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Staying Safe in Our Bubble

COVID-19 HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE LIKE NO OTHER

any people have called, emailed or texted asking how Children's Homes, Inc. is handling the coronavirus pandemic. As of the writing of this article on Monday, April 13th, we are holding our own. If everything happens as planned, this newsletter

will mail around May 1st. Right now, it is anybody's guess where we will be with the virus by the time you get this



newsletter in the mail. I pray everyone will be on the mend and life will have started getting back to normal. Normalcy will take time as this virus has created a domino effect of sorts. Our ways of life will not

miraculously return overnight. In the meantime, here is how life has changed at Children's Homes, Inc. and what we have done to provide the best possible care and protection for our staff and the children and families we serve.

In early March, we started seeing news reports of a virus that was sweeping its way into our country. We began hearing new terminology like "flattening the curve", "social distancing" and "sheltering in place." I'll have to admit when I first started hearing about this virus called Covid-19 or coronavirus, I just figured it was akin to the seasonal flu, and it would be short-lived. Boy, was I wrong!

On March 16th, Children's Homes, Inc. made the difficult decision to alter how we conduct our daily business. The first step was to shelter in place our family



Though our children in care have been confined to our campus, they've been able to enjoy the spring weather. Madison even took the time to gather some dandelions.

homes on our Paragould campus. Since we make a promise to protect and care for children who belong to someone else, doing everything we could to protect those children and our houseparents from this pandemic was top-priority on our list of things to do.

We also knew we had to protect our dedicated staff. While they were all concerned about Children's Homes, Inc, they were also concerned for their personal well-being, as well as the well-being of their family members at home.

That first week we closed everything down. Very few staff members were permitted to be on the Paragould campus or in the Searcy office. Everyone was charged with the task of working from home. You've never seen a staff of people doing everything they could to get work done from a distance. It was challenging, but it got done. I was inspired by our people.

After that first week, we devised a plan where staff was permitted to come to the office to work as long as everyone was practicing good social distancing. There was no congregating in groups and no going into each other's office. As of the writing of this article, staff continues to stagger work times to keep our numbers low in the offices at any given time. Masks are being worn. Hands are being washed. Both the Paragould campus and Searcy office will remain closed to all outside guests until it is deemed safe to permit public interaction.

While most all staff members are working from home with limited hours in the office, there are still things that have to happen on the Paragould campus and the Searcy office.

Where campus is concerned, you have to remember that eight family homes of children and houseparents have become virtual prisoners because of this pandemic. They still have daily needs, the biggest of which is food.



Our houseparents have done a fantastic job of keeping our children in care entertained with off the wall games. Here is Brandon trying to work a cookie from his forehead to his mouth.

We are very blessed to have a food center on the Paragould campus. This center is made possible by many churches, individuals and businesses who collect non-perishable food items each week that are picked up by us and brought back to campus. Green beans...we've got 'em. Corn...not a problem. Macaroni and cheese...you bet! We have been very blessed.

The trick is how to keep the family homes stocked with the perishable items they normally have the freedom to go purchase at the local grocery stores.

Thankfully, we have been able to connect with a food supplier who allows us to order perishable food items in bulk and who will deliver those items directly to campus. All the housemoms need to do is make a request for items. This is where the support from some congregations and individuals has been valuable, too.

Some choose to collect money instead of non-perishable items. They send the funds to us earmarked for those perishable items we can't collect on the normal food runs each week. Funds for now have been available to purchase the housemoms' needed items during this crisis.

Others have come to the rescue for our family homes on campus. All schools are closed to onsite instruction, but learning is still happening. Houseparents have now become homeschoolers, too. Our learning center staff continues to do a fantastic job of providing daily school work to the houseparents for children in care. They are also there to virtually support the houseparents and children. Plus, our social services staff continues to provide much-needed support. One caseworker has actually sheltered in place with the family homes to provide support to the children in care and the houseparents.

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Lori Vandagriff hugs her daughter Staci and shows her shock at being greeted at a "mandatory meeting" that was actually a surprise party for her 40th anniversary of employment with Children's Homes, Inc.

Surprise! Surprise! CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF LORI WITH A "MANDATORY MEETING"

uccessfully planning and executing a surprise party is always going to be a challenge – no matter the size. Throw in an expected crowd of around 70 people, a huge building and offices separated by about 100 miles and the logistics become especially tricky.

It requires the kind of planning you might not anticipate. For instance, if your party is taking place in a building with seven or eight entrances, you're going to want to ensure that you point your surprise target to one particular door. After all, a surprise party would be undone pretty quickly if the target walks in behind a crowd all eagerly facing a different door waiting to yell "Surprise!"

Just getting people to attend without having someone accidentally spoil the surprise is a chore in itself. After all, you're essentially recruiting a person's friends to actively mislead them. Then you have the normal party planning – securing food, decorations and gifts – all in virtual secret.

It's a lot to go through. So you can rest assured that the focus of such an effort must be pretty special.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Micah Brinkley and Lori Vandagriff pose with Lori's plaque; No party is complete without some nice decorations (and food); Micah prepares to present the plaque to Lori; More decorations.

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Kind. Fun. Attentive to detail. Artistic. Experienced. Passionate.

Those are some ways some of her coworkers describe Lori Vandagriff, who just recently marked her 40th year of employment with Children's Homes, Inc. Another word that came up was shrewd – but without any of the negative connotations that may be associated with that

trait. They're referring to Lori's no-nonsense approach and ability to cut to the point. It's a quality that would make a surprise party a daunting task (we'll



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revisit that in a bit), but it serves her well in navigating Arkansas' foster care system and its ever-changing rules and regulations, which she's done since she walked in the door.

Another popular way to describe Lori among her coworkers involved the word heart – good-hearted, kind-hearted, tender-hearted. Working with various cases that involve every kind of abuse imaginable – as the workers based at

Children's Homes, Inc.'s Searcy office do daily – can undeniably be stressful. Lori set up a pretty good remedy to the stress for herself, as well as her coworkers.

"Every time you need to just decompress from the day, she is waiting in her office with a massage chair and a listening heart," Hannah Bassinger, a child placement specialist, said. "She leaves the chair in her office so that we can sit and get a massage while also dealing with the emotions the day has brought."

At the mention of the chair, Lori laughed.

"It started out as a joke, but it has come in handy many times," Lori said. "My daughter got a massager for me several years ago for Christmas, and I decided to put it in a chair in my office and call it the 'therapy chair.' It's a good way to unwind and work out all that tension in the neck and shoulders!"

Lori's often employs her artistic side to create things for CHI's foster parents, whether scrapbooks or other items.

"She is always wanting to make things special for our foster parents. She always wants them to feel they are appreciated," Sarah Wade, child placement specialist, said.

Take that care for her coworkers and foster parents and multiply it several times, and you may get an inkling of Lori's heart for helping children.

"Lori has been the face of CHI foster care in Arkansas for many, many years." CHI executive director Micah Brinkley said. "Lori is fearless when it comes to keeping children safe. She's not afraid to ask the hard questions that just might upset people at first. I think that is why our foster care is so wellregarded. People in the state know how hard we work to find excellent foster homes to care for children. Lori has fostered that mentality in



Lori gives her plaque a good looking over.

our program."

"The kids are my favorite part! And the families!" Lori said. "Seeing the kids get healthy when they have been so hurt and traumatized – hearing a child laugh and seeing them play like kids should do is a great reward – and thanks go to our foster families who love unconditionally and teach these kids the real meaning of a Christian family."

Lori took an interest in working with foster and adopted children as a career as early as ninth grade, based on seeing a foster family in action.

"There was a family at church (in Niles, Michigan) that was a foster family and had adopted from foster care and I babysat for them a few times. That did it!" Lori said. "One little boy in particular that they were fostering has stayed in my mind all these years. When I finally got to Harding, my major was, of course, Social Work. The SW Program became accredited while I was there, so I was in the first graduating class from Harding



Chloe and Makayla congratulate Lori on her anniversary.

with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. During the spring semester of your senior year, an internship was required and naturally I picked Children's Homes. At that time, CHI had an office in North Little Rock, so that was the beginning."

Beginning with CHI when she did in the early 1980s, Lori had the opportunity to work with many of the architects of our program – people like Vance Greenway and James Balcom.

"One special thing about being at Children's Homes for so long

is that I got to work with some of the greatest leaders in Christian childcare – those that essentially 'started' CHI," she said. "Sometimes I'll be talking about something that happened 'back in the day' and will be told that I need to write all of that kind of stuff down because no one is going to be able to remember it. Maybe I'll do that one of these days! But I think what I learned from Vance and James and their example that what we do is not just a job, it's a mission field."

Recognizing the work she does

as a ministry has no doubt aided her in recruiting similarly minded Christians to do the all important task of foster parenting – families like the Allens. David and Brenda Allen served as foster parents in the beginning of Lori's time at CHI.

"We first met Lori in the late 70's. We lived in Conway with three very young children," Brenda said. "It was our first experience with foster care and blessed our lives in ways we had no idea it might. Lori was just beginning her career and passion for supervising the care of foster children. I remember Lori being fun and yet very professional in her new endeavor. We were close to the same age but she was trained, and we were experienced parents. It was a good combination because there was an obvious mutual respect."

The Allens ended up fostering 13 children and then took a bit of a break that included enjoying their nine grandchildren. But they weren't quite done.

"Just over three years ago at retirement, David and I decided it was time to pick up that torch again," Brenda said. "We had time, experience and love to give. We were thrilled we had the option to work with our Lori again after over 30 years. We all looked different but that love and respect for each other remained strong. We continue to be blessed even today with precious babies, and Lori is always there for anything we need. I am comfortable to call or drop by anytime. She's there to help, bring a laugh and give advice for every situation. Only God knows the impact Lori has had over the decades of love and devotion to her job. We are certainly grateful."

Part of that impact is a little easier to track. After seeing her parents foster for so many years, the Allens' daughter, Michelle Gowan became involved in fostering. To young Michelle, Lori was like some kind of fantastic fairy who would bring great gifts to their house.

"Lori was our caseworker when I was in elementary school," Michelle said. "In my mind, she was the one that brought us precious babies to care for so obviously she was one of my favorite people. Growing up in a foster care serving home is what made me want to serve in that way as well. Lori being the lead definitely affected that decision. I feel it is an amazing ministry and has always been on my heart! When my husband (Jamie) and I were looking for a group in which to serve with, we were thrilled when we found Lori in Searcy. It didn't seem like a coincidence to me. God moves in mysterious ways!"

Part of what has kept Lori leading others to foster and overseeing the foster program has been her attitude that it is indeed a ministry and helped her to enjoy the process as well.

"I've never really thought of it like a 'job', more like it's just what I needed to be doing," Lori said. "It is definitely not the kind of job that most people stay in for very long – there ARE stressful and gut-wrenching things that happen when working with abused children. But, feeling like you are making a difference, and having the best foster families and adoptive families to work with, it's worth it! I have been beyond fortunate all these years



CHI's hardworking Searcy crew (clockwise from top left): Sarah Wade, Hannah Basinger, Lori Vandagriff and Melinda Johnson.

of having coworkers and foster and adoptive families that support each other through the hard times and can have fun during the good times! Having a sense of humor and being able to laugh at the 'crazy' things of the job helps tremendously!"

Through the past 40 years, Lori has developed experience that has made her highly effective in this ministry.

"Lori knows just about everyone in the field of foster care and adoption," Melinda Johnson, child placement specialist, said. "She has been around longer than most of her peers and has been involved in professional associations since their inceptions. Lori almost always knows who to contact in any given situation to find out the information needed."

"We are also well-respected for the standards Lori helped develop that provide great support to our foster families," Micah said. "She expects foster families to be valued, supported and trained so they can be equipped to be



CHI Foster parents Blake and Kassie Phillips visit with Lori.

the best they can be at caring for children."

Being good at your job is certainly important, but especially when that job is a ministry, people skills are a must. As Micah remembered about his first time meeting Lori, she makes fast friends with about everyone she comes across.

"I remember my first visit to the Little Rock office," Micah said. "I was sent to drop off something to Lori. She acted like we had known each other for a lifetime. I guess that is what has always stuck out to me. Lori doesn't meet strangers. She encounters friends she hasn't met yet."

"I do believe my favorite thing about Lori is all the people who come up to me and ask about her when I speak in our supporting congregations," Micah said. "Lori

has supported a lot of families through foster care and adoptions through the years, and they all remember her fondly. Never have I had one person utter a negative word about Lori. She is like family to people. They give so much credit to Lori for helping them through the processes to foster or adopt. More importantly, they value her for continuing to help and support them after the children grew up or moved on. Lori is not a quick-in, quick-out person. She is going to be in a person's life for the long haul."

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As proof that God's timing is unbeatable, Lori's anniversary fell in February, a few weeks before COVID-19 forced shut downs and changes. A Zoom surprise party might have been easier to plan and orchestrate, but it wouldn't have been much fun.

But even as her family and friends were prepared to gather to celebrate her, the task remained to get Lori to the Paragould campus gym for the celebration. A "mandatory meeting" was announced, with every one but Lori getting a related message that the whole thing was an excuse to get Lori to campus.

"It was extremely difficult to surprise Lori on her 40th anniversary of being an employee of Children's Homes, Inc.," Micah said. "It took coordination between her parents, her daughter and her co-workers in the Searcy office to pull it off. Yes, there may have been a few little white lies told to get her to Paragould. The day of the party, it took calculated delays to make sure she arrived

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Family Finances Just What the (Juris) Doctor Ordered ESSENTIAL PLANNING DOCUMENTS IN A PANDEMIC

his changes everything." That claim has been made by sellers of products in their commercials for decades. Dodge claimed the phrase for its 1996 Intrepid,

Schlotsky's for its handcarved meats in 2012, and Ford for its 2015 were all puffing to sell a

F-150. They were all puffing to sell a product, and they were all wrong.

The COVID-19 pandemic and how the world has responded to it—that

looks like it really does change everything! The impacts are far reaching, well beyond just epidemiology. We see governments struggling with how to respond, financial markets on a rollercoaster, and a new vocabulary developing with phrases like "community spread" and "social distancing."

This all results in anxiety, in the sense of its true definition. Anxiety causes panic and indecision. One question a time like this begs is, "What are the critical documents to have in place if I succumb to a major illness?" My answer may surprise you.

You might expect a lawyer's answer to be that you must have a Last Will and Testament. That is indeed an important document, and most adults should have one. But it is not the most urgent estate planning document to have in place if things go wrong. The answer is more basic than that.

If you become disabled due to an accident or illness, someone should have the authority to handle your financial matters and make personal and healthcare decisions for you. If you have not taken basic steps to appoint someone, then it is very likely someone will have to petition a court to be appointed as your guardian or conservator (or both). This goes by different names in different states, and I will call it all "guardian" for simplicity in this article.

Petitioning a court to have a guardian appointed can be expensive, time consuming, and degrading. It

is a public court process in which one petitions a court to have you declared incompetent. It generally must involve at least two attorneys (since both the petitioner and the allegedly incompetent individual



must be represented). Even a "simple" uncontested petition for guardianship can easily costs thousands of dollars, plus it will require annual reports to be filed with the court as long as the guardianship exists.

How can you avoid the time, expense, and potential loss of dignity of a guardianship? Execute basic powers of attorney or advance directives. These are fairly simple documents with which you may name someone to make financial decisions and healthcare decisions for you in the event of disability. You may also give them some "advance directives" on certain decisions to be made (e.g. a "living will" that can direct when to stop or avoid life-sustaining treatment).

It usually costs very little (especially compared to the cost of a guardianship proceeding) to draft and execute valid powers of attorney—and it can avoid the courthouse entirely! Technically, even a spouse lacks the authority to make decisions like this for his or her disabled spouse without a power of attorney or being appointed by a court. The last thing loved ones should have on their hands when facing an imminent health threat is trekking into a lawyer's office and the courthouse to establish authority to make critical decisions for you.

So, what's my "prescription" for the documents one should put in place immediately in the face of a pandemic? I recommend talking with someone as soon as possible about drafting basic powers of attorney, one for financial matters and one for healthcare and personal matters. I also do not recommend this as a "home remedy" of self-drafted documents. Although these documents look quite **See FAMILY on page 27**



An outside and inside view of the new main building at The Ridge Retreat and Adventure Center.

Construction Continues at The Ridge Retreat Center

Onstruction continues on the new main building at The Ridge Retreat and Adventure Center. While the excessive amounts of rain during the winter months and the crisis from Covid-19 this spring has delayed progress some, they didn't halt work completely.

Crews are still onsite completing different aspects of the new facility. Walls are being painted, ceiling tiles and flooring are being installed, kitchen ventilation systems are in place, interior doors are being hung and prep work continues on the pavilion behind the building to name a few of the final projects.

As work is completed, we will

post new photos on all social media sites of Children's Homes, Inc.

Our target date to have the building completed is June 1st. That date may have to be changed if we continue to face small delays due to weather, as well as the continuing effects of Covid-19.

Once completed, Children's Homes, Inc. plans to host a grandopening celebration to honor the many families and businesses who helped bring this project from dream to reality. The date of that celebration has yet to be determined because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Once determined, we will post the date on all our social media sites.

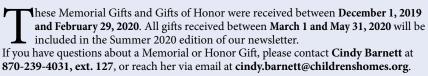


The kitchen of the new main building at The Ridge Retreat and Adventure Center.



As of press time, the state of Arkansas is under a directive from the Governor to avoid gatherings of 10 people or more. We are unsure if CRYC at The Ridge camp sessions will proceed as scheduled for this year. When a decision is reached, it will be announced on The Ridge Facebook page as well as **theridgecenter.org**. You may monitor these sites for updates.

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Vilonia Volunteers







Directly before Children's Homes, Inc. closed its campus to outside visitors, we welcomed a volunteer group from the Vilonia Church of Christ for their annual visit. They accomplished a lot at our Olive Ranch and then provided a pizza dinner for our children in care. We thank the group for their hard work and hope they get to return soon.

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It's a good time to help others, collect labels

The virus has affected the lives of all individuals in the United States and in the entire world either directly or indirectly. I hope that you are practicing safe precautions.

The children at CHI are eager for the pandemic to stop. What can you do to help them? You can send them cheerful cards, magazines, word search puzzles, gift cards from fast food restaurants, coloring books, etc. You can also continue to save UPC bar codes from all Best Choice products except fluid milk and aluminum cans.

You might be wondering how I can receive the numerous UPCs. Some are mailed to my address, some are hand-delivered to me from members of area congregations, some are left on the hood of my car, some are picked up on the CHI food and supply run, some are sent to the Children's Homes and placed in a special drawer for me to pick up about once a month and some are given by the Dunklin County congregation by way of my granddaughter, who teaches in Pemiscot County with a member of Slicer Street Church of Christ.

So whatever you can do to help someone during this crisis, I urge you to do God's work and also to pray for all of earth's people.

The total number of Best Choice UPCs collected as of March 31 is 9,000.

- Barbara Petty

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Easter Activities



COVID-19 wiped out one campus tradition this spring — the annual Easter Hat Parade. We're looking at rescheduling for later on. However, just because the children in care didn't get to show off their decorated hats this year doesn't mean they didn't have a happy Easter. We've had lots of Easter donations from businesses, individuals and churches to make sure everyone had a bright holiday.

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But, the houseparents are also having to come up with a lot of activities to occupy the children outside of their class work. Driveways are adorned with chalk drawings. Front lawns have become baseball and kickball fields. Campus streets are filled with kids riding bicycles. Swings are swinging and slides are sliding. On rainy days, puzzles, board games and crafts have become the order of the day. You can go to our Facebook page to see loads of pictures of the fun-filled activities.

Just as we have people keeping us stocked with food, we have others who are keeping us stocked with fun activities for the children. We setup an Amazon wish list that contained fun activities for the kids. Almost every day, we get a package from someone that contains items from that list.

In the midst of all of this craziness was Easter. Even in a crisis, our supporters found ways to make sure the kids had their Easter baskets. They had an abundance of baskets, candy, stuffed animals, bubbles, kites, sunglasses, snacks and a host of other treats.

Still others are finding their ways to provide some relief to our houseparents. Supporters are donating funds for us to go purchase dining out meals for the family homes. So far, pizza and barbecue have been the meals of choice. Our houseparents are grateful to get a night off from cooking now and then.

The more difficult part of this pandemic has been the kids not being able to have as much contact with their biological families. Inperson visits have been temporarily discontinued, and the kids are left to only hear the voices of their family members through phone calls. When possible, we try to have visits through avenues like Facetime or Zoom.

We are very grateful that the biological families have been so understanding of the situation. They have expressed their thankfulness that we are taking such extreme measures to protect their children and grandchildren from infection.

Our foster families are having a bit more of a struggle during this virus. Since the Division of Child and Family Services in Arkansas is still encouraging visits between foster children and their biological parents, foster families are doing all they can to accommodate visits.

In the beginning stages of the virus, face-to-face visits were still happening. This was very challenging since so many of those visits had to take place in public spaces, which most often included restaurants. With most of those places closed due to the virus, finding safe places and ways for visits to happen was not easy. However, our foster families still did their very best to accommodate the families of the foster children in their care while practicing very good social distancing standards.

Thankfully, DCFS has now moved from face-to-face visits to the use of options like Facetime, Skype, Zoom, etc.

I hope you see we are taking every precaution possible to protect the children, our staff and foster parents, and we are truly thankful for those who continue to partner with us during this crisis.

Because of the virus, people are also very concerned about our

financial situation. Since we remain a ministry that is funded by the Lord's church and His people, there is good reason for them to be concerned.

We were already prepared to see a decline in our giving this year due to the presidential election cycle. Giving normally always trails off during presidential election years. However, we are also dealing with a virus that has shut down our churches and businesses. People are being laid off because of the virus. The volatility of the stock market is weighing on the minds of everyone. All of these factors have come together to create a perfect storm for non-profits like Children's Homes, Inc.

Because of all of these uncontrollable factors, our giving has declined. Rest-assured we are doing everything we can to cut our daily operational expenses without sacrificing any programs for the children in care and without having to furlough our staff who is so essential to the daily operations of this ministry. We still have to care for children and families, and it takes dedicated people to accomplish that task.

I know our faithful supporters will do what they can (and even more, if possible) to help us through this crisis. You are always faithful! I do ask that you keep us in your prayers as we will do the same for you. We have successfully faced challenges in our past, and we will do it again. God is good, and now is not the time to lose our faith. He will provide the help we need as long as we keep our eyes fixed on Him.

Micah Brinkley is Children's Homes' Executive Director.

Memorial & Honor Giving

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Honor the life and/or memory of a loved one by giving to Children's Homes in the form of a Memorial gift or Honor gift. Gifts will be used in specific areas of service at Children's Homes (i.e. school supplies, farm, etc.) upon request. PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION!

Your Information:		
Name		
Address		
City/State/ZIP		
Daytime Phone (in case we have questions about the gift)		
Congregation (if applicable)		
E-Mail Address		
N220 Return in attached envelope or mail to: Children's Homes, Inc. • 5515 Walcott Road • Paragould, AR 72450		

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after everyone else was in the building. I think she was pretty frustrated with her co-workers by the time they arrived on campus."

While two of her coworkers from Searcy arrived independently, Melinda was tasked with getting Lori to the party just after everyone else was situated and ready, which took a few creative detours and stall tactics. All guests, including Lori's daughter Staci, were perched and ready to surprise as Lori opened

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simple, there are traps for the unwary. The time the document is most needed (i.e., you are disabled) is a very bad time to discover it was not prepared or executed properly. Seek competent counsel on this important matter.

If you do not know where to get help, or if you would like some basic questions answered before you seek professional assistance, the partition into the gym, which was not the entrance everyone anticipated, but the crowd adjusted quickly.

At the sound of "Surprise!," Lori's jaw dropped and she asked repeatedly, "What did you do?" She then held up a folder and said, "I thought this was a meeting! I brought things to discuss!" She then spotted Staci (who might have also had to fib about her plans for that day to maintain the surprise) and

we can help with that. We would be happy to help you sort through these important decisions and point you in the right direction to get competent counsel.

Children's Homes, Inc. is pleased to offer our friends and supporters a values-based estate planning service from an expert estate planning advisor. Frank Stepp of Thompson & Associates meets with and assists everyone else who had gathered and quickly commenced with visiting.

Micah presented Lori with a crystal plaque for her office, commemorating her time of service. All ill feelings about the mild deception passed quickly and everyone enjoyed a nice lunch (and of course, cake) while sharing memories about Lori.

Sure, a surprise party is a lot of work, but some people are just worth it.

families or individuals as they navigate through various planningrelated issues.

There is no obligation on your part and everything you say is held in confidence.

For more information, please contact **Gary Cupp**, Director of Development at Children's Homes, Inc. by phone at **870-239-4031**, ext. **140**, or via email at gary.cupp@ childrenshomes.org.



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Clothing Needs

We always welcome donations of age-appropriate used clothing; however, for underwear and sock items appearing on this list, we request only NEW, store-bought items in their packaging. For other items, such as pants, we will happily accept used items.

NEW ONLY

- Bras Sizes Medium to Extra Large.
- Crew socks Men's and Older Boys' Sizes.
- Underwear All Men's Sizes, Boys' Sizes 10 and Up. All Styles Except Briefs.

NEW OR USED

- Tank or Sleeveless Undershirts White. Sizes: Boys' - M, L, XL, XXL Men's- XL - XXL
- Men's and Boys' Pants Size 12 kids to adult sizes. Colors - Khaki, tan, blue or black.
- Girls' Pants Size 12 and up.
- Ladies' Pants Size 0-20. (Especially khaki pants, sizes 10 to 20.
- Men's Dress Shoes Sizes 7 to 14.

Grocery Needs

- Juice
- Graham Crackers
- Saltine Crackers
- Cereal •
- Oatmeal .
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Chicken Broth
- Beef Broth
- Snacks
- Popcorn
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

- Barbecue Sauce
 - Black Olives

Occasionally, we list items by brand name so our donors will know exactly what items we're needing, but store brands and generic items are always received here with gratitude!

- - Black Beans
 - Salad Dressing
 - Miracle Whip
 - Parmesan Cheese
 - Coffee •
 - **Coffee Filters**
 - **Chocolate Chips** •
 - Almond Bark •
 - Black Beans
 - Bar Soap •
 - Fingernail Clippers
 - **Toenail Clippers**
 - Shampoo
 - Conditioner
 - Laundry
 - Detergent