

# CHILDREN'S



# VILLAGE

*Hope and Healing for Children*

SUMMER 2023

Children's Village is a Christian home that provides hope and healing for abused and neglected children.

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## Journey to Summer



After a few years of struggling through staff shortages, a changing foster care system, and the pandemic, Children's Village began 2023 fully staffed and ready to serve our highest number of children since 2018. Our goal for the year has been to keep every bed full while working to expand and add more bed space. We knew there would be challenges to our plans, including constraints from our regulatory agencies, an aging facility, and increased budgetary needs. Many sleepless nights were spent throughout late December and early January as we worked to overcome these challenges. There were times when we considered cutting back on some of our plans or lowering our expectations. Those considerations have been quickly pushed

aside by our desire to help as many children as possible, and we trust that the Lord will continue to direct our path on this mission.

In the weeks leading up to our January 2023 Board of Directors meeting, we had a budget that addressed every anticipated need for the upcoming year but were still working out the details on how to fully fund that budget. Children's Village has been blessed with an

endowment that has grown over the last four decades and provides 40% of our budget each year. The rest of our financing comes from local fundraising, grants, and donations from individuals, businesses, churches, and civic organizations. We knew that to meet our budgetary needs we would have to focus heavily on fundraising throughout the year. Our established annual fundraisers would have to exceed expectations, and we would need to add new fundraisers along the way. Although we had some anxieties about having our financial needs met, we stepped out in faith, and have not been disappointed in the outpouring of support from our community.

We would like to thank everyone in our

community who has contributed to supporting the Children's Village mission to provide hope and healing for abused and neglected children. This support has come in many different forms this year. Although running, eating sandwiches, responding to social media posts, cooking hamburgers, playing board games, and planting flowers may seem like regular everyday activities, when done by hundreds of members of the community for a common cause, they can make a huge impact. Donors, volunteers, and fundraiser participants of every kind have provided our families with a new minivan, new HVAC units, zoo memberships, registration fees for church camps, and the ability to live in a safe and comfortable environment.



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Also, please follow us on Instagram: @ChildrensVillageTexas and Facebook: @ChildrensVillageTexas and share our information with the community.





# TYLER AZALEA RUN

Each spring, people of all ages and activity levels show up to participate in the Tyler Azalea Run, a charitable fundraiser benefiting Children's Village. They gather at Bergfeld Park on a Saturday morning to walk, jog, or run through the lovely Azalea district in the 5k and 10k races, or the children's 1k fun run. The turnout for 2023 was amazing - 810 people signed up to run! Over 150 people volunteered to work the race, and 30 local businesses provided sponsorship



for Children's Village. The weather was wonderful, and the day was filled with joy. Three of our children participated, including a toddler who walked across the finish line after riding most of the 1k in her stroller. Two of our older children ran along with their cousins who were visiting from out of town. The day ended for Children's Village with a couple of happy, tired families and our fundraising goals fully met. We are looking forward to being a part of the Tyler Azalea Run in 2024 as the event celebrates its 40th year.



## EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY



For the first time, Children's Village joined with the East Texas Communities Foundation to participate in East Texas Giving Day, along with other non-profit organizations throughout East Texas. This is an 18-hour online giving event that evokes memories of the old Jerry Lewis Telethons. In our first year participating in this event, Children's Village was one of 328 organizations that received over \$2.8

million in support from the community. Children's Village had a modest goal of \$5000 with limited expectations of reaching it. Once again, the support you provided was far beyond what we hoped to receive. By the end of this event, Children's Village had received \$6500 in donations. The funds raised in this event are being used to refurbish our playground and provide some fun and entertainment

for our families. We have purchased zoo memberships for our families to enjoy throughout the year and are replacing our old swing set and outside play structures. We are also adding a deck to our gazebo that will have a permanent sandbox for the children. It will have a removable cover to keep it closed when not in use. This was a fun event, and we look forward to doing it again next year.



# Thank you to our 2023 Tyler Azalea Run Sponsors

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sure what it may yield but hoped it would help address some of our transportation needs.

In March, Jersey Mike's began sharing information about Children's Village with their customers and inviting the community to support us simply by having a meal at Jersey Mike's on their Day of Giving on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. The response by the citizens of Tyler and Longview exceeded all expectations! Jersey



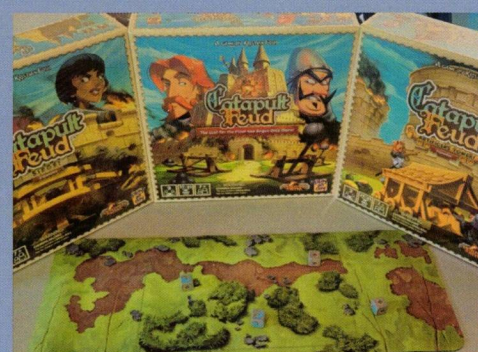
As mentioned before, at the beginning of the year we were uncertain about whether the financial needs could be met in our budget. On the night of our January Board of Directors meeting, we were informed that Jersey Mike's had chosen Children's Village as the charity they would support throughout their Month and Day of Giving fundraisers. As this was an unexpected blessing, we had not included this fundraiser in our yearly planning! We were not



Mike's on South Broadway reported more sales on the Day of Giving than any other store in the entire state of Texas. Their location on Beckham

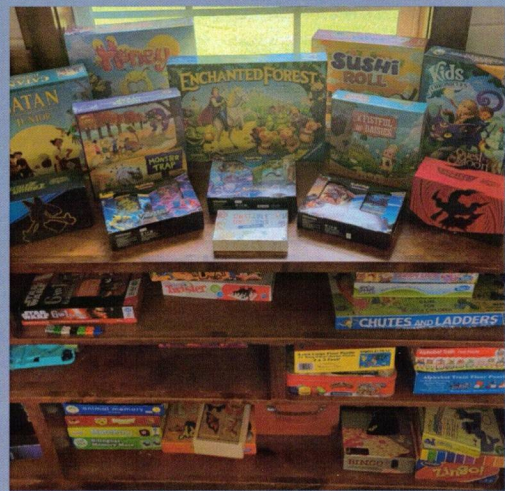
Avenue was second in the state, and the store in Longview was third. The businesses, families, and individuals who enjoyed a Jersey Mike's sub sandwich for lunch or dinner on the Day of Giving directly contributed to safe, reliable transportation for the families at Children's Village. This fundraiser alone allowed us to purchase a new minivan for one of the cottages and complete repairs on an existing vehicle. Thank you to everyone who participated!

# THE LONG CON SPRING GAME DAY



we wanted to build a game library in our School House to keep the kids engaged and teach them new skills. The Long Con is a local table-top gaming convention that shares our love for games. On April 29th and 30th, the Long Con hosted a weekend of board games and tabletop role-playing games at Dragon's Nest in Kilgore. Members of the local gaming community came out to support Children's Village while having fun and indulging in their favorite hobby. Several board games and card games were donated to start building the gaming

library for our families, and The Long Con made a monetary donation that we have used to purchase more games. Thank you to the guys at The Long Con, the Dragon's Next, and everyone in the gaming community that contributed to this event. Your donations will provide hours of fun on the Children's Village campus for many years to come!



One of our favorite activities on the Children's Village campus is playing board games. Having a variety of inside activities is key to keeping everyone entertained when it's raining or too hot to play outside. Since playing the same few games repeatedly can get boring,



# PLAYGROUND AND FLOWER BEDS

The financial support we receive from community fundraising gives us the opportunity to provide a beautiful campus for our families. We strive to go beyond providing basic shelter for the children to share with them an environment they can truly enjoy. This includes our playground, schoolhouse, gazebo, and all areas in between. We started upgrading the playground in 2022 by replacing the retaining walls and primary play structure. This year, we are continuing this project by



replacing the old swing set and secondary play structures. Thanks to the success of the East Texas Giving Day fundraiser, we were able to extend this project beyond the playground to repair some of the flower beds, plant new flowers, install a butterfly garden next to the School House, and add a deck to our gazebo with a covered sandbox for the children to enjoy.

Although the materials for our outdoor projects have been fully funded, the labor and knowledge to complete these projects is a bit beyond what our small campus staff can provide. Thankfully, Trammel Services and the Green Acres Baptist Church Celebration Class have stepped in to fill this need! Trammel Services spent a week cleaning out years of old mulch from the flower beds, installing new weed barriers, repairing damaged retaining walls, and putting down new mulch. Flower beds at the front entrance of the campus, the office, schoolhouse, both cottages, and our memorial garden were all made ready for new planting.

Members of the Celebration Class visited the campus to offer direction and advice on which flowers to plant in each bed. About a dozen members of the class spent a day working with the children and families to plant and fertilize the new flowers. The children were amazed that some of the plants in the new butterfly garden already had a couple of butterflies nesting in them. In the weeks since



putting it in this garden, the children check on the butterflies regularly and have helped water the plants.

The new swing set has been purchased and will be installed later this month. The plans for the gazebo decking and sandbox have been drawn up. The materials have been purchased, and members of the Celebration Class will be out to complete that project in July as well. Pictures of these projects will be posted on social media as they are completed.

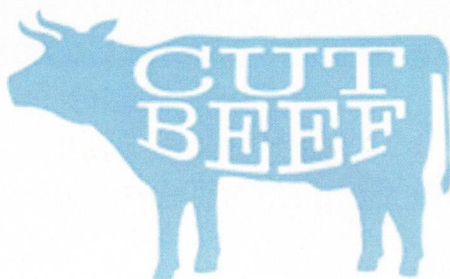
## CUT BEEF BURGER COOK-OFF

In the last weekend of April, Cut Beef hosted their annual Burger Cook-Off benefiting Children's Village. The cook teams and patrons enjoyed beautiful weather, great comradery, music from The Broken Spokes, and, of course, great burgers. By the end of the night, everyone had a full stomach and relaxed to hear the winners of the competition announced.

Children's Village would like to thank Cut Beef for hosting this event, the cook teams for showing off their skills, and the attendees for their support. Is there any better way to support a local charity than to enjoy a great meal and a night of entertainment?

### THE JUDGE'S PICKS

1. SMOKE SHOW
2. CABLES
3. FLYING ZARNOFF'S



### THE FAN'S PICKS

1. SMOKE SHOW
2. FLYING ZARNOFF'S
3. HEX 6



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- Hole sign recognition
- 4 person team entry
- Branded golf shirt for each player

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**Sponsorship and sign-up can be found on our website:**



*Please contact the tournament planning committee should you have any questions related to the event or sponsorships via email at [courtney@draketexas.com](mailto:courtney@draketexas.com) and by call/text at 903-374-0392.*

# *Children's Village* **2023** *Benefit Golf Tournament*

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Children's Village is hosting our annual Benefit Golf Tournament at Hollytree Country Club on September 25, 2023.

This tournament is a 4-person scramble with a shotgun start. Tournament day includes lunch, a raffle and a variety of prize holes.

Thanks to 30 sponsors, 26 teams and a wonderful group of volunteers, our 2022 was a great success. We look forward to another great tournament this year and invite you all to join us in supporting the children and families at Children's Village.



# Remember the People You Love...

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### Colleen Barnett

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-B-

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- Barney & Carolyn Rubin

-C-

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## How can you support Children's Village?

### Give Gifts That Keep On Giving

Do you have a friend or loved one you wish to honor in a special way? Children's Village can help honor that person through our Memorial Program or our Tribute and Remembrance Program. The funds you provide in this manner are used for food, clothing, shelter, and education for our boys and girls. At the same time, it is a thoughtful way to say to a friend, relative or bereaved family that you care.

### Here's How It Works

**Memorials:** Donate in memory of a lost loved one as a thoughtful way to say to a friend, relative, or bereaved family that you care. No mention is made of the gift amount.

**Honorariums:** Donate in honor of a birth, birthday, anniversary, graduation, recovery from illness, or a special occasion such as Mother's Day or Father's Day. Honorary gifts are acknowledged, and the amount of the gift is not mentioned.

**Donations:** Children's Village is a charitable non-profit organization that is privately funded. We provide residential care for children in need of a safe home to recover

from abuse, neglect, and childhood trauma. We do not accept state funding and rely on the generosity of community support to provide for our children. Your donation will be used to provide food, clothing, shelter, and education for the boys and girls who reside at Children's Village

### Giving through your will:

Children's Village will graciously accept support from individuals and families given through their will. Whether in the form of a specific amount, percentage of residue, or entire estate, please have legal forms prepared through your attorney for this type of donation.

*Thank you for your gift! It will help make a difference in the life of a child.*  
Please submit physical donations in the envelope included with this newsletter.

Make checks payable and mail to:

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Memorials



Honorariums



Donations



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