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Tyndall Pre-K library.

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News from the Orchard



Sipe's is 80 years old this year. We have been discussing how to celebrate this milestone. In the weeks and months ahead, you will be hearing more about upcoming events in the media and publications in our area.

There are many groups and individuals that have made Sipe's possible. We receive support for events such as our annual Bunny Run and Golf Tournament thanks to the work of Harley Davidson and Recycling Equipment, Inc. Individuals and groups donate items for use in our cottages as well as for youth to begin their independency when they finish our program and move out. Some common drives include school supplies, winter clothes, and items for use in the cottages. Area churches provide gifts for our high school graduates every spring. There are businesses that purchase Christmas gifts for our youth each year, and Mr. and Mrs. Hill have been donating birthday gifts to our teens for several years. Foundations and community organizations such as the Catawba County United Way, the Rotary Club, the George Foundation, and the North Carolina Community Foundation provide financial support in the form of grants.

There are many more individuals, churches, businesses, and foundations who help us. We are grateful and know we would not have been able to serve children and youth for eight decades without your continued support.







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Huckleberry Summer Camp

Summer of Holidays

May 30 – August 18, 2023

Ages 5-12 years old (Must have completed kindergarten) 4431 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613

Cost: \$30.00 Registration Fee – non-refundable \$130.00 per week for the 1st child, \$125.00 per week for the second child.

We provide breakfast, lunch, and snack each day at no additional costs for summer camp participants.

Campers will enjoy 12 weeks of activities, laughter, friends, and fun in the safe and nurturing environment which Sipe's Orchard Home has fostered for over 75 years.

For more information regarding the weekly activities or to register your child(ren) please visit: http://sipesorchardhome.org/summercamp or Contact Tonya Whisnant - Summer Camp Director at

828.578.2161

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For more news about Sipe's please visit:

www.sipesorchardhome.org

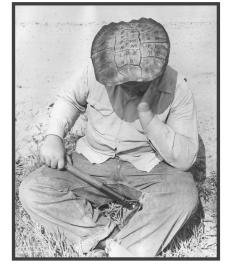


















SIPE'S ORCHARD HOME



CELEBRATES 80 YEARS













COO News

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." – Phil Jackson

What keeps an organization strong for 80 years? The strength of Sipe's Orchard Home comes from our committed staff who work diligently to help our children and youth prepare for their best futures. Each day presents challenges and opportunities for those we serve, and our staff comes together to assist and stand beside them with support and care. Our positive energy is contagious, and it helps keep our organization moving forward and believing that possibilities can become reality.

Emily Dickinson said, "I believe in possibility," and I imagine that V.O. and Viola Sipe did too. Without their vision, there would be no best futures for our children and youth. There would be no stories to tell and no community collaboration. However, our first brochure said it best.

"We tell this simple story of the purpose and program of Sipes [sic] Orchard Home to our friends in order that they may consider themselves a part of this noble effort and in order that they may feel themselves welcome to share in the responsibilities of this work."

Would you consider being a part of this "noble effort?" We have multiple opportunities and options for you to contribute. Donations can be made securely via our website, www.sipesorchardhome.org or you can send us a check. Every gift is used in the care of our children and youth.

With gratitude, DeLane

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Transitional Living Campus/Young Adults in Transition

What was your graduation like? What were your plans after completing school? Were you going to work, college or the military? Were you hopeful? Scared? Some of us knew what we wanted to do, but most had to get out and explore a bit before we figured it out.

Only about 50% of youth who are in the child welfare system graduate high school. At Sipe's Orchard Home we will be honoring six graduates at the end of May, and we are so proud of them. Our youths' post-graduation plans are as follows: one is completing an IT program, another is starting a training program through NC Works, two will be pursuing college at CVCC, and two will continue working. Our other youths on campus will continue working and pursuing their individualized goals.

It's an exciting and scary time. One of the most interesting and rewarding things we get to do is to help them begin to explore and navigate their paths after high school.

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permit!

I got my Driver's License!

Jamie Brown, CEO



Congratulations to these two young ladies.





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Preschool Notes & Huckleberry Summer Camp

Preschool

"When one flower blooms, spring awakens everywhere." - John O'Donohue

Our children are enjoying the spring and the awakening of flowers, insects, and butterflies. Both classrooms are anxiously awaiting the transformation of the caterpillars to butterflies. On our playground, the children look for worms, ants, and other insects so that they can talk about their discoveries during large group time. We get great joy in watching them learn through play.

Our preschoolers had a wonderful treat provided by Blue Ridge Harley Davidson. BRHD brought eggs filled with candy for the Great Egg Hunt, and the Easter Bunny came to see that all the eggs were found, and of course gave hugs to the children. The look of wonder and delight on each child's face during the hunt was priceless. I would like to express special gratitude to Summer Andrade with BRHD, Cynthia Martin, and Terri Hartness for facilitating this wonderful event.









Huckleberry Summer Camp

If you have school-age children, do not get left out of the wonderful opportunity for them to participate in the "Summer of Holidays Camp." Secure your registration and reservation for the upcoming 12 weeks of camp. We receive registrations and reservations each day. Our summer camp will begin May 30, 2023, and will conclude on August 18. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Whisnant at 828-578-2161.

DeLane Bowman, COO/Director of Early Age Education



























Thank you to Connie, Doris, Sue from the Claremont & Newton Lion's Club for coming out and testing our Pre-K students vision.















Tyndall Pre-K enjoying spending time with the Easter Bunny!









Thanks to everyone who came out and supported Sipe's Orchard
Home at our Bunny Fun event!



