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Connections



Christ's Home
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Frontline

Welcome to our Annual Report issue of CONNECTIONS. We have much to be grateful to the Lord for in the past year and we have great anticipation for the year ahead.

Our cover shows something that is common to all of us – driving a car. In our field of vision lies the road ahead through the windshield, and the road behind in the rear view mirror. Both are in view at all times.

Looking back, and looking forward, are both themes in God's Word. There are many places in the Bible where God reminds us to look back and remember what He has done. There are also many verses that implore us to look ahead.

I recently came across one of those verses while reading Proverbs. It is in Chapter 4, verse 25. It reads: "Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you."

The Apostle Paul put it this way: "Forgetting what is behind, and straining toward what is ahead, I press on...." (Philippians 3:13)

While that is our heartbeat here at Christ's Home – to press on to the future and take hold of new and exciting things that God wants to do – we want to take some time to look into the rear-view mirror and remember what God has already accomplished in the past year.

We trust you will be encouraged as you read this issue. We hope that it will give cause for you to pause and think about what God has done in your life in the past year, and look forward expectantly to what He has for you on the road ahead.

Thank you for standing with us as friends and partners in this work.

Pressing On,

John Bryant
CEO



Annual Report

We are pleased to share with you this Annual Report which demonstrates God's favor for Christ's Home. We would like to take a look at the road we've already covered, and the road that lies ahead.

In the Rear View Mirror

While we endured some fiscal challenges due to a lower than expected census in both the Children's Program and in our Skilled Nursing Unit in the middle of Fiscal 2016 (ending June 30, 2016), the picture in both of these areas changed significantly to the positive by year end and has carried forward into Fiscal 2017. Along the way some wonderful things took place. The following are some highlights from our year.

- We served 131 children last year. We anticipate that number will be higher this year.
- We served 565 senior adults last year. That's significant considering that before the expansion took place (2008-2013) we used to serve about 100-120. We are reaching and serving more people today than ever before. It is very possible that this number will reach 600 this year.
- We continue in our Certification Process to become a Foster/Adoption Agency. We are grateful to our friends at Bethany Christian Services for their mentoring in this process.
- The Information Center at the retirement community was renovated and re-opened as The McKeown Center, providing much needed space for Support Group meetings, staff education, and community education programs. Our thanks to The McKeown Foundation for their support.



Participating in the Ribbon Cutting pictured: Rich Smyth, retired CEO and current Director of Special Projects for Christ's Home; John Bryant, CEO of Christ's Home; Joe McKeown, CEO of The McKeown Foundation; and Ron Dyson, Chair of the Board of The McKeown Foundation.

- Our partnership with Good Stuff Thrift continues to grow and we appreciate their support of our work with children.



Donations from Good Stuff to Christ's Home last year were \$62,834.

- 83 different volunteers provided 3,700 hours of service to the children and seniors at Christ's Home.
- Our Legacy Celebration, in its sixth year, saw the largest attendance, the highest corporate donor support, and the largest net result. After all expenses the event raised more than \$43,000 for the benevolent fund at the retirement community. Our thanks to all who supported and participated.
- The Warminster Township Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve our Family Learning Center. (More on that later.)
- Fiscal 2016 was the highest giving year in terms of dollars donated in more than a decade. THANK YOU to all of you who partner with us!



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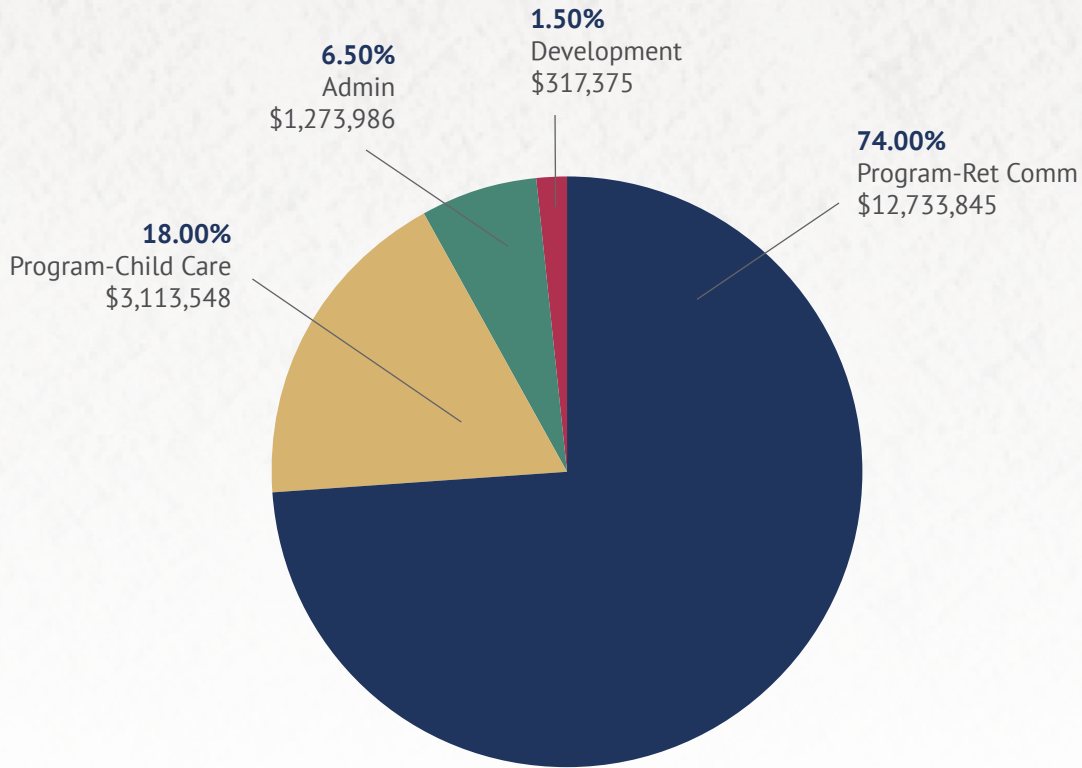
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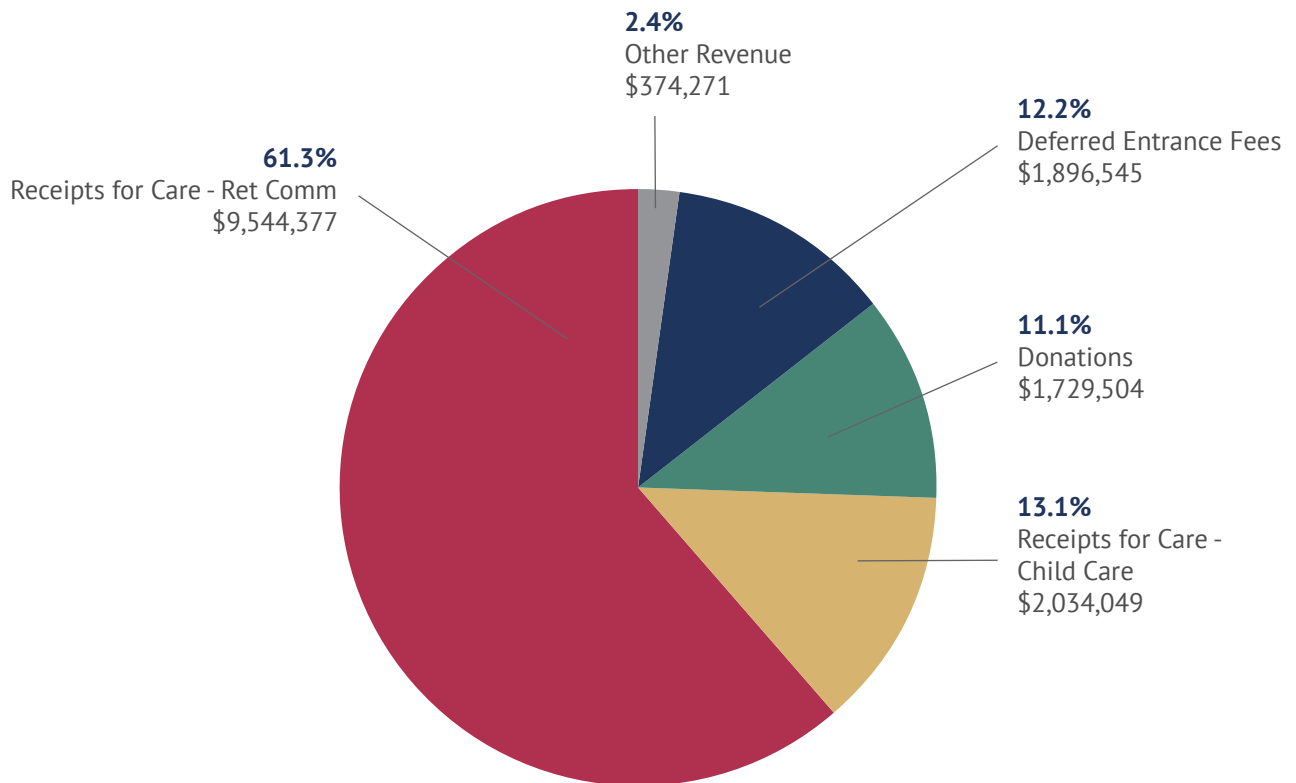
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Year Ending 6/30/16



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Year Ending 6/30/16



Our census challenges created financial challenges for us this year. But, we worked hard to hold expenses in-line with our revenues. Things have been much better with our census since June 2016. The charts on the left (page 4) provide an overview of our financial performance for Fiscal 2016.

Through the Windshield

The rear-view mirror provides a focused and narrow view of the past. The front windshield, on the other hand, provides a broader view of the full horizon ahead of us. We are excited to share with you some of the things that lie before us.

- We have commenced a Capital Campaign to raise funds for the Family Learning Center. This Campaign is being called **BUILDING LIVES, TOGETHER!** This new facility will provide the opportunity to better serve the children in residence at Christ's Home AND open the door for an expansion of service and ministry to children and families in the greater Bux-Mont region. You will be learning more about this in the months ahead. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us as a partner to create a better future by building lives through building families.
- We have been working for several months to plan a complete renovation of the Manor House on the Senior Services campus for use as a Memory Respite Care Center. Supported by The McKeown Foundation through Penn Medicine and other interested partners, **The McKeown House** will have overnight accommodations and services for senior adults suffering with memory loss to provide a respite for full-time family and/or caregivers. This is an innovative program that we believe will be the first of its kind in Pennsylvania.
- The restoration of broken families is an important need, and we are making plans to begin a new program called **Whole Family Care**. The plan is to provide housing and support to parents as they reunite and re-engage with their children who have been cared for at Christ's Home. The ultimate goal is

to return a whole, healed, and functioning family back to the community.

- As you will read later in this issue, a strong relationship has developed between Christ's Home and Doylestown Hospital in 2016. We anticipate this relationship continuing to grow and develop as we improve services to our senior adults, including an on-campus Physicians Suite to meet the needs of our independent living residents.
- Last, we are in the early stages of planning an expansion of Suite Apartments on the Senior Service campus.

In closing, we want to say thank you to those charged with the ultimate governance of Christ's Home – our Board of Trustees. They serve voluntarily, and faithfully. We are grateful for each one and the complement of talents, skills, and experiences they bring to the Board for the collective act of wise decision-making as stewards of God's ministry.

We would like to express our SPECIAL THANKS to two members who have rotated off at the conclusion of their terms at the end of calendar year 2016. They are Don Worthington and Dave Shoemaker. Together these two men served as Chairman and members of the Executive Committee for the past decade – overseeing a tremendous expansion of facilities, strategic planning, and organizational development. THANK YOU!



Vision Aligned

By Jay Gordon

A growing relationship with Doylestown Health System is focused on one goal: providing the best medical care for residents of Christ's Home

Founded as a ministry to children in Philadelphia, Christ's Home purchased a farm in Warminster and moved there a few years later. In 1923 the ministry expanded its vision with the opening of a retirement community, which has grown into a thriving complex of 125 cottages, 33 Garden Apartments, 24 independent living apartments, and a 90-room Healthcare Center, spread over a beautiful 84-acre campus.

That very same year, not even 10 miles away, the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown also purchased a property to expand its vision of providing improved healthcare to the residents of that community—and the eight-bed Doylestown Emergency Hospital opened its doors. Today the Doylestown Health System (DHS) has grown to 500 beds, and includes not just Doylestown Hospital, but Pine Run Retirement Community, an assisted living complex known as Pine Run Lakeview, and a Health & Wellness Center.

Now these two organizations, which share so much common history, vision, and values, are joining hands to improve the quality, convenience, and continuity of care for residents of Christ's Home.

The first phase of this relationship was implemented in August 2016, when Doylestown Health System was named the provider of Medical Director services at Christ's Home. The Medical Director fills a vital and required role at the Skilled Nursing Center to oversee the quality of care, to ensure that sound policy and procedures are in place, to review and approve the credentials of attending physicians, and to consult with the Administrator and Director of Nursing on the operation of the facility.

As the relationship grows, the goal of maintaining continuity of patient care in a seamless transition between Christ's Home and the hospital is clearly in view. "A big part of that what we will bring to the table is the capture and sharing of electronic patient information so that the flow of data from one facility to the other is completely seamless," says Dr. Scott Levy, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at DHS.

For residents of Christ's Home, this means that no matter where they receive care (at home, at the hospital, or in the Healthcare Center) physicians, specialists and other providers will see the results of all tests that have been done, they will know what healthcare services have been provided, and they will know the treatment plans, including prescribed medications.

"Nothing is lost or falls through the cracks," says Dr. Levy. "Your residents will have a sense of confidence and assurance that they are receiving excellent care, not just with the doctors they see, but with an entire system of care, from services like nutrition, wellness, and physical therapy all the way to medical specialists, surgical care and hospitalization, if needed."

A Nurse's Intuition

The opportunity to work more closely with Christ's Home came about, at least in part, due to the observations of a home healthcare nurse who worked for Doylestown Health. Kelly Brexler provides home care for a number of Christ's Home residents, and she remarked about the quality of the facility and the care provided at Christ's Home to her husband Jim—who happens to be President and Chief Executive Officer of Doylestown Health System.



From Left to right: Adam Edelson, Executive Director of Doylestown Health Physicians (DHS), Dr. Scott Levy, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at DHS, Jim McGovern, Chief Operating Officer at Christ's Home, and Jim Brexler, President and Chief Executive Officer of DHS.

“She said, “Do you know about this place, Christ’s Home? They have their act together, and you ought to think about talking to those folks,” Jim Brexler recalls. So in early 2016, he and others from DHS paid a visit to Christ’s Home, taking a tour and meeting with CEO John Bryant, COO Jim McGovern and other members of the Christ’s Home team.

“We were already thinking about ways we could bring our healthcare expertise closer to where people live,” Brexler says. “The reason we created the Doylestown Health System umbrella was to move from being hospital-centric to being community-centric. The hospital is a critical part of the services we provide, but if we can bring healthcare, early intervention, screenings, and health education closer to people’s homes, then we will be more successful at keeping people healthy.”

Geography is an important criteria for this new healthcare venture, “but our goal is not just to provide a more convenient location, but to provide a better

location that happens to be more convenient,” says Dr. Levy. “The two main criteria people use when choosing their healthcare provider are the quality of care, and convenience. When you are providing a better service in a place and in a way that’s also more convenient, it helps assure people that they don’t have to leave their community.”

The DHS team sees a relationship with Christ’s Home that provides similar synergies as the healthcare kiosk that opened recently at the Shop-Rite in Warminster. “There is tremendous community interest in learning about healthcare,” says Brexler. “What better time and place to have a class on nutrition than just before you go do your grocery shopping?” He envisions being able to provide similar resources at Christ’s Home.

“Part of our mission is to provide community education, and having a venue and opportunity to do that with an organization that shares your mission and sense of responsibility to residents and the broader community, it works perfectly,” he says.

Phase Two?

Not long ago, Christ's Home residents were asked in a survey what additional services they would like to see offered on campus. Jim McGovern says the number one answer was a physician's office on site. "We thought they might want a gift shop, or some additional amenities," he says. "The fact is, many of our residents don't want to drive 20 or 30 minutes to see their doctor, especially as the years go by."

While no plans have been finalized yet, on-site physician's offices could become a reality in a limited way in 2017. For Christ's Home residents, that could mean leaving behind many of the negatives associated with doctor visits: getting dressed up, traveling longer distances and navigating traffic, sitting in waiting rooms, and others. If physician services were available on campus, says Brexler, "your doctor appointment could be downstairs, or just down the hall—part of your community. That's what accessible care is all about."

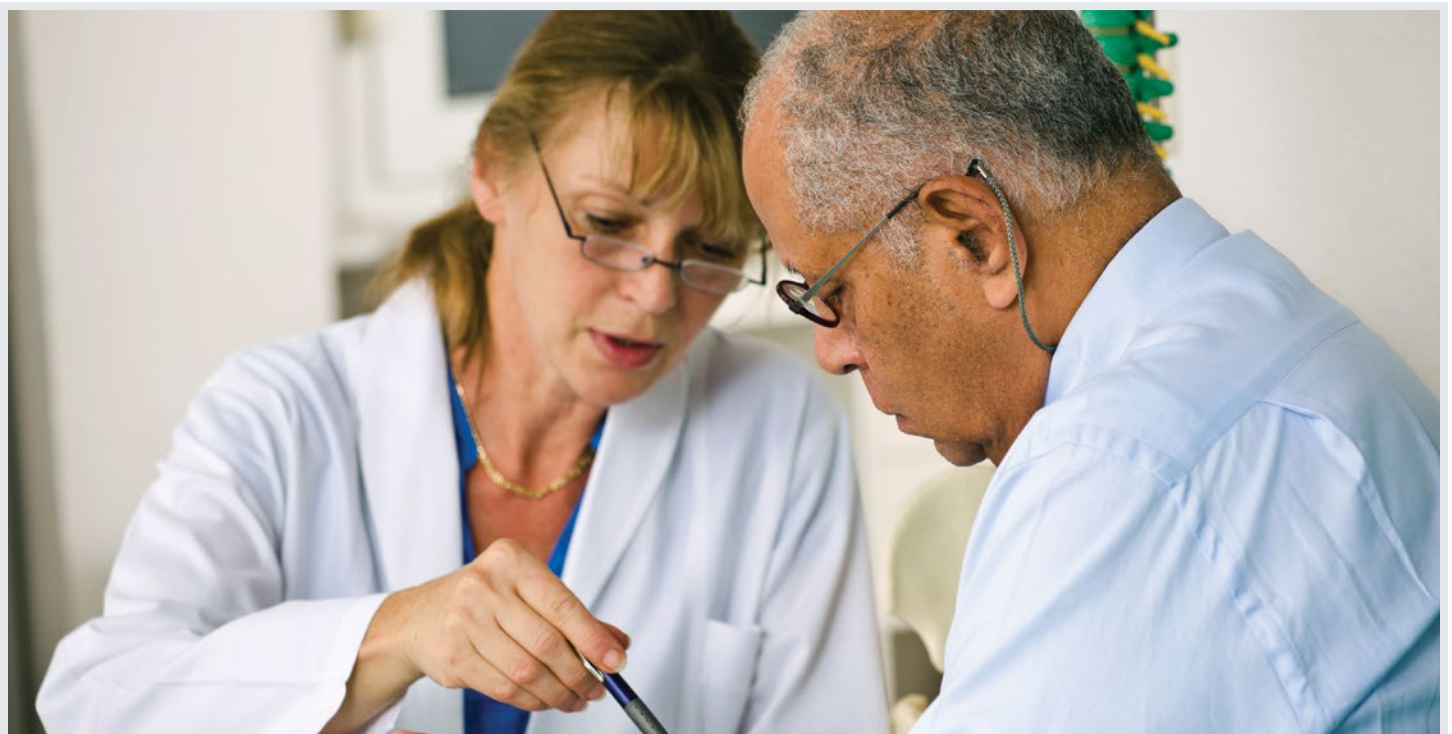
Additional opportunities to be explored could even go beyond on-campus doctor offices. A DHS-operated

urgent care facility could be just a little further down the road—literally. Christ's Home is in negotiations to bring DHS into a development project planned for a parcel of open land currently owned by Christ's Home.

"Physicians' offices are not open 24 hours, so urgent care would allow us to provide true continuity of care," says Dr. Levy. "We are currently providing this in Doylestown, and it is completely integrated with our other facilities. All of our physicians are affiliated at the urgent care facility, and there is complete information sharing—doctors at the urgent care facility have complete access to a patient's medical information."

Now that DHS and Christ's Home are working together to think about how to enhance healthcare, "the opportunities to collaborate are almost endless," says Brexler. "Because it is a natural outgrowth of our common values, mission, and culture, this relationship is going to continue to grow."

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A Top-Tier Partner

The relationship between Christ's Home and Doylestown Health System (DHS) has grown quickly because of a shared mission, vision, and culture focused on providing better care for residents—and an evolving definition of “community.”

“Doylestown Hospital is the epitome of a community hospital in the sense that we provide care for residents of our community,” says Dr. Scott Levy, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for DHS. “There was a time when ‘community’ meant Doylestown Borough and Township—(zip codes) 18901 and 18902. But over the last four or five years, our community is expanding as we are able to provide our services to a larger area.”

Yet Dr. Levy says he has become reluctant to refer to Doylestown as a community hospital. “A community hospital used to be the place you would go to for basic medical care. Anything more complex than that, and the community hospital would send its patients elsewhere—often out of the community,” he says. “We have done just the opposite. Our goal is to provide a level of service so that people do not have to leave our community.”

Doylestown's cardiac program is a good example. “We decided to do open heart surgery and other advanced cardiac procedures here, and that is not the work of a community hospital,” Dr. Levy says. “In order to do that, we couldn't be as good as the other facilities we might have referred patients to in the past--we had to be better than those other facilities, so there is no reason to go outside the community for that service.”

Doylestown Health System's commitment to excellence in healthcare is being recognized all over the country, based on a series of recent awards and recognition. For example: Doylestown Hospital was named to the list of *100 Hospitals with Great Heart Programs* (for the second time) and the *100 Hospitals with Great Orthopedic*

Programs by Becker's Hospital Review. Becker's analyzes a variety of publicly-reported data to reach its conclusions, including *U.S. News and World Report* top hospital rankings and certifications from national accrediting bodies.

Decisions to provide services at such a high level are seldom driven by the bottom line, says Adam Edelson, Executive Director of Doylestown Health Physicians. “We're not just hiring someone to be our cardiac surgeon, or our vascular surgeon. We are bringing in top physicians who can work with our teams to produce the clinical outcomes that help us attain our goals,” he says. “You'll see a lot of institutions, and particularly community hospitals, offer a service based on meeting a community need, but they don't go to the level Doylestown does in bringing together the right clinicians, the right team, and the right health system to support them.”

That commitment has yielded significant results for DHS. Among a host of other awards and recognition, DHS was rated one of the top 10 hospitals in the country for 30-day survival after an acute heart attack. “That is a testimony to the entire community of care—the physicians, specialists, nurses, home health nurses, everyone who is responsible for the patient's care,” says Dr. Levy. “That is the one statistic I am most proud of, because it demonstrates the continuity of excellent care we provide.”

Christ's Home is very excited to develop this relationship, connecting our residents to the excellence in healthcare services being provided by Doylestown Hospital.

Meaningful Mentoring

By Nick Whitfield, Program Coordinator – Children’s Services

As I was sitting at the church sponsored pizza party, enjoying the great pizza, the thought occurred to me; I love when churches and community groups come and provide parties, pizza parties, picnics and donation drives - love it! But...“Can it go deeper than this!” We were getting ready to leave from this particular pizza party, where we encouraged our kids to be on their best behavior and head back home, back to the trenches, where it does go deeper. In the Cottages, we are serving the “least of these”, making disciples, praying for hearts to be transformed and for the local churches involvement to be more than picnics and pizza parties.

Houseparents spend countless hours praying, trying to remember all the issues of the day before they fall asleep every evening praying for each child by name. I couldn’t help but think of the all-surpassing joy that filled my heart the first time I shared the gospel with a child and they came to faith. Or the time when we prayed for provision for a mom and within a minute it was met. And then there was the time when...Why wasn’t the church experiencing this with us? I was pondering this thought, when the door-bell rang. It was a “Big Brother” from the “Big Brothers Big Sisters of America” program. They were coming to pick up one of our teens and spend some time with them. They were strangers to me and our organization, but our kids adored them. What if we had our own Big Brothers Big Sisters from the local church? What if we, as an organization influenced those who were influencing our kids? What if that influence was spiritually bent, and these church mentors committed to praying for one kid each week and spending time with them?

As I met with Lead Pastors of local churches describing our ministry, it was clear they had a God given desire to get more involved in our ministry. One pastor commented, “We just spent the last two months praying about getting involved in local missions.” Another pastor



stated, “We have been praying about reaching the kids of Christ’s Home in more meaningful ways.” So in early October, Christ’s Home launched its mentoring program, which takes individuals from the local churches who have a passion and feel a calling to help those in foster care and pairs them up with a child here. The program provides the mentors with mandatory training before they start, and then pairs them up with the one child, they will continue to meet with for one hour each week. In training, the mentor will learn about the world these kids come from, how their brains process differs from ours, and how Christs Home is intervening.

We know what happens when our staff pray and God intervenes on behalf of the children and families - *lives change*. What would happen if the local churches were doing that with us? Our hope is that local churches all over Bucks/Montgomery County join us as crusaders in prayer and intervene on behalf of these children and families in great need. Our hope is that with the local churches involved more intimately and spiritually that we shine bright for Christ amidst the dark world of foster care. We believe the churches are the hope of the world, Christ’s Bride. Why not leverage this power for more than pizza and picnics? We believe that through these deeper relationships with the churches that God will be glorified in ways that we can’t begin to imagine.

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