



Sipe's Orchard Home

We help families grow their dreams

News from the Orchard



from the CEO

Happy New Year! I would like to say "Thank You" to all of our donors and community partners. These partners directly affect how we continue our mission to help our children and youth reach independence. We are improving our Houston facility, which currently serves young men in our Transitional Living Program. The improvement project includes painting, new flooring, new cabinets in the kitchen, and added technology to facilitate the needs of our students and staff. These improvements create a living facility that resembles a home, or a dormitory for young adults, rather than an institution. These improvements should be complete very soon!

While it is exciting to see improvements being completed, it is even more exciting and special to realize with the Houston facility improvements, we come to the completion of major facility improvements and renovations, which serve our children and youth. Over the past three years, we have improved or renovated all facilities, which serve children and youth.

The new environment sends a significant message to the children and youth. These facilities convey a message of value and worth to the children and youth we serve. Let me once again say, "Thank you for your help in providing the best environment for our children and youth!"

Thank You,
Jamie Brown

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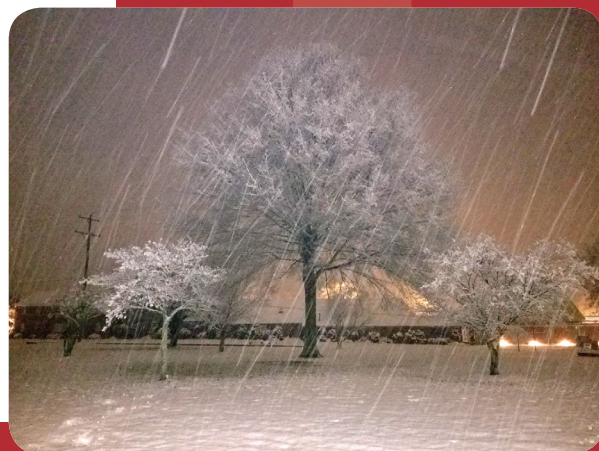


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Looking Back...

It is July 1950, Sipe's Orchard Home has a farm, orchards, and Jersey dairy cows! In addition, twenty-two boys live at Sipe's. The boys attend school and further their skills with farming, orchard maintenance, and milking of the Jersey cows. During the 1950's, agricultural skills are useful if the young man chooses an agricultural endeavor or if he simply wants to have fresh vegetables, fruits, milk, and meat. However, there are fun activities for the boys too! The boys play games, fish in the ponds on the property, and even participate in a box derby.



...Present Day

We have males and females who live at Sipe's Orchard Home. Our youth attend school and receive their first job offer in our program. Today's skills focus on independent living, which includes, budgeting, obtaining a driver's license, and networking. However, our youth learn social skills through recreation and working. Our youth play basketball on our courts, and fishing in the ponds on the property is still an option and special outings happen – like the opportunity to go snow tubing!

As our culture and technology changes, Sipe's Orchard Home adjusts its programming and services based on the needs of our youth. Change is certain; however, our mission remains the same. Sipe's Orchard Home comes alongside our children and youth and helps them complete their goals and ultimately achieve independence.



Present Day

Sipes Orchard Home since 1945

Circa 1950s





Resident Accomplishments

One of our youth began his online program for the personal trainer certification and continues to work at the YMCA.



Another youth has completed his Career Readiness certification program through Goodwill and is working with NC Works, he also passed two parts of his GED test and is working with tutors so he is close to completing his GED and he obtained a job.



Yet another youth began working with VOC Rehab and obtained a certification to drive a fork lift and a pallet jack.



way to go!



One of our residents was casted in the Rocky Horror Picture Show at Hickory Community Theater in October 2018.



Another youth finished his football season, obtained his driver's license, and began learning to play the guitar, as well as caught up in most of his classes so he has a chance of early graduation.



Our residents are working hard to complete our driving program and we are looking forward to more of our residents obtaining their driver's license.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!
One of our residents purchased his 1st car!

Transitional Living

A Young Man's Journey - JAMIE BROWN, CEO

In any given year, there are approximately two million children and youth who are homeless. Many of these homeless youth are not in the "system," and have subsequently fallen through the cracks. The referrals for the homeless youth who are "invisible," come from schools, individuals, and other non-profits. Currently, there is no revenue source, other than donations, which can help use serve this "invisible demographic".

Sam is one of these homeless youth who fell through the cracks – one of the invisible demographics.

Sam is eighteen years, around five foot tall and maybe weighs a hundred pounds soaking wet. Sam also has a speech impediment. Sam was attending high school but was staying at a homeless shelter after school and at nights, and needed our services; he was admitted into our Transitional Living Program. In fact, his admission occurred right before the snow storm, a few weeks ago! I personally met with Sam after his admission and Sam was very grateful to be out of the shelter, especially before the storm. Sam has a bed, a nightstand, and a wardrobe for his personal items. Sam has security and

a place to work through his struggles and complete goals! Sam has a lot of anxiety and has struggled with depression in the past. However, Sam is talkative and is responding well to staff and other youth in the program. Our programming and services for Sam have already begun and we are excited to come alongside Sam and help him reach his goals! Where would Sam be without our program? What about other youth like Sam – the ones we call "invisible"? We want to help as many youth as possible; however, we can only care for youth like Sam with your continued support.

Hawksnest Tubing, January 5, 2019

We would like to thank Gordon & Michelle Hill from the Giving Kids Hope Foundation. They took several of our teens tubing at Hawksnest located at Seven Devils. It was a cold day, but the residents had a wonderful time.





Tyndall NC Pre-K

- MRS. AMBER VEGA,
CCLS, DIRECTOR
OF EARLY AGE
EDUCATION

Early Literacy: the Groundwork for Success



The first 2000 days of a child's life is the groundwork for their future and with that begins the development of language and literacy skills at birth. Infants through preschoolers require learning through meaningful experiences such as play, social interactions, singing, and reading books. According to research, children who are exposed to meaningful experiences such as reading together at home will be more successful in school. Here at the Tyndall Center students are in a supportive, literacy enriched environment, and we want that same kind of opportunity and experiences in their home environment.

One way we are continuing to promote early literacy is through our Read Everyday Program (R.E.D) and a partnership with the Catawba County Library to Go Program.

Students get to choose their books from our school library along with the Catawba County Mobile Library to take home and read with their families. The students received their own juvenile library card, which will provide them with access to books and other resources at our local libraries here in Catawba County. The benefits of young children reading with others include exposure to enriched language and vocabulary, continued development of their listening skills, reading comprehension, and building positive attitudes towards reading. We want our students to have a love for books and reading with those positive experiences, which will lead them on a road to success in school and life. Happy Reading!



Catawba County Mobile Library Program



Tyndall NCPrek



Rescue Ranch, Statesville
October 2018



Trunk-or-Treat, CVCC Nursing Students
October 2018



Family Literacy Night
November 2018



Tyndall NCPrek



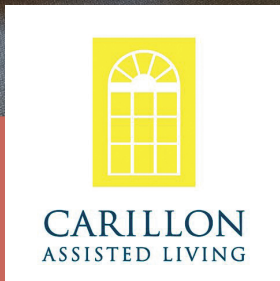
Thanksgiving Meal
November 2018



**Christmas with Santa &
Blue Ridge Harley Davidson**
December 2018



Tyndall Winter Sing-A-Long
December 2018



Grateful for fundraisers!

Thank you to **Carillon Assisted Living** residents & staff in Newton NC for your support of Sipe's Orchard Home. The chicken boxed lunches and the Christmas Carolers benefit raised \$1,200 for our organization.



**Northview
Middle School**

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**Northview Student
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Dress Code Free Day
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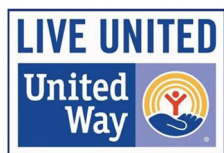
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