment settings, youth detention facilities and recent immigrant youth housing programs.

The group toured the main campus in Hillcrest and participated in many presentations including the spiritual aspects of a whole child approach, a recent Mission trip, grief and loss and agency training.

The conference continued at Sky Lake Retreat Center in Windsor, NY, where Laura Captari, PhD, professor at Boston University, presented on "Holistic Pathways to Healing for Children Who Have Experienced Complex Trauma." Rev. Jan Clark led the group in retreat activities such as spiritual Visual Journaling and the chaplains also filled their "chaplain's toolbox" with the ideas and best practices they shared together, completing the time of education, relaxation and inspiration.

NCAAYRC has monthly informal internet meetings offering mutual support to these chaplains.

~Pastor Doug Clark



Save The Date

Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration

Thursday,
December 7, 2023

Hillcrest Campus

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



"No one has ever become poor by giving."

- Anne Frank

Optional Endorsement Line

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"Thank you for reading the Children's Home Newsletter. We are excited to share with you the wonderful work of our dedicated team. With over 650 employees, Children's Home is a vibrant organization serving throughout New York State. In addition to our dedicated staff, I am grateful to you, our benefactors and community partners. Through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support you are part of our team and make our work possible and fruitful. Wishing you all the best in the days ahead."

Sincerely,
George T. Dermody
George T. Dermody
President/CEO

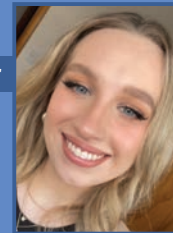


CONGRATULATIONS to our 2023 LMSW's & LCSW's



Amber Roese

received her Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) August 18th



Courtney Kushner

received her Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) August 18th



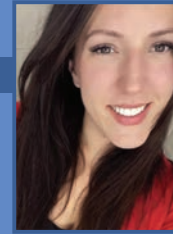
Gabriella Stanton

received her Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) May 1st



Mariana Manou

received her Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) April 9th




Brittney Gill

received her Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) October 9th



Cristina Bruno

received her Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) May 10th

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