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Newsletter:

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Maybe it was a fractured family relationship that has caused a divide in the home. Or, maybe, there has been some complicated adjustments within a family due to a recent adoption. Perhaps the hard place was caused from an unexpected loss, and the difficult process of trying to navigate that grief. This is where we get to step in. Meeting incredible families dealing with extraordinary circumstances and challenges. When we see these situations, our immediate thought is: “How can we provide *hope* to this family?”

In Romans 12:12, it describes this love in action, “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer,” which perfectly defines our goal at Carpenter Place, and what it should be for us all as Christians. There is no greater guidance for the work that we get to do.

Beginning in July of 2017, our Board of Trustees appointed a Campaign Ad Hoc advisory team to begin the feasibility phase of a comprehensive capital campaign project we entitled “Handle with Hope.” Over the next few months, stakeholders, shareholders, and sustainers participated in a survey to help us determine the components most favorable for inclusion in the campaign, in order to develop a long-term vision for Carpenter Place and a plan to achieve it. The result of the study showed strong support for capital improvements, including restoring and enhancing our existing structures and facilities, improving the safety and security of our



Cross Bar Cottage Ground Breaking

Carpenter Place is a special place, and has served as a home to thousands of children over our almost-75-year history. On July 6, 2020, we were blessed to celebrate the momentous occasion of breaking ground for a new home to serve those in our care - the Cross Bar Cottage.

The children we serve have come to us from hard places.

campus, and construction of a new cottage to position our mission for future growth. The findings of this study also supported the development of deeper connection beyond placement through establishment of an Educational Scholarship Fund and of a new program we are calling the Family Outreach Project, which will focus on providing encouragement, support, and training to families who are struggling to connect with their child(ren). And, last but not least, we also incorporated a continued focus on building our endowment to ensure the sustainability of our mission for many more years to come.

We are thrilled to be working on this project alongside Lee Farley, General Contractor of Midwest Eclectic, LLC. His passion and love for Christ will be poured into this home, and it will be a blessing to our campus for many years to come.

This home will join our other cottages: Barrett, Bolin, and Harrold, as well as the Rhodes Fieldhouse, and the Marguerite Rountree Nicolay Campus Center (the home of our administrative offices and education center), as a place of refuge, love, and hope. The Cross Bar Cottage will be a place of connection and empowerment, a haven for the hurting, a home to those searching for hope, and a sanctuary to share God’s love and restoration for many, many years to come.

We are overwhelmed by all the new friends we have made during the Handle with Hope campaign. Your impact is so much more than a financial blessing, it is, most importantly, restoring hope to those we get to serve! We are thankful to all of you who have committed to support this project, as it truly will provide ways for us to better serve the girls in our care. This campaign has been a success because of God’s blessings and your sustenance.



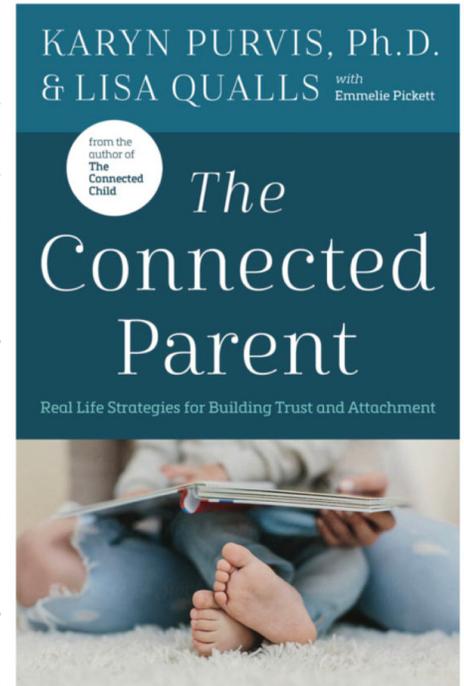
The Connected Parent: Real Life Strategies for Building Trust and Attachment

We have all been adjusting to a “new normal” and the abundance of new stressors that have come along with it. For many families, these necessary adjustments have resulted in a whole new set of struggles within the home. Parenting any child, even under the best of circumstances, can be a challenge. With all the new obstacles, some are experiencing extra challenges and are finding home to no longer be the place of peace it once was.

No matter what your role may be, if you interact with children in any capacity, especially now, we highly recommend checking out “The Connected Parent.” This new book, by the late Dr. Karyn Purvis, PhD, strives to provide hope to every child, every parent, and every family, by guiding parents through methods designed to build trust and attachment with their child.

“During a time when division, disconnection, and darkness seem to be taking over the world, as parents/caregivers/teachers we need to remember we have a great gift to share - our ability to nurture! Through our love and nurture we can heal the deepest fractures and bring connectivity back within our homes. I love the tools “The Connected Parent” has added to my parenting toolbox so I can best serve the children God has placed in our home.”- Ben Z.

Through the implementation of Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) strategies, you can learn how to develop a nurture-rich, attachment-attuned environment conducive for healing deep hurts. If you are looking to be a more connected parent/caregiver, “The Connected Parent” may be just the tool to help develop a healing connection within your home. Carpenter Place currently has a few copies of this book we would be happy to lend out, or you can purchase your own copy on Amazon. If you would like to learn more about TBRI strategies, please contact our CEO and TBRI Practitioner, Ben Zickafoose, at 316.558.4161.



School is Back in Session

- What a crazy few months it has been for everyone! After lots of togetherness due to COVID, quarantine, and social distancing, we are all excited the endless summer is ending and we are finally returning to a more normal routine on campus. The first day of school at the Shellee Morrison Christian Learning Center was Thursday, August 6th. Much time and effort went into preparing the classroom for this year; painting, de-cluttering and organizing, re-arranging personal workspaces, and focusing on all the details that can help ensure success in the classroom this year. We ask that you pray specifically for our girls as they progress through our Christian Family Program, as a huge part of their progression occurs during the school year. In addition, there are unique challenges and opportunities to serve our girls at this time, and we also covet your prayers for our staff to be ready to meet each need as it arises.

This school year may look a little different than past years, especially in regard to financial needs arising from the lack of fundraisers in this current environment. Be sure to read “Do What You Can Do” and check out the special insert for more info on how you can help with back-to-school expenses.

Do This In Memory...

A unique and special way to support our girls is by making a monetary gift in honor or memory of someone you love. Memorial gifts are an incredible way to honor the legacy of someone who has passed away; and honorarium gifts make for a great way to recognize recent accomplishments such as a birthday, anniversary, or retirement. We are always happy to send acknowledgements of your gifts to the family of those who are being honored in this thoughtful way. No matter the occasion, your memorial or honor gift greatly impacts the lives of the girls in our care.

An extra special way to honor and remember those you love is purchasing a brick for the Carpenter Place Honor & Memorial Pathway. These personal, customized bricks are just \$50 and can hold up to three lines of etching per your specifications. If you would like to purchase a brick for the pathway, or need more information on other ways to honor those you love through a gift to Carpenter Place, give us a call anytime at 316.942.3221.

Carpenter Corner

- In case you missed it, one of our residents, Grace, recently rang the bell on campus symbolizing her reunification with her family and completion of her program. You can see her bell ringing ceremony on our Facebook page. While you're there, make sure your notifications are set to “on” to ensure you don't miss any of our upcoming “behind the scenes” FB Live videos for a better glimpse into our programs, campus, and future visions!

A Week at Camp - After a few months of quarantining on campus, we were blessed with an opportunity to head out of town for a week of tent camping, hiking, fishing, canoeing, and delving into the Word of God. This was a highlight of the past several months, and we are so grateful this opportunity was afforded our girls! Here are a few thoughts our girls had of this amazing camp experience:

Addy - "I enjoyed spending time with everyone."

Layla - "I enjoyed a lot of things we did, especially watching the stars and playing in the creek with fish."

Carly - "I really enjoyed learning about constellations."

Laci - "I enjoyed hanging out with Mr. Richard and Mrs. Charlene."

Shyann - "I enjoyed learning how to tie knots. But my favorite part of camp was the Bible lessons about how God cares for us."

Taryn - "I enjoyed being able to get to know the girls and hanging out with others who I normally don't hang out with. I also enjoyed learning more about God's creation and seeing it where mankind hasn't touched it."

Emma - "I was really nervous at first because I didn't know what to expect, but in the end I realized Mrs. Denise never disappoints. I was never bored and was exhausted by the end of the day (which is a good thing!)."

We were all so blessed by this amazing week enjoying God's creation together!

Do What You Can Do - I'm sure you've thought it, if not even said it... "What uncertain times we are living in! This is just so unprecedented." However, looking back at history, we see the writer of Ecclesiastes was correct - there is nothing new under the sun. But, "new to us" means there is much to figure out; we must navigate something unexpected and for which we don't have complete information. This can lead to fear; in fact much has been done (or not done) this year out of *FEAR*. Personally, I experienced a good week of anxiety and a transition period filled with uncertainty of "what does this all mean," "how do I protect those I care about," and "what do I do now." The thought that kept providentially coming to the forefront of my brain was: do what *YOU* can do.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

We all have something we can do - at all times, regardless of the situations or circumstances around us - if we focus externally on the needs around us. We work diligently to teach this concept to the girls in our care: to help them not become focused internally. Even during their time with us, when life is difficult and scary, they still have something to give to others. Perhaps the problem is we often begin to doubt ourselves and our abilities; maybe because we momentarily forget from where our talents and blessings come. God has given you, yes *you*, and me unique and special talents. Not only that, He expects us to use them in service to others.

As the "do what *you* can do" message kept ringing in my head, new thoughts arose as to what *could* be done. What strengths or talents might be used to bless others at this particular moment? Being quarantined at home, opportunities weren't just going to jump out and present themselves; I had to get creative. Some of the things I came up with were small and trivial - taking homemade breakfast Sunday mornings to the skeleton crew making online church services possible, adding scriptures to some of the photos I've taken to promote a message of hope and not fear - but each was something I *could* do. (Mark 14:8)

We frequently share our talents without even thinking about it. Calling to chat with someone, thus sharing your gift of encouragement. Taking a meal to your neighbors or someone who is sick or has lost a loved one, thus sharing your gift of cooking and of hospitality - just to name a few. It doesn't have to require much; but it does require an external focus and a determination to serve.

In times of uncertainty, when fear tries to take hold, it's human nature to go into preservation mode and protect what we think of as "ours." But ***we do not serve a God of fear***. We serve a God of certainty, who is with us now and who holds our post-COVID future in His hands. If we truly believe that and trust Him, times like this become moments of thoughtful evaluation of talents; determining what each of us *can* do, utilizing our blessings and talents to the max. Remember, all of us *can* do something.

From the perspective of a 100% private, non-profit entity, times like these could be incredibly scary. If governed by fear, market volatility alone would make us sock all our savings into something low-risk and not spend a penny. We could be led to make drastic decisions that negatively impact the way we serve those in our care. But ***we do not serve a God of fear***. We serve a mighty God who has never failed us, as long as we utilize this ministry in service to Him and others. We know He will continue to bless us through people of faith (like you), and thereby we continue to move forward in faith, even now.

What is governing your view of your talents and blessings in this season - fear or faith? If the latter, then now is the time to do what *YOU* can do. Please see the additional insert included with this newsletter for special ways to give what *you* can during this season.

Envelope Giving



Back-to-school time looks a little different this year at Carpenter Place and, undoubtedly, where you sit as well. We are fortunate that the Shellee Morrison Christian Learning Center operates safely from our campus and we are able to begin classes on-time and in our regular environment and format. However, that does not mean we do not still need to overcome some new circumstances and challenges for the 2020-2021 school year.

As you may be aware, our 25th Annual Carpenter Place Golf Classic had to be postponed until next year. And, for safety reasons, we have decided it is best to take a break from our fun, annual "Thank-fall Festival" this year, too. The lack of these two fundraisers in 2020 will create a unique financial position this fall and, therefore, our back-to-school needs are slightly higher than in previous years.

In keeping with our theme of "Do What You Can Do," we encourage you to look at the available envelopes on our virtual envelope board in light of the new challenges we face, and some of the school expenses outlined below, as you consider how you can best do and give what **you** can...

Expense examples to consider when choosing an envelope:

- \$10** - monthly snacks for one girl's school break times
- \$25** - covers needed arts & crafts supplies for one girl for her weekly Art Class
- \$50** - covers the yearly cost of security software needed to maintain safety for one girl's online learning experience
- \$100** - is the cost of the curriculum expenses for one girl for the 2020-2021 academic year
- \$250** - equates to the amount needed for one Chromebook, the tool needed for each girl to complete her e-learning
- \$500** - allows us to purchase a new laptop for our teacher, which is greatly needed this year
- \$1,000** - is the amount needed to purchase some new furniture for the classroom (desk chairs/sofa & chairs for devo room)
- \$1,800** - the true cost to care for one girl in our program for one month

Multiple envelopes can be combined to create a total.

Helpful instructions:

There are multiple ways to "fill" your chosen envelope(s). Select the option that works best for you and don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions!

Online

- ♦ supportcp.cbo.io
- ♦ Login/Register
- ♦ Choose the envelope(s) you'd like to "fill" and click More/Buy
- ♦ Select Purchase
- ♦ If the # you want isn't shown or no longer available, select multiple envelopes to equal the combined total you wish to give.

In-person

- ♦ Drop by our offices at 1501 N Meridian
- ♦ Select your preferred envelope(s) from the physical boards outside the office, fill, and turn in at the front desk.

Via Text

- ♦ Text SUPPORTCP to 56651 and follow step-by-step instructions.

By Mail

- ♦ Mail the amount you wish to donate to Carpenter Place
1501 N Meridian Ave
Wichita, KS 67203

Or give us a call - 316.942.3221

Thank you for
doing what
you can do!



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Memorial & Honor Gifts - March - May 2020

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Derby Church of Christ

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Morton Barker

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Barbara Firestone

In Celebration of...

Dr. Julie Scherz retirement from WSU

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Herren

Karen Humphreys

Betty Pryor's 80th birthday

Donna Reust

Thank you to all who chose to honor those you love through memorial and honorary gifts.

