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Holly Hill Celebrate 50th Golf Classic!

This year Holly Hill's Golf Classic will celebrate its 50th year as a Northern KY tradition. Started back in 1962 and called the "All Day Invitational Golf Outing," it was held at Devou Park on July 11th. Many things have changed over the years including the string quartet that played at dinner! Now held at A.J. Jolly for almost 48 years, this May 25th event promises to be truly special. It continues to be a tremendous success because of our community's support and involvement. If you would like more information on sponsorship or advertising opportunities, or if you'd like to participate or donate in this year's classic, please call Dawn Michaels @ 859-635-0500.

The girls in our Residential Treatment program put their snow days to good use by creating a snow figure they named "Holly." They moved her to the front walkway in a wagon so she could greet staff and visitors alike!

Volunteer Highlights

Those who can, do.
Those who can do more, Volunteer.
~ Author Unknown ~

High School students donated their time to help out at our Family Connections Center holiday party. Pictured are (from the left clockwise): Clermont Eastern student Christian Carwell and Newport Central Catholic students, Kourtney Ward, Josie Cayze, Lauren Geisman, and Kennedy Walthers.

Employees from P & G's North America Home Care CMK division, volunteered to wrap presents for the FCC holiday party.

PNC employees (above) volunteered to wrap presents for Holly Hill's Residential Christmas party.

For more information on volunteer opportunities at Holly Hill please call 859-635-0500 or go to the volunteer page on our website: www.hollyhill-ky.org

Clermont Northeastern High School sophomore Christian Carwell is a pretty amazing young lady. After spending time at a Christian Youth Conference last summer, she was challenged to organize a toy drive for a community organization. A friend suggested Holly Hill and the idea for a game drive was hatched! Through Harvest Point Church in Goshen, other local churches, and ETA Engineering, where her father works, Christian collected 323 games that she donated to Holly Hill's Family Connections Center for this year's holiday party.

To be able to gather that many individual donations, Christian passed out flyers, made posters, sent out emails, and spoke to community leaders. Let's just say she's been one busy girl! We would like to thank Christian for her commitment to her community and to the children and families of Holly Hill. I'm sure you'll agree, she's one special girl.

Halloween and Thanksgiving

Halloween is an especially fun time at Holly Hill. Each year staff and volunteers decorate the administration building and create the "Haunted Hallway!" After school the girls in residential treatment dress in costumes and trick-or-treat down the hallway, never knowing who or what is lurking in the cobwebs and fog!

Holly Hill staff, dressed in their own costumes, pass out treats to the girls as they make their way down our spooky corridor. Special thanks to Gary McCormick who helps to make the afternoon truly special by taking the girls on a hayride. Afterwards it's hotdogs and marshmallows roasted by the campfire. And although this annual fright fest has been going on for quite a long time, no one has figured out WHO has more fun - the girls or the staff!

Holly Hill's staff pose for a picture after trick-or-treat down the infamous "Haunted Hallway!"

A child shares what they are most "thankful for" at this year's celebration.

Kelly Services along with help from Divisions, Inc. delivered decorated pumpkins to bring some holiday "spirits" to Holly Hill! Pictured are from the left: Residential Treatment Director Jo Wilder, Executive Director Connie Wong and Kelly representatives Shirley Collins and Susan Walsh.

Thanksgiving at Holly Hill is a special time where clients, their families, staff and board, all get together and give thanks for the blessings we've been given. Children in our programs are invited to share what they are truly thankful for. As in years past our program contained some very emotional moments - not only for the children and their families but also for the staff and the board. For the past several years many of our board members have volunteered to serve the meal as they feel it connects them even more to our mission of helping families.

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A very special thank you to all of you who helped make this such a wonderful holiday for all of the children and families that we serve. You've helped make lasting memories for all of us ~The Holly Hill Staff~

Family Connections Center

Our Community based programs held their holiday party at the Marquise Banquet Center in Wilder. Bluegrass Quality meats donated 400 hotdogs for the children and families who attended this year's shindig. The children sang as loud as they could so jolly old St. Nick could find them. And find them he did!

Staff from our Family Connections Center provided the entertainment for this year's staff party. Their rendition of "The Grinch" was very imaginitive as you can see from the picture above..

A New Program Comes to Holly Hill

Holly Hill recently began offering Therapy Services. Our new program offers individual, group and collateral therapy for families and children in Northern Kentucky, in addition to behavior health assessments. Funded by Impact Plus, the program will be located at the Family Connections Center in Wilder. For additional information on Therapy services, contact Eileen Moore, Head of Community Based Services at (859) 442-8500.

Residential Christmas

The pictures included in this publication are of actual children served by one of Holly Hill's programs. To protect their privacy we have covered their faces when necessarily.

The Residential Christmas party is always special but this year was one that won't soon be forgotten. As is the tradition, the girl's are allowed to sleep late and then awoken to the clanging sounds of pots and pans. As they make their way over the the main building clad in their new pajamas, the staff puts the finishing touches on a breakfast buffet that even Frisch's would be envious of!

Justin Beiber was a BIG hit this Christmas!

"I just can't believe that all of this is mine."

After finishing breakfast, playing games, and singing songs, who should walk through the door, but Ole St. Nick himself. This is when things get really exciting. The presents are passed out...everyone oohs and ahhs over the wonderful gifts. The staff gets tickled when a "special present" that a child has been asking for, is opened next. There are squeals of delight, sometimes tears of joy - it's a wonderful thing to be a part of.

"This is the first good Christmas that I have ever had in my life."

Then something even more magical happened. One by one, completely unplanned, girls stood up to say how grateful they were - how this may have been the best Christmas they had ever experienced. They were overwhelmed by the generosity and the caring of people in this community who didn't even know their names. Quite honestly there was not a dry eye to be found.

"This is the best Christmas that I have ever had, and even though I am away from my family it helps to know that so many people that don't even know me care about me."

We would like to thank all of those whose names you will see on our holiday donor page. They are the people and companies who make moments like this possible.

News from the Hill

Holly Hill's Annual Board Dinner took place at the Newport Syndicate on January 6th. After a delicious dinner, new Board Chair Kevin Hanson welcomed our new board members (see below.) The hardest part of the night was saying good bye to people who have been such an important part of Holly Hill's successful efforts to make a difference in the lives of Northern Kentucky's children and families. Honored for their past service were: (pictured to the left are) former Chair John Wenderfer, Carol Purser, Treasurer Phil Foster, Ken Rechtin, and John Kuntz. And although we won't be seeing them regularly, we know they won't be far away.

From left, new Board members Pat Wingo, Roger VonStrohe, Bill Hagedorn, Sally Proctor, and John Muench (not pictured, Scott Tackett.)

Special thanks to the Morgan Stanley Foundation, the Durr Legacy Fund, the Chemed Foundation, the Barbara S. & Richard G. Hoefinghoff Family Fund, KMRO, American Legion Post #11, and the Country Cruisers Car Club for their generous gifts to Holly Hill Children's Services.

Holly Hill Training Specialist Connie Fisher (second from the left) accepts a donation from the Mitsubishi Mash Committee Members: Scott Cluxton, Deana Shields, Vanessa Gaunce, and Anna Turner (kneeling.)

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Holly Hill was recently awarded $10,000 for our "Safe Passages" program to help purchace new vehicles. We would like to thank the Powell Crosley Girls Club Fund, the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation NKY Fund, the Elsi Grimm Memorial fund of GCF and The Greater Cincinnati Foundation for the generous gift.

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***Holly Hill** is a social service agency serving Northern Kentucky's most vulnerable children and families. We currently offer a total of seven programs:*

Residential Treatment
Therapeutic Foster Care
Adoption
Case Management
Therapeutic Child Support
Supervised Visitation/Monitored Exchange
Therapy Services.

Thank You

To the John A. Schroeth Family Charitable Trust, PNC Bank, Trustee which granted Holly Hill $11,000 to purchase new gutters as a part of our continuing capital improvement project. This will help us maintain our new roofs which went on last year.

Wish List

Craft and Scrapbooking Supplies

Craft Supplies specific to children 5 and under

Medium worsted yarn

Crochet needles

Flash Drives 2GB

Scientific Calculators

3 Ring Binders

Mechanical Pencils

Plastic Serving Utensils

DVD's for teenage girls (PG or PG 13)

Plastic covered pillows

Plastic clothes hangers

Towels / Washcloths

Wii games such as:

*Just Dance
*Just Dance 2
*The MJ Experience
*Disney Sing It Karaoke
*Rock Band games