

**JULY
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with Children's Home of York!

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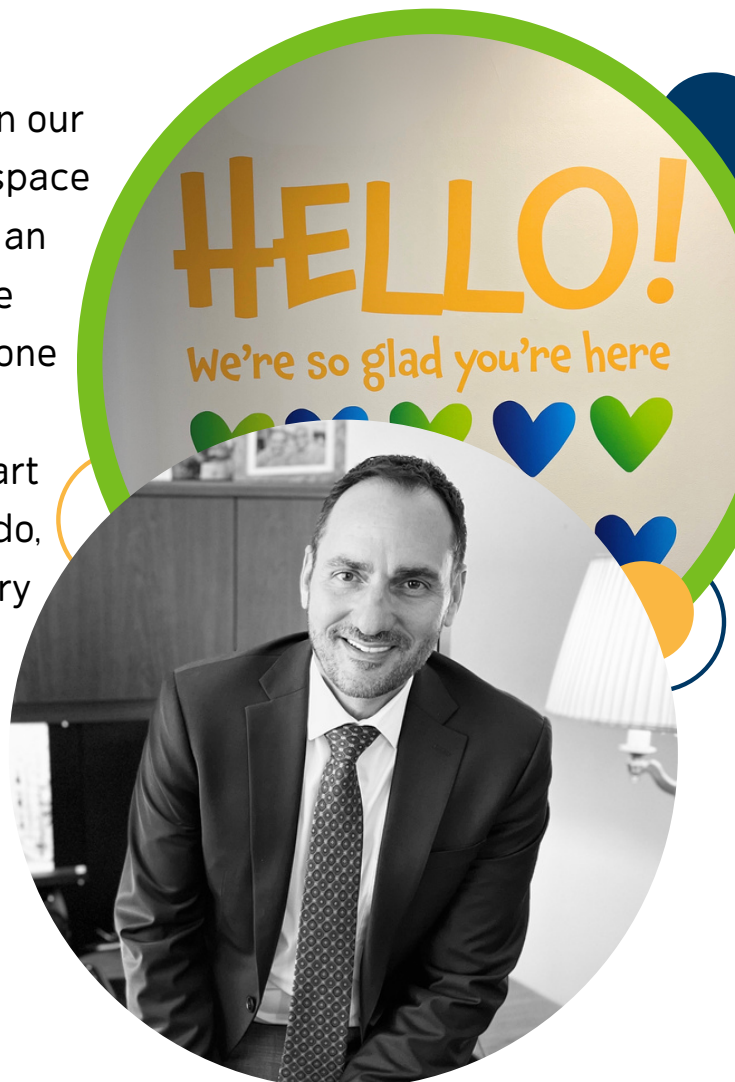
The President's Corner

It has been quite some time since Children's Home of York sent a newsletter to our family of supporters. A lot has been happening [Here at HOME](#) and I am glad our team committed to a quarterly newsletter so we can share updates with you.

You may notice us using the phrase "Here at Home" a lot more these days. So much of what we do revolves around providing safe space for our children and families to heal along their journey with us. Most of our children and adolescents have experienced loss, disrupted relationships, abuse, and neglect. Helping them understand and heal the resulting trauma is what we specialize in Here at Home. None of that is possible without them feeling safe, and we are striving to foster that sense of safety in all that we do. Remarkably, we have been doing that since 1865 when we opened the doors of our orphanage. Although our programs look differently today, we are still here, helping our community's most vulnerable children.

To accomplish this, we endeavor for excellence in our programs and services, and we strive to create space that feels safe and warm like a home, instead of an institution. We recently installed graphics, like the one featured here, in several of our buildings as one way to help us create a more welcoming environment. If you are interested in seeing the art we installed or in learning more about what we do, reach out to me. I hope you enjoy this introductory newsletter and keep an eye out for future editions as we share news and information.

Ron Bunce, PhD., LMSW
President/CEO





OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 3PM - 6PM

Please stop in and tour our BRIDGES™ Partial Hospitalization Program and our new program, SOAR @ A.N.G.E.L. Center.

We will also be holding a dedication and appreciation ceremony for the Snoozelen Room, a therapeutic space made possible by the York Builders Association and other companies to be recognized. This ceremony will begin at 5 PM in the A.N.G.E.L. Center.

Please RSVP by August 21, 2023 to RSVP@choyork.org

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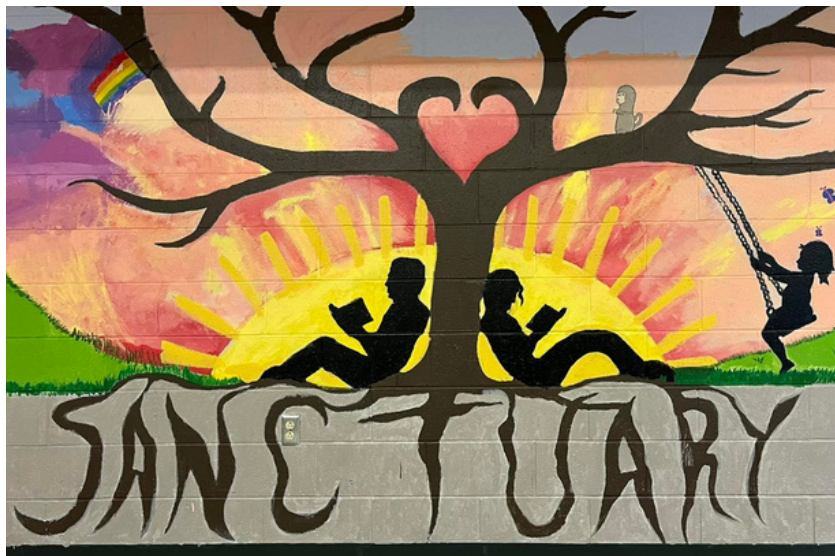
Our newest Residential Program: SOAR @ the A.N.G.E.L. Center

Children's Home of York is excited to announce the opening of our newest residential program, SOAR. While the CHOY team is saddened by the closing of the previous residential program at the A.N.G.E.L. Center, where SOAR now resides, we look forward to this new opportunity of creating an advanced level of mental and behavioral care that is unique to York and the surrounding counties.

SOAR aims to inspire individuals to rise above their challenges and achieve lasting transformation. Our program, rooted in the Sanctuary® Model of trauma care, offers a safe and supportive space where individuals can embark on a journey of healing, growth, and empowerment. Our team believes that everyone has the capacity to soar to new heights, no matter their past experiences or current struggles.

The Sanctuary® Model lies at the heart of our program, creating a foundation of safety, compassion, and collaboration. We create a therapeutic community that fosters a sense of belonging, respect, and shared responsibility among residents and our team. Through trauma-informed care and evidence-based practices, we provide a nurturing environment where individuals can rebuild their lives, heal from past wounds, and develop resilience for the future.





SOAR represents a paradigm shift in residential mental health care. By combining a variety of therapy options, family meetings, and community involvement, this program offers clients an unprecedented level of support and care. With its focus on healing from past trauma, strengthening familial relationships, and equipping the client with skills to better manage their emotions, SOAR sets a new standard in residential mental health care, providing a true safe space for adolescents seeking recovery and personal transformation.

We understand that true transformation comes from addressing the whole person. Our multidisciplinary team of dedicated professionals combines clinical expertise, therapeutic interventions, and personalized care plans to meet the unique needs of each resident. Through individual therapy, group sessions, and other interventions deemed beneficial, we empower individuals to discover their strengths, uncover potential, and reclaim their lives with renewed purpose and vitality.

SOAR is not just a program; it is a beacon of hope and inspiration. We are here to guide, support, and uplift individuals as they spread their wings and soar beyond the limitations of the challenges they face. We invite you to stay connected with us and join a vibrant community of support. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to stay up to date with the latest news, events, and updates from SOAR and our other programs and services. We value your presence and look forward to connecting with you online.

Read about our admission criteria and contact SOAR on our website.

bit.ly/CHOYSOAR



Open your hearts and your home: Become a Resource Parent!

For over 150 years, Children's Home of York has been there for children and families in need. Starting as an orphanage for displaced children caused by the Civil War, CHOY continues this legacy today. Now, there are approximately 15,000 children in foster care across the state of Pennsylvania. As this need for foster placements and adoption continues to grow, CHOY is always seeking Resource Parents. Consider opening your home, and your heart, and become a Resource Parent!

Resource Parents are persons over 21 years old who are certified to be both a foster and adoptive parent. Becoming a Resource Parent, versus just one or the other, allows the couple or individual to fulfill either role should the need arise. CHOY goes the extra mile to ensure any placements are rewarding not only for the child, but also the family.

Resource Parent requirements

- At least 21 years old.
- Pass a medical exam, stating the individual is physically able to care for children and is free from communicable disease.
- Pass screening requirements related to child abuse and criminal history clearances.

CHOY also considers the following:

- Adequate space
- Phone and reliable vehicle
- Homeowner/Renter's insurance
- Automobile insurance
- Stable income
- And more

**Info sessions
held every
second Tuesday
of the month!**

**Contact
htrimmer@choyork.org
to register.**



Foster care and adoption helps fill in the gaps of care that some children experience.

As a Resource Parent, you can help change a child's life for the better. From creating a safe environment to simply having a daily schedule, you are setting up a child to succeed. You can help stop the cycle of hardship. More than just fostering children, you can help families in transition to support children while their biological families focus on reorganizing their life to best support their children.

CHOY is a member of the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network to provide adoption services in Southcentral and Southeastern Pennsylvania. We are committed to providing family-focused services free to qualifying individuals and families: child preparation, family-child matching, adoption finalization, support groups, and more. Any family that lives in Pennsylvania and has adopted is eligible to receive free post-adoption resources through CHOI as well: mental health services, educational services, birth parent conflict resolution, support groups, and more.

Individuals and families can be approved in as little as six to eight weeks to become Resource Parents. Our onboard training and monthly session prepares all applicants and approved Resource Parents to become successful and effective resources for children in need. In addition, foster parents receive tax-free financial support to help meet the needs of the children placed in their home. Plan on attending an info session soon!

Learn more about foster care and adoption on our website!

bit.ly/CHOYFoster

bit.ly/CHOYAdoption



Archive Research: Do you have a piece of CHOY history?

Children's Home of York was spearheaded by a group of young women to respond to the growing number of orphans generated by the Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg. With this rich history of over 150 years, CHOY has a collection of materials and artifacts that has been kept in its building. Through our countless committee meeting notes, visitor logs, and photographs - we are preparing to catalog and digitize these pieces and make a portion of our collection available to the public. We're first asking for your help.

Do you have a piece of CHOY history? Pictures? Printed materials? Something else? We would like to be lent your piece(s) to be carefully copied and cataloged. If requested, all lent pieces will be returned to their owners. Contact Kasey using the information below to arrange a pick up or drop off.

Examples of materials:

- Pictures
- Newsletters
- Newspaper ads
- Brochures
- Scrapbooks
- Newspaper articles
- Videos
- Event invitations
- Letters
- Paintings
- Postcards
- Thank you cards

Do you have a piece of CHOY history you would like to share?

Contact Kasey at klofties@choyork.org or (717) 755-1033 x1243



Rent the gym!

Our gym can be used for sports practices, events, or just a place to have fun! The facility is a full sized gymnasium with two basketball hoops. All rental money is returned directly into CHOY's programming and services.

Contact us at development@choyork.org



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- 403B retirement plan
- Tuition reimbursement and professional development
- Paid sick and vacation time, personal holidays

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George Street Kitchen: Renovation starting soon!

We would like to, again, thank everyone who donated to Children's Home of York during 2023's Give Local York campaign. Thanks to you, we were able to raise over \$45,000 to aid in the renovation of our George Street kitchen. We are excited to officially start the renovation within the next couple of months. We will be replacing all the cabinetry, appliances, and paint to better provide for the residents in the home.



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us on social media:**



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Children's Home of York

Back to school drive

Help local children become successful this year!

Backpacks	Glue & glue sticks
3-ring binders	Colored pencils
Notebook paper	Highlighters
Composition books	Markers
Pencil pouches	Erasers

You can drop off your donations at our main campus.
Donations accepted July 1st - August 11th!



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