

# Wings



A Newsletter for Friends of Youth Home, Inc. Winter 2006

## THE CHRISTMAS TRADITION OF ST. NICK

Saint Nicholas was born of wealthy parents in the year 280 in a small town in Asia Minor. He lost his parents at a young age, but not before they had instilled in him the gift of giving. Stories of his generosity and compassion for the poor are legendary. One well known story tells of a visit to the house of a very poor family, where he climbed upon the roof and dropped a bag of gold down the chimney. The bag landed in a stocking that one of the daughters had hung by the fire to dry. Hence the Christmas tradition that Santa arrives through the chimney and leaves gifts in children's stockings.

Imagine waking up as a child on Christmas morning in a bed away from home, away from family and friends. You know you are in a safe place, but you wonder if there will be any gifts or celebration. You know you are making progress with your mental health treatment, but you wish you were home for the holidays with your own stocking hung by the fire.

Christmas is a season when the spirit of Saint Nicholas comes alive through the generosity of giving. Yet, some of the children at Youth Home have never experienced the joy of Christmas, hanging stockings or opening gifts. With the Christmas season fast

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## Youth Home's Outpatient Clinic Celebrates 10 Years of Helping Families

One of the best kept secrets in Little Rock is Youth Home, Inc.'s Family Therapy Services, located at #2 Inwood Circle near the post office just off Market Street. Since 1996, Youth Home's outpatient clinic has offered individual, group, couples and family therapy to people who want to make positive life changes.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Youth Home, Inc. is to help emotionally troubled adolescents and families become healthier contributing members of the community.



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# EGGSHIBITION NEARING

Eggshibition 2007, *Nobody Does it Better*, will be Friday, March 9, 2007.

As in the past this unique event will feature live and silent auctions with Eggstraordinary art, as well as libations and hors d'oeuvres.

Eggshibition artists and committee members were invited to Youth Home's campus October 12. Three tours were given and the artists attending appreciated the experience.

"Until I went on the tour of Youth Home's campus, I had no idea the depth of care their patients need and receive. I could go on and on about the staff not giving



up on anyone, the individual care, the improvements in grades and self esteem - it floored me," said artist and committee member Molly DeBusk.

And coming in February 2007... an online preview at [www.YouthHome.cMarket.com](http://www.YouthHome.cMarket.com) of fabulous trips and packages that will be available for live auction on Friday, March 9 at the Clear Channel Metroplex. If you have anything you would like to donate, from rare collectibles to prized personal or business services, now is the time to make your contribution. Call Chrissy Jennings at 501.821.5500 for more information.

## JERRY W. DAVIS CHARITY CLASSIC

Affiliated Foods Southwest hosted the Jerry W. Davis Charity Classic at Pleasant Valley Country Club on Monday, October 23, 2006. Nearly 40 teams participated in the four person scramble.

Proceeds from the Jerry W. Davis Charity Classic benefit Baptist Health Schools of Nursing, CARTI, Centers for Youth and Families, Dorcas House, P.A.R.K. and Youth Home. Many thanks to Affiliated Foods Southwest for including Youth Home. We appreciate all AFS does in our community.



### STAFF HONORS:

- Chrissy Jennings was awarded the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Arkansas Chapter Certificate of Proficiency in Fundraising. Chrissy is Special Events Coordinator at Youth Home.
- Shaunda Cooney was promoted to Finance Director in July 2006. She began as a Staff Accountant for Youth Home in 2001 and was promoted to Senior Accountant in 2005.
- Stacy Wilson earned her LCSW in August 2006. Stacy is Clinical Therapist for Youth Home's Rose House.



### Donor Thanks

- Arkansas BlueCross BlueShield for hosting a hot dog luncheon in July to benefit Youth Home
- Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church for Youth Home's participation in the Greek Food Festival
- First Security Bank for a gift during the September ribbon cutting for their new branch at the Ranch in Little Rock
- Merrill Lynch for sponsoring a Casual Friday benefit for Youth Home in September

**The following clinical therapists are available at Youth Home's outpatient clinic:**

**René Alonso, LPE**—René is one of the few Spanish speaking therapists in Little Rock and has worked with children, adolescents and families for more than 20 years. His specialty is Family Therapy.

**Tammy Rhyne, LCSW**—Tammy works with children, adolescents and families, including work with domestic violence and abuse issues.

**Nita Spann, LCSW**—Nita has worked with children, adolescents and families for more than 20 years. She specializes in grief and loss work with individuals, adolescents and families.

**Roy Graves, LCSW**—Roy conducts Home Studies in custody cases referred to Youth Home through a Department of Children and Family Services grant.

Psychiatrist **Robin Hickerson, MD** works with the therapeutic team at Youth Home's outpatient clinic.

In July, Youth Home received a Division of Youth Services grant for our new "Strengthening Families" program. **Tammy Rhyne** provides clinical therapy for the children and their families. Case Manager **Janice Birt** works exclusively and intensively with the families to promote more effective coping skills and encourage family members to become healthier contributing members of the community. Feedback from participants is positive. Family members report being fearful of entering the program and having their child labeled a "bad

kid" because of involvement with Juvenile Court. However, the program helps tremendously, and family members say they will refer others to Youth Home.

Therapist Tammy Rhyne says, "Youth Home's outpatient staff is diverse and able to help with problems of all kinds. We work with a lot of hurting families who begin to heal during their time with us."

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*If you, your friends or family are having difficulty, call for an appointment. Youth Home's therapists will help you utilize your strengths to make each day better.*

approaching, take the time to make it a season to remember by participating in Youth Home's Christmas for Kids Campaign.

This annual event provides a variety of activities that benefit our boys and girls. You can make sure there are gifts under the tree and love in the hearts of our children. Through your generosity, Youth Home's children will experience the joy of the Christmas season, some for the first time in their lives. Your gifts will brighten our kids' lives and make them feel at home while away from home this holiday season.

Call 501.821.5500 or visit [www.YouthHome.org](http://www.YouthHome.org) to find out how you can make a gift today.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

A new young professionals group is currently accepting members. The membership fee is \$25. The young professionals group will provide networking opportunities and plan special events to benefit the programs and services of Youth Home, Inc. If you are interested in becoming a part of this exciting new group contact Chrissy Jennings, Special Event Coordinator, at 501.821.5500 or by email at [chrissy.jennings@youthhome.org](mailto:chrissy.jennings@youthhome.org).

## New Faces at Youth Home

### Wynola Day – Billing Specialist

Wynola Day came to Youth Home in August. She has a BA in Sociology from Arkansas State University. Previously, she worked for the State of Arkansas for 10 years at UAMS as a Social Service Representative and at the Department of Health and Human Services as a Family Support Specialist. She is married with four children. Wynola says "I am enjoying my position as Billing Specialist at Youth Home. Everyone is very friendly and helpful."

### Brandi Ring – Teacher

Brandi Ring is a new teacher at Youth Home who joined us in August. She graduated from the University of Central Arkansas in December 2005 with a BSE in Education. Her first job was teaching Kindergarten in Cabot at Magness Creek Elementary. Brandi says, "I really enjoyed working with little children, but I decided to pursue a different aspect

of teaching. I was terrified at first, but by the end of the first week I loved it. I really enjoy working at Youth Home."

### Dr. Chima Uko Igwe – Teacher

Dr. Chima Uko Igwe joined Youth Home's team in August as a teacher at the Siebert Educational Center. His BA and MA in Political Science are from UALR and Purdue University, and his Doctor of Education is from the University of Nevada in Reno. Dr. Igwe says, "I strongly believe that our young people can be helped in the therapeutic environment that Youth Home provides. I see great potential in many of the students that have come my way. Many are intelligent, but need a helping hand to become productive members of our society. With the combination of medical, psychological, behavioral, social and educational opportunities at Youth Home, I see positive things in the future for the young people we serve."



Wynola Day



Brandi Ring



Dr. Chima Uko Igwe

# All About the Kids Employee Giving Campaign

Youth Home's 2006-07 **All About the Kids Employee Campaign** is off to a strong start.

An Executive Staff car wash in October raised \$407 for **All About the Kids**. Proceeds from the car wash will be used to purchase hygiene products for our kids.

**All About the Kids** continued in November with a cookout provided by First Security Bank. An employee Day Off Raffle was held after the cookout; the two events raised almost \$400 for our kids! Thank you to all the staff for participating, and a big thanks to First Security for providing the cookout!



## Thank You to our Neighbors...

This year's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Annual Giving Campaign is off to a great start, with 100% giving from our board members and executive staff and strong participation from all our staff. Annual support from our friends and neighbors is vital to the continued success of our services for the most severely emotionally troubled adolescents in Arkansas. We appreciate the support of the following donors (as of 11/7/2006), and hope that you'll join them in supporting Youth Home's kids. Thank you!

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## Making a Bequest

Studies indicate that only 30% of Americans have a will. Yet legal experts say that this is one of the most thoughtful things you can do for your family. Your will is a description of your legacy. A charitable legacy ensures your life, your principles and your capital will continue to matter when you are gone. Every gift, large or small, is vitally important.

### A charitable legacy can:

- keep your hard-earned assets alive forever
- touch the lives of others in your community
- make the world better for your children and grandchildren

### A will can:

- enable you to be in charge of where and how your assets are distributed
- help you make decisions about the care of your minor children
- allow you to make decisions about a living will and medical power of attorney at the same time
- help you remember charitable organizations that are important to you
- let you decide who will be executor of your estate
- reduce the cost of settling your estate
- enable you to take advantage of tax-saving devices
- express your desired legacy

If you would like more information about remembering Youth Home Foundation in your will, contact Fran Carter at 501.821.5500.

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

### Memorials

Clara Buchanan  
*By Beth Cartwright*

Louise Ellis  
*By Nancy Milbourn*

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*By Pam Fite*

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Beth Butler  
*By Jim Wilson*

Chris Davis  
*By IBC Young Adults Singles Class*

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# From the President of Youth Home Foundation

## Who will determine your legacy?

Do you have a will? Have you made provisions for those you love? Have you arranged to continue your support of those charities whose mission excites you? Your will is a description of your legacy, and it is also one of the most thoughtful things you can do for your family.

Do your children and grandchildren know what legacy you want to leave? Teach them the importance of philanthropy. Make a difference now. Make a difference forever.

More than 70 out of 100 Americans make charitable contributions on an annual basis. We are a generous people, and we see the incredible results of that all across Arkansas every day. But did you also know that 70% of us do not have a written will, and only 6 out of 100 people leave a charitable bequest when they die?

Take time to consider your own legacy. Every bequest, large or small, is important. Would you like to continue your support for Youth Home beyond your lifetime? For every \$1 given annually to charity, a bequest of \$20 can endow the annual gift. If you give \$500 annually, a bequest of \$10,000 could provide a charity with \$500 in annual income - forever. It's not hard to do the math. And it's not hard to envision the potential impact of such bequests on the charities, such as Youth Home, that help the young Arkansans who need it most.

A charitable bequest to Youth Home Foundation will allow your legacy to continue long after you are gone. Your gift will continue to make a difference in the lives of those who need it.

Your generosity may also inspire others to act. Youth Home, like most charities, relies on annual gifts to operate, so the death of an annual supporter leaves a gap in funding. Your bequest can fill this gap and provide your favorite charity with the financial stability to continue their good work. Don't miss your opportunity to leave your legacy. For assistance, please contact Youth Home at 501.821.5500 or LEAVE A LEGACY® at [www.LeaveALegacyArkansas.com](http://www.LeaveALegacyArkansas.com).

Thank you for your gifts that support the children at Youth Home. Please call us at 501.821.5500 to tell us if you've made a bequest to Youth Home Foundation in your will. We want to say thank you!

*Ron Rivers is President of Youth Home Foundation and Executive Vice President of Operations and Information Systems with Affiliated Foods Southwest.*



Ron Rivers

## Kids Kolumn



### Many Thanks...

A special thank you to Vratsinas Construction Company! Your generous holiday gift will certainly make this holiday season special for the children at Youth Home.



### Dove Tree Wish List

New DVD Players  
Gameboy Advance, SP  
Boom Box  
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Educational PC Software  
Basketball, Football, Soccer,  
Volleyball, Kickball  
2 Liter Soda  
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Discman  
Luggage  
Board Games  
Stuffed Animals  
Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, or 9 volt)  
Men's Wallet  
Ladies' Purse  
Blankets  
Twin Comforter  
Mens and Ladies Jeans  
Mens and Ladies Athletic Shoes  
Gift Certificates: Fast Food,  
Entertainment, Restaurants, Old Navy,  
Target, Best Buy

*Call Chrissy Jennings at 501.821.5500 or email [chrissy.jennings@youthhome.org](mailto:chrissy.jennings@youthhome.org) to adopt a Dove Tree for your office or family today.*

## New Tax Legislation

In August, Congress passed the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (H.R. 4), a bill that included a limited IRA charitable rollover provision. Under this new rule, taxpayers age 70½ or older can make tax-free distributions to charitable organizations from their traditional IRA accounts of up to \$100,000 per calendar year in 2006 and 2007. Funds must come from an IRA or Rollover IRA. Distributions must be made directly to a public charity. Gifts to charitable trusts, donor advised funds and supporting organizations

are not eligible. There is no charitable deduction for the distributions. However, not paying tax on otherwise taxable income is the equivalent of a deduction.

This is a great opportunity for donors to avoid receiving a required minimum distribution and the related income tax. The IRA custodian must transfer the distribution directly to the chosen non-profit organization for both 2006 and 2007.

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November 19	Evening of Giving @ McCain Mall
December 4	30% of Dinner Sales at Bene Vita & Loca Luna benefit Youth Home
December 14	Celebrity Karaoke with 103.7 The Buzz
December 16	Christmas Gift Wrapping at Youth Home
January	Employee Recognition Dinner
February 16	Eggshibition Kickoff Party
March 9	Eggshibition 2007

Visit our website at [www.YouthHome.org](http://www.YouthHome.org) for our up-to-date calendar of events.

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For more information on making an honor or memorial gift, contact Youth Home's Development Department at 501.821.5500.



**Please consider including Youth Home in your will.**

Your bequest can make a world of difference in the life of a troubled boy or girl. If you have already included Youth Home in your estate plans, let us know so we may thank you. Please call

**Fran Carter** at Youth Home at 501.821.5500.

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