

CHRIST'S HOME Connections

A SEASON OF
*change, transition
and service*



Frontline

A lot has changed in our world since our last issue of CONNECTIONS, and that's an understatement! We will all remember 2020 as a year of uncertainty and testing.

The Psalmist wrote, "I lift my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121: 1,2) This is a truth that has carried Christ's Home for more than a century – and now again in 2020.

In this issue, you will be inspired by how our team has continued to serve in the face of COVID-19. They've inspired me, and I'm proud of them. And, I hope that you will be encouraged to read how we are pressing forward in new ways to meet the needs of children and their families as we enter the third decade of the 21st Century.

Most importantly, please do not miss the article that supports the fundamental understanding of Mission and Method as we take a look back at an earlier time in the history of Christ's Home with retired CEO Rich Smyth.

In all ways, whether in good times or uncertain times, let us remember that God has been faithful to Christ's Home for 117 years. Let's continue to look to Him as the Source of our help and strength as we draw hope for the future.

In Christ,

John Bryant
CEO



A New Model: Family First

By Jim McGovern, Chief Operating Officer

The Family First Act (FFA) is a historic piece of child welfare legislation that significantly changes the way children and families interact with the foster care system.

The goal of FFA is to bring into focus preventative services to avoid children being removed from their homes. These preventative services provide tangible solutions to challenges many families face that could result in an out-of-home placement for the children in the home. In-home and community-based drug and alcohol program services, mental health services and family counseling services are a few of the options that will be available for families. The funding used to provide these preventative services comes from the funding that was previously designated for congregate care settings, like Christ's Home. While the Family First Act supports families receiving



the necessary resources to stay together, some children do not have another option and will still need a congregate care setting.

Our response to the Family First Act has been forward-thinking and adaptive. In December 2019, Christ's Home held a stakeholders meeting in our Community Center to bring together child welfare leaders from across Southeastern Pennsylvania. This group came together to creatively structure a plan to provide quality services to children and their families under the new guidelines and regulations the FFA will require. The outcomes of this meeting lead

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to partnerships with other community serving agencies and the development of innovative programs at Christ's Home.

An intricate piece of planning to implement the FFA at Christ's Home was the creation of an internal FFA steering committee. This committee was tasked with researching, developing and communicating with local and state agencies to assess how Christ's Home could adapt and flourish as we begin the transition to the FFA. Christ's Home recruited Lynne Rainey, the previous Director of Bucks County Children and Youth, as a consultant to guide us through the changes of the FFA. With Lynne's guidance and the hard work of our steering committee, Christ's Home will provide high quality services that will reach more children and families than we have ever before.

A unique aspect of the FFA provides funding for three specialized congregate care settings including (1) Supervised Independent Living, (2) Pregnant, Expecting and Parenting Teens and (3) Children and Youth who are Survivors of Human Trafficking. Christ's Home has provided programs for parenting and pregnant teens and supervised independent living programs for the last few years and will continue to run these programs under the new guidelines from the FFA. A new program Christ's Home will be offering is designed specifically to serve the needs of children and youth with human trafficking experiences. The development of this new program requires diligent research, planning and collaboration with other agencies to provide the best quality of care. Christ's Home looks forward to implementing these programs in July of 2021.

In response to the requirements of FFA for congregate care settings, Christ's Home is taking the steps to become a trauma-informed agency by implementing the Sanctuary Model. The Sanctuary Model upholds the mission of Christ's Home by providing an atmosphere graced with love, dignity, compassion and respect. Christ's Home strives to be a trauma-informed

community that promotes safety and recovery from adversity. We believe in reflecting and modeling the love of Christ to all people no matter the circumstance. The principles of the Sanctuary Model enhance the mission and core biblical principles of Christ's Home. At Christ's Home, we believe in the value of people, in the commitment to provide quality services and that we are stewards of the resources and assets God provides us. By using the Sanctuary Model, we will not only be able to provide the highest quality of services to children and their families but be an agency that recognizes the impact trauma has on our culture and the way we serve others. This model will improve the way we approach change and learning by empowering children and families to build on their strengths, restore hope and overcome barriers.



Between August 2019 and March 2020 our Family First Task Force worked to understand the parameters of Family First and the potential program applications for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Task Force was led by Jim McGovern. A report was prepared and presented to our Board of Trustees and was approved – providing for us a clear direction for the future. Here is a quick review of our current direction.

Continuing Programs

- Our Infant/Toddler Program (Warminster Campus) will continue to meet the needs of infants and preschoolers who are appointed to our care.
- Our Primary Programs (Warminster and Paradise Campuses) will continue to meet the needs of elementary and middle school students. The Counties that we support have provided an endorsement and need for these programs to continue.
- Our commitment to serve sibling groups to diminish the impact of trauma caused by separation from a child's home of origin will continue. As an example, several months back we were asked to care for a sibling group of five children. Just a few weeks ago, in July, all five children went to live with their Grandmother. Our ability to keep the children together aided in the timeliness of this reunification.

Programs Being Adapted

- Opened in 2012, our Teen Mother/Baby Program (Warminster Campus) has helped many teenage girls give birth to their babies and learn the value and skills of motherhood. This program will now include the opportunity to involve the birth father whenever possible with the goal to ultimately establish a family unit back in the community.
- Our Transitional Living Program (TLP) for teenage boys and girls will take on a new status as a "specialized program" under Family First. This program will extend the age limit from 18 to 21 and will focus on helping teenagers transition more effectively into responsible adults. We anticipate that both young men and young women will be based on the Warminster Campus by mid/late Fall this year, meaning that the TLP House in Paradise will be transitioned for a new use.

NEW Programs

- Opened in June 2018, the Community Center (Warminster Campus) will soon begin to serve as the meeting place for the new Family Visitation Program. This program is in conjunction with Bucks County Children, Family and Youth. It will focus on supervised visits to reunite parents with their children who are currently in the Foster Care System. It is a step in the overall County plan to bring a family back together and we are excited to participate and play a vital role in this process.
- The Sanctuary Model is a system of serving children combining trauma-informed care with outcomes-based assessment. It has been approved as a viable model of care by Family First. All staff will begin to undergo extensive training in this model later this year.
- The newest program will be designed to rescue children from the evil of human trafficking. We desire to engage this terrible evil to provide a program that will rescue children and restore to them the hope of a better life and future.

While we are excited that the future is looking clearer for us today than it did one year ago, there is still much work to be done. We remain steadfast to our Mission as we adapt to the days in which we live with new methodologies. Please continue to pray for wisdom, discernment, strength and funding for these vital programs.

An Inside Glimpse – COVID19

By Vernon D. Morris, Administrator for Independent Living

Here it is, August 2020. Where has the time gone?

It seems like March 5th was just yesterday. That's the day our Administrative team first met to discuss what our response to COVID19 should be. Little did we know it was to become a nightmare of a journey. Soon thereafter we began to shut down visitation, quarantine residents, post "DO NOT ENTER" signs on the door, etc. This was only the beginning.

Over the next few days, then weeks and now months, every staff member's job changed dramatically. Of course, so did the lives of those we serve, our residents.

Chaplain Ron Schmidt, our receptionists and I began to turn families away from the facility. Unbelievable!

Nowhere in my wildest dreams would I have thought that would be something that could happen. At the time we had no clue what would be laid before us.

Meanwhile, all staff were busy cancelling Life Enrichment programs, closing dining areas, altering nursing procedures, increasing sanitization, moving furniture so everyone could social distance, closing the hair salon and even going so far as to encourage residents to stay in their rooms.

Then the "DO NOT" signs and guidance kept coming. Don't do this, this is no longer allowed. Then came the masks -- those things that for some have now become a fashion statement! Most of our residents do not like them one little bit. My heart goes out to the Nursing



Vernon Morris, Mary Thompson, Danielle Bishop



Walt and Nancy Beers – IL Residents

staff who have to wear full Personal Protective Equipment while caring for those with positive cases.

Time seems to have become hard to pin down. Easter passed with no opportunity to celebrate that He is risen together. Then Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, the Fourth of July, etc. Staff tried to be as celebratory as we could be.

It was not normal. Very little is these days. Resident's have had milestone birthdays, anniversaries, family weddings, births, deaths and other causes for gatherings that have simply passed without the normal fanfare or proper time for respect.

I don't mean to depress you. There have been bright spots. Nursing staff has spent some quality one-on-one time with residents. Life Enrichment altered programming to very small groups and then in-room tasks. We were able to have what we called Porch Parades (traveling

entertainment) in our Independent Living areas of campus. Employee appreciation events have occurred. We learned how to hold Sunday Worship in a virtual setting. Window visitations for Healthcare residents and their families are taking place. There are certainly more examples of the good ways in which our staff and residents have coped with COVID19.

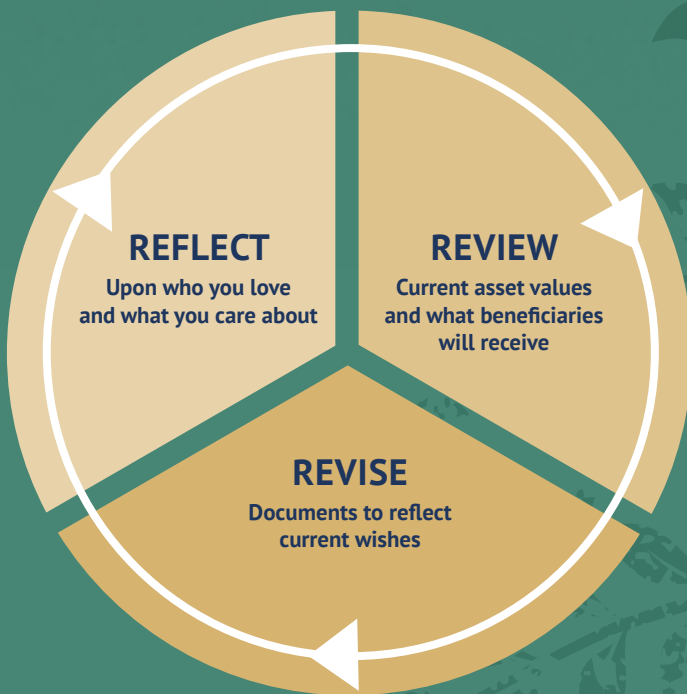
It has been very hard as a staff member and heartbreaking for residents to live through this. This is truly not what any of us signed up for. Despite this difficulty, I could not be prouder to be amongst the most loving, caring, adaptable, hardworking and compassionate people. We will persevere. God is still good and in control! We know there will be an end, even if we are unable to see it. Our hope remains in Him!

A Generous Thought

When You Prepare Your Will, Remember Three Important “R”s: *Reflect, Review, Revise*

By Vernon Wright, Chief Development Officer

Whether you are consulting with an attorney, a financial planner or with a representative of Christ’s Home, making and maintaining your Will is a lifelong process.



No plan = no guarantee!

Having an up-to-date plan for your estate, regardless of the size, addresses both the needs of your loved ones plus your personal interests, values and priorities. If you assume you are too young or that nothing has changed since the last time you wrote your will, you could unintentionally wait until it’s too late. Investment values fluctuate, tax laws change and loved ones are gained or lost, so reviewing your will every five years or less is not too frequent.



Experience the peace of mind and joy that comes with knowing that when you are gone your plan will make your wishes clear. Those you love and care about will be thankful for your forethought. If you chose to include Christ’s Home as a residuary beneficiary, you will be impacting generations to come with the caring, compassionate community that you supported during your lifetime.

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Christ's Home Welcomes Alyssa Snyder

Alyssa Snyder joined the Christ's Home team in spring of 2020 as the new Administrator of Children and Family Programs.

Alyssa is a seasoned administrator with 20 years of progressive human service and non-profit leadership experience in the region. She has served in children's director roles for Bucks County Behavioral Health, Montgomery County Mental Health and Tabor Children's Services.

Alyssa holds a Master of Business Administration in Public Health Administration from Holy Family University and a Bachelor of Science from Lock Haven University. She is a mission-driven servant leader committed to developing strategic solutions that meet community needs. Alyssa is a tireless advocate for positive outcomes for youth and young adults, strengthening families and promoting resilience.



Alyssa Snyder



The Children's Services Team (L to R) Sarah Smith; Cornell Davis; Alyssa Snyder; Megan Young; Dave Culbert

Method vs. Mission

By Jay Gordon, Freelance Writer and Editor. Contact him at 215-527-7813 or jaybgordon217@gmail.com

Throughout the history of Christ's Home, God has faithfully provided the right people and guided them to make the right decisions at the right time for the ministry to prosper. The methods may change along the journey—but the mission remains rock solid.

For many orphaned or abandoned children in turn-of-the-century Philadelphia, **Dr. Albert Oetinger** and **Katharina Krausslach** proved to be a godsend. From the moment Christ's Home first opened its doors to these children in need in October 1903, the leaders of this new ministry, relying on prayer and God's provision, desired to create a home-like atmosphere for children rather than follow the model of institutional orphanages.

Nearly a century later, God would again provide the right person at the right time to embrace a new vision, as Christ's Home agreed to provide services for children and youth through the county. To prepare for those contracts, Christ's Home adopted a new model, the Teaching Family Model, to provide more structure, consistency and accountability in the operation of its children's homes—while maintaining a home-like environment in which children could grow and thrive. This dramatic new direction in children and youth services would pose significant challenges for the leadership of Christ's Home.

Today, more than two decades later, yet another dramatic shift is occurring that will once again have a profound impact on the way Christ's Home ministers to children and their families. The Family First Prevention Services Act is a federal law that prioritizes keeping children with their families. It allows states to use federal funds for trauma-informed, evidence-based prevention services that allow children who would otherwise be placed in foster care to stay with their parents or other relatives. Family First was signed into law in 2018 and is set to take effect July 1, 2021. Transitions of this scale and magnitude are never easy.

They call for new ways of thinking and new methods for delivering the faith-based services that Christ's Home is known for. The “new” is always approached with a certain amount of fear and uneasiness.

But the question needs to be asked: What can the Christ's Home community learn from the past? Are there lessons from the first transition in the late 1990s — from “private placement” of children and youth in foster care to referrals from government agencies — that can inform the steps Christ's Home must take now in order to embrace the goals of Family First?

To find out, we sat down with former Christ's Home Chief Executive Officer **Rich Smyth**, who served from 1993 to 2013 and led Christ's Home through its first major transition in children's services, and current CEO **John Bryant**, who is now working with the Christ's Home board and staff to prepare for Family First. What emerged was a picture of God's faithfulness and provision and the conviction that, while the methods of providing services to children may change, the mission of Christ's Home — to serve the Lord while serving others — remains intact, rock-solid and constant.

NAVIGATING THE NEW

Other than the ability to read a balance sheet, a quick glance at Rich Smyth's resume prior to his joining Christ's Home as CEO in 1993 would reveal relatively little in the way of skills, knowledge or experience that would prepare someone to lead an organization committed to offering life-enhancing services to both senior adults and children. Yet, he brought to Christ's Home both tangible and intangible qualities that his 23 years of experience in the pharmaceuticals business could only hint at.

The first, and perhaps most obvious, of those qualities is that Smyth was a family man himself. He and his wife, Jeanie, have five children and eight grandchildren, and Rich has 17 nieces and nephews. He has coached soccer, softball and basketball. “I came to Christ’s Home mainly because of the opportunity to serve children,” he says. Raising kids and coaching youth sports helps build patience and refine communication skills, but Smyth brought something else to the table – a willingness to listen and to learn. He would need all of these qualities, as well as the lessons learned in a long career in business, to meet the top-to-bottom challenges Christ’s Home faced in the early 1990s.

Some of those challenges were structural, organizational and philosophical, but many of them were practical. Christ’s Home was six months behind in paying its bills, facilities were in poor condition and there were problems with its water and sewer systems. But the issues didn’t end with the physical plant. The programs and services Christ’s Home was providing for children were showing signs of strain as well. Christ’s Home was accepting foster placements privately at the time. Children came to Christ’s Home directly from their families or sometimes were referred by local churches. Children were sometimes simply dropped at Christ’s Home’s door. Documentation was lacking, and there was little structure or consistency in parenting practices among the house parents.

Rich Smyth faced his first crisis as CEO: the state of Pennsylvania, which licensed Christ’s Home’s ministry to children, was about to shut the program down. “The laws were changing,” Smyth says, “and Christ’s Home wasn’t changing with them.”

TEACHING AND LISTENING

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare inspector was threatening to shut down the children’s ministry. The State Inspector was a man by the name of John Bevivino, and Smyth had the wisdom to forge a strong relationship with him. “Fortunately for me, he was a Philly guy too, so we had that in common,” he says. “But he was fair, and he was willing to teach if people would listen. So I listened. I asked him what we needed to do to keep the doors open to the children’s ministry at Christ’s Home, and I told him we would try to implement the changes he suggested.”

Bringing the dorms and other buildings up to spec was just the first step. Steps were also taken to bring the water and sewer systems at Christ’s Home into compliance with local regulations.

But the most significant changes would come in the operation of the children’s ministry itself. First, Christ’s Home embraced a new approach to children’s ministry called the Teaching Family model, which had been adopted at Boys Town, a Nebraska-based agency and one of the largest and best known providers of foster care in the nation. In the Teaching Family model, certified Family-Teaching couples provide residential care for six to eight children, boys or girls, in a family setting; there are separate quarters in the home for the Family-Teachers and their children.

With the Teaching Family Model offering the structure and consistency in parenting that Christ’s Home needed and providing the accountability that government was increasingly calling for in foster care, Christ’s Home was now ready to take another huge step forward in its children’s ministry. In 1998, for the first time in its 95-year history, Christ’s Home signed contracts to begin accepting foster children through Bucks County Children & Youth Services and other surrounding counties.



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Rich Smyth and John Bryant

It was a daring step. On one hand, there were fees attached to the contracts, which meant that Christ's Home would be receiving revenue to help pay staff, maintain facilities and other costs. Even with the fees received from County Contracts, Christ's Home had to continue to raise money to fund the children's ministry. On the other hand, some in the Christ's Home community were reluctant about a Christ-centered ministry taking direction and funding from a government agency. "I didn't know what [the county] would do about our faith," Smyth says. Because there were so many unknowns at the time, he only offered bids on half of Christ's Home's capacity to care for children – a "hedge" in case things didn't go smoothly.

"One of the things people were concerned about when Christ's Home signed that first contract is that we might not be able to pray at meals or read a Bible story at bedtime – that we might be forced to give up the things that make us a uniquely Christian ministry," says current Christ's Home CEO John Bryant. But none of that happened. Bryant sees parallels in the biblical tale of Daniel and his friends who refused to eat the king's food and over time proved to be in better health and sounder mind than those who did.

"When children come to us, they do better emotionally, academically, even physically. The [county] knows these positive things happen in kids' lives when they come to Christ's Home," Bryant says. "They may not know why they happen, but they want us to keep doing what we're doing, because it's working."

The transition to working with the county was a test of faith for Rich Smyth too. He came to know Christ later in life and was only fourteen years into his faith journey when he signed those first contracts. "I knew God didn't lead me to Christ's Home in order to compromise," he says. "I wouldn't allow our faith foundation to crumble under my leadership."

METHOD VS. MISSION

More than 25 years after Rich Smyth led the transition to county contracts and the Teaching-Family model, Christ's Home is checking its "compass" again as it navigates yet another transformation in children's ministry—the Family First Prevention Services Act. Smyth says every decision he made during the

transition to county contracts in the late 1990s was filtered through the Christ's Home mission statement, and he believes the ministry can steer a steady course through Family First by keeping the method secondary to the mission.

"The heart of Christ's Home is to serve the Lord by providing services to senior adults and disadvantaged children in an atmosphere graced with love, dignity, compassion and respect."

"The Teaching Family model accomplished what we needed it to at the time," Smyth says. "Family First will be the same way. Keeping the mission constant is critical, but the method will always adapt and change. If we don't have the ability to change and be flexible, we're going to have a hard time."

John Bryant says he can see God's hand at work in the changes Smyth enacted more than two decades ago. In many ways, they have prepared Christ's Home for Family First.

"When Family First was passed into law [in 2018], it sent a shockwave not just through childcare providers like Christ's Home, but through the state and county governments as well," he says. "It changed the entire foster care program, including how it is funded. But Bucks County got behind us immediately. They said, 'We need Christ's Home.' The changes Rich made gave us credibility with the state and county governments."

Both the current and former CEO agree there are at least three lessons learned in the 1990s that can help Christ's Home adjust to Family First today:

The first is to understand clearly the impact the new regulations will have on the Christ's Home ministry. Rich Smyth was grateful to have the guidance of John Bevino as he waded into the Teaching Family model

and bidding for county contracts, and now John Bryant will have an “insider” to help him navigate Family First: **Lynne Kallus-Rainey**, who spent more than 25 years with Bucks County Children & Youth Services, including the last 13 years as executive director. Kallus-Rainey recently retired from the county and has been hired by Christ’s Home as a consultant to help with the transition to Family First.

It hardly seems like a coincidence that Bevivino was the one to introduce Rainey to Rich Smyth more than 20 years ago – further evidence of God’s provision for the ministry of Christ’s Home.

The second lesson is a reminder of the need for clear communication. “Everyone needs to be singing from the same page,” Smyth says. “There needs to be buy-in.” He remembers spending a lot of time in prayer for ministry staff who were not on board with the changes he was proposing.

“People were stuck. They did not want to change,” he says. “Those are hard times in leadership. You want people to come along, but you have to communicate clearly and be prepared when they do not.”

Finally, the most important lesson of all: In the end, remember that God is faithful. Smyth was open about sharing the ministry’s needs with prayer warriors inside and outside the Christ’s Home community. “The success we had is directly correlated to the support we had in prayer, and from our donors,” he says. “That’s the primary lesson for an organization like Christ’s Home. When you have to make tough decisions, trust that God is in it, and that His wisdom is available to us.”

That gives John Bryant confidence even amid the uncertainty that comes with any dramatic change. “We are again at a junction point, ready to transform our services to children and families,” he says. “We initially saw Family First as a threat, but now we see it as an opportunity to expand. The lessons we learned 25 years ago should not be forgotten as we navigate changes today.”

FAMILY FIRST AND THE SANCTUARY MODEL

The **Family First Prevention Services Act** is a federal law that prioritizes keeping children with their families. It allows states to use federal payments for trauma-informed, evidence-based prevention services to allow children who would otherwise be placed in foster care to stay with their parents or relatives.

In the event placement outside the home becomes necessary, the law directs federal funding towards family-like settings that are best suited to a child’s individual needs. These can include trauma-informed child residential facilities or supervised independent living programs specializing in care and treatment for children and youth who are pregnant (or young parents), youth who are transitioning to adulthood or youth who are or are at risk of becoming sex trafficking victims.

A trauma-informed approach to care integrates knowledge and effects of trauma into the policies, procedures and practices, while actively seeking to avoid re-traumatization. Trauma-informed care is informed by six principles: organizational safety, trustworthiness and transparency, peer support, collaboration and reciprocal relationships, empowerment among and between staff and participants and cultural sensitivity.

Family First calls for use of the **Sanctuary Model**, which represents trauma-informed, trauma-responsive and evidence-supported whole culture approach that provides a clear and structured methodology for creating or changing an organizational culture. As an intervention, it is designed to facilitate the development of structures, processes and behaviors on the part of staff, clients and the community as a whole that can counteract the biological, emotional, cognitive, social and moral wounds suffered by the victims of traumatic experience and extended exposure to adversity.

A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Another indicator of the special relationship between Christ’s Home and John Bevivino: After Bevivino retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, he and his wife Rita had expressed interest in moving to Christ’s Home. John passed away in 2001 before they could make the transition, but Rita moved into a cottage in Shepherd’s Crossing a few years later and has been a member of the Christ’s Home community ever since.

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During January 1st through June 30, 2020 Christ's Home was blessed to receive many contributions in honor and memory of people who are important to the lives of our supporters. We extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone who chose this avenue to support the mission and services of Christ's Home, while paying tribute to special individuals in their lives.

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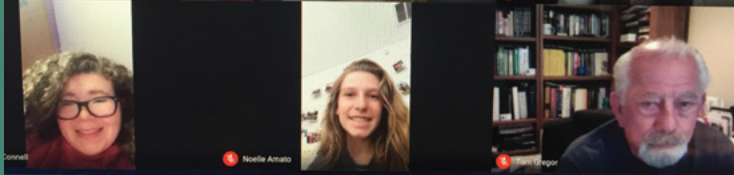
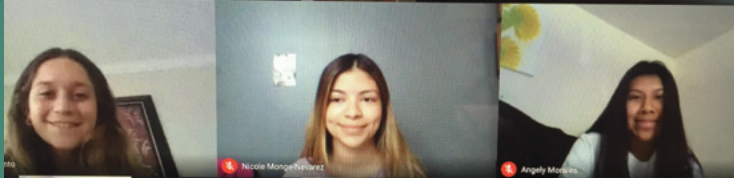
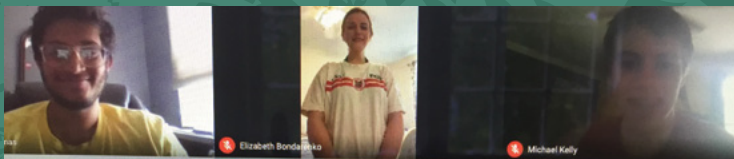
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Thank You

The COVID19 pandemic and quarantine has proven to be a trial for staff and those we serve alike. In the midst of it, we have been blessed by so many who have given their time and efforts to thank and encourage those who serve and are being served. Thank you all for helping and donating to Christ's Home during the pandemic whether it be through food drives, meals for essential workers, providing masks, flowers and other gifts.

Thank you,
George Zauflik
Director of Community Relations



Alpha Kappa Alpha donates meals to Christ's Home essential workers; Kiwanis Club of Central Bucks hosts a collection drive for the children Christ's Home serves; Suntory Flowers, Gro 'n Sell, Inc. and cottage residents Dave and Jeanne Newberry donated flowers to Christ's Home essential workers; Christ's Home hosts a Good Stuff Thrift collection drive; Philanthropy Today Club donates; CB West football team donates bagels to Christ's Home essential workers; Wawa of Warminster donates 100 hoagies for Christ's Home's heroes

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

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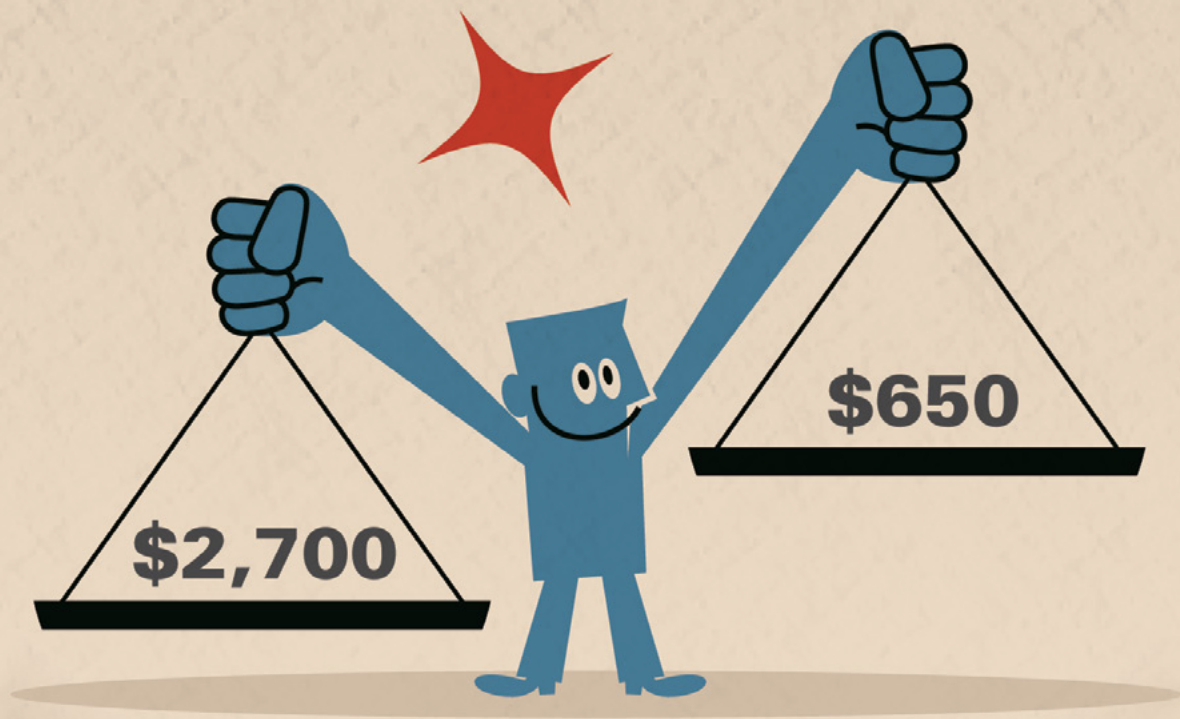


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