HumanKind

115 Years of Care, Counseling and Education

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HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

In a response to the Department of Justice settlement from 2012, the Zuni Campus of HumanKind which housed 38 individuals with developmental disabilities, decided to close its doors with the last remaining individual moving in March of 2017. The settlement agreement limited the number of individuals that could be served in one location, and required that sites exceeding the proposed ratio help their individuals transition into more community-based settings by 2020.

A number of individuals from our Zuni Campus transitioned into Sponsored Homes, which is an alternative service model from the traditional group home setting. This program provides the same around-the-clock care that one would receive in a group home, but in a smaller, more intimate home environment. The Sponsor in the home provides all of the care for the individual, and receives the same extensive training required for group home staff. There can be no more than two individuals in the same home receiving care from a Sponsor, which also represents a shift from the group home model.

While the Zuni Campus provided high quality care and was a special place, the individuals who have transitioned to Live with a Sponsor are flourishing. Mary, age 39, spent 14 years on our Zuni Campus. Diagnosed with Autism and Developmental Delay, Mary tended to be more withdrawn and had difficulty with loud noises. Since moving into a Sponsored Home and receiving more 1-on-1 care, Mary’s personality has blossomed in a number of exciting ways.

Mary now lives on a farm with Sponsors, Sabrina and Howard Goss. Sabrina already had a strong connection to her, having been one of the HumanKind staff members that supported Mary during her time at Zuni. Sabrina shared that there is a visible change in Mary’s confidence and countenance since the transition just over a year ago. She is making decisions for herself and interacting more independently in the community in ways she has never done before.

Ruth Savio, Mary’s mother has shared that living on a beautiful farm with the Goss family has been a perfect fit for Mary, who in addition to her love of gumballs and Cadbury Eggs, loves horses. Ruth shared how pleased she is with Mary’s progress and noted that Mary was talking, joking, and appeared happier and more content. Mary’s doctor has also observed the change, and has been able to reduce or eliminate a number of Mary’s medications, which were primarily treating the effects of Mary’s anxiety.

As for the Zuni Campus, much of the land surrounding the central buildings is being leased to a local farmer. The US Department of Conservation and Recreation is looking to purchase the wooded area behind the main campus to preserve the nearly extinct Longleaf Pine, of which there are only about 400 left in the world. The remainder of the campus is currently for sale.

For additional information on HumanKind’s Sponsored Homes program, please contact Jim Meador, 434.384.3131 x3860.

CAMP TIMOTHY - MAKING A SPLASH SINCE 1962

Swimming is not only a great way to cool off in the summer, it is also an essential life-saving skill. In 1965, Andrea Reid learned to swim on the campus of HumanKind through the Timothy Club, now called Camp Timothy.

“One of the highlights remains to go swimming. Humankind is a safe place that we take the children every summer. The staff there and those in charge continue to have compassion on the children. There is a modest fee for us to use the pool,” says Andrea, now the camp’s program director for 24 years. “Many are underprivileged and do not have the means to attend a public pool. We also teach them water safety.”

Camp Timothy is a six-week camp for children ages 5-14 and the largest program of Churches for Urban Ministry. For the past 66 years, Camp Timothy has served as a safe, caring and nurturing environment for children. Well-trained instructors are on hand to lead 100 campers.

Camp Timothy strengthens the quality of life for children living in the inner-city and surrounding communities of Lynchburg. As you might imagine, there are limited funds for scholarships for Camp Timothy. Over forty percent of their campers come from single-parent homes. A number of these families receive Social Service benefits. Several grandparents on fixed incomes are, out of necessity, raising their grandchildren.

The partnership with HumanKind allows children to learn to swim, play in fields and explore the fishing pond. No electronics – just good, old fashioned recreation. “HumanKind is so generous with their facilities. We appreciate the partnership and look forward to it continuing for many years to come,” says Andrea.

ALUMNI CORNER: JEEP CANADA

James Eugene Canada, nicknamed “Jeep”, is a retired marine who served three tours in two different wars. Wounded each time, he earned three purple hearts: one in the Korean War and the other two in Vietnam. Jeep spent 10 years at the Presbyterian Orphans’ Home. He and his siblings arrived at the Home in 1939 after the death of their mother. The Home was a working farm at the time, and Jeep’s responsibilities included taking care of the pigs. Jeep knew that joining the marines would help get him out of Lynchburg and build a career. Jeep was a member of the Chosin Few – the service men who were part of the decisive battle in the Korean War called the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. His experience is detailed in his book, We Few – We Chosin Few. Jeep is returning to Lynchburg for Homecoming this summer and looks forward to reminiscing and sharing his experience with other alumni.

BOARD SPOTLIGHT: DR. MICHAEL ELLIOTT

In 2013, Michael’s family moved to the Lynchburg area from Chesapeake to work with Center. With a lot of opportunities to get involved within the community, he took the first year to look around and figure out what matched up with his passions in life around Human Services. After learning about Lynchburg and having a better understanding of the needs of the community, it was obvious to Michael that he wanted to serve with HumanKind. Coming from a home with a single mother, he did not have the transportation or opportunity to be involved with outside organizations. The community made sure that Michael was able to attend sports practices and events. The community made sure that he was able to reach his full potential and instilled self-confidence.

“HumanKind’s mission speaks to me and it speaks to everything that I have tried to accomplish in life, as well,” said Michael Elliott. HumanKind’s mission is to strengthen individuals and families through care, counseling and education. For Michael, it is a perfect fit.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

July 2-6  Little Wings Summer Camp
July 6  Little Wings Summer Cookout & Parents vs. Kids Kickball Game
July 9-13  Little Wings Summer Camp
July 16-20  Little Wings Summer Camp
July 23-27  Little Wings Summer Camp
July 28  Campus CLOSED for private event: BMXT Family Day
July 30-Aug 3  Little Wings Summer Camp

AUGUST

August 9  Foster Parent Training
August 13  Little Wings Preschool & After-School – 1st Day
August 21  HumanKind Day at I Scream You Scream Ice Cream
August 29  Cross-Country season on campus begins

SEPTEMBER

September 5  Lynchburg Cross Country Invitational
September 11  Foster Parent Training
September 13  VIP & Media Night for Over the Edge for HumanKind
September 14  Over the Edge for HumanKind Rappel Day

Looking to connect with the Presbyterian Homes Alumni?
Reach out to the Alumni Association President:
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Richmond, VA - Jasmine Coleman applied to be a Ways to Work recipient in June, 2017. Since then, she’s received guidance in purchasing her vehicle, a loan for her car, and ongoing support form Ways to Work staff. Funding received from Wells Fargo has helped has to provide fair-interest vehicle loans and financial education to many with transportation challenges and a need to establish or improve their credit.

Wells Fargo has a well-established relationship with Ways to Work. Employees from Wells Fargo are often an integral part of our processes where they serve on our loan approval committee. They regularly team up with HumanKind staff to volunteer in the community to provide financial education and skills based workshops.

With the help of HumanKind’s Ways to Work Program and Wells Fargo, Coleman was able to obtain a reliable source of transportation. Not only was she able to become more punctual but she’s able to spend more time with her family.

“This loan will continue to help me with my responsibility, help me rebuild my credit, and lead me down a more positive financial path.” Coleman wrote in her Ways to Work application personal statement.

Jonathan Gedeon is the Richmond Site Manager and helps support Ways to Work participants throughout the course of their loans. According to Jonathan, Jasmine is “ an excellent example of the impact that we can make in our communities.” She has used the vehicle to become increasingly self-sufficient and independent through the process” Gedeon said.

You can find out more about the programs and services we offer on our website, www.humankind.org

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**Over the Edge for HumanKind**

**GO OVER THE EDGE FOR HUMANKIND!**
Sept. 14, 2018 Downtown Lynchburg
Bank of the James Building

Do you have what it takes to go Over the Edge?  This annual event raises funds and awareness for all of Humankind’s programs.  Last year alone, the event raised more than $100,000 for HumanKind’s programs.

This FUNdraiser gives the participants the opportunity to face their fears and get the best view of the Hill City all while supporting a great cause.

Support out Edgers by making a donation or cheering them on as they rappel 120-feet from one of downtown’s tallest buildings.

To learn more or to become an Edger, contact event@humankind.org / 434-455-3639