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Little Wings Preschool is a high-quality, early education center for children ages 2.5-5 years with a unique 160-acre park-like setting to explore. Little minds are ripe for the exploration, discovery, and creativity that comes to life on our campus.

Our family-centered preschool provides a wealth of opportunities for you to build memories with your child and connect with other parents – from our annual fall festival to our monthly parent nights, Little Wings will quickly feel like an extension of your family.

## NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

To learn more please contact Sandra McConnell, Little Wings Preschool Director at 434-485-8124 or LW@humankind.org.

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## WELCOME & THANK YOU

This summer, HumanKind will celebrate 115 years of service in Virginia from our humble beginnings on more than 300 acres in Lynchburg. Our beautiful Presbyterian Homes campus, recognized on the National Historic Register, has been an institution, a pillar of support for children and families from our earliest days. With locations in Fredericksburg, Lexington, Richmond and Hampton Roads, we continue to be resilient and adaptive in delivering on our mission of *strengthening families through care, counseling and education.*

Our history would have been short were it not for courageous leadership and generous financial support. Today, we are blessed to have a board of directors, leadership, staff and volunteers who are committed to relieving suffering and providing new beginnings for families just like yours and mine who have encountered an obstacle too big to bear alone and too large for their immediate support system to resolve.

Every family faces challenges, often they can overwhelm us and make us think life is too hard... cancer, natural disasters, loss of a job or the loss of someone dear to us in this world. Many of the families we serve don't have the resources and family supports to bounce right back. HumanKind is privileged to come alongside and walk with them as resource and support. We could not do it without the generous support of people like you. Thank you!

Bob Dendy  
President and CEO



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# HumanKind KINDRED HEARTS

*Strengthening individuals and families through care, counseling and education since 1903.*



## 115 Years of Care, Counseling and Education

In the spring of 1903, 317-acre Ivey Farm was purchased to address the need for an orphans' home in Virginia. Over time, the current buildings were added and Presbyterian Orphans' Home thrived as a place for displaced children. The directors found that meeting the physical, spiritual and mental needs of the children was most important. The property included a school, working dairy farm, an orchard and countless forms of recreation. The value of quality education, spiritual development and recreation was paramount. Fishing, baseball, football, swimming and exploring the outdoors are some of the activities that filled the children's time.

115-years later, the Presbyterian Orphans' Home, now known as HumanKind, follows the same philosophy. With state regulations now focusing on family placement through foster care, HumanKind has expanded services to address the ongoing needs of both children and adults across Virginia. Foster care programs, childcare resources, early childhood education, mother/baby bonding, lactation consulting, financial literacy, mental health services and much more occupy the buildings on campus. The historic campus is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is used by countless local organizations as a place for recreation. The property is the home course for several cross-country teams; a place for camping, fishing and outdoor exploration. The pool is used through the summer as a resource for camps to swim and learn water safety. A plan to formalize recreation fields and a handicap accessible pool is currently underway.

*"Play is an important element in the life of everybody, especially children. Money invested in play apparatus and a place in which to play, is well invested and will contribute to the glory of God as surely as any social work."*

– Dr. William E. Megginson,  
Presbyterian Orphans' Home Superintendent 1918-1943



## 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 a 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 x3680.**



## 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

**For additional information on Camp Timothy, go to [ChurchesForUrbanMinistry.org](http://ChurchesForUrbanMinistry.org). If you are interested in using our facilities on campus at HumanKind, please contact us at 434.485.8120 or [facilities@humankind.org](mailto:facilities@humankind.org).**

## 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 him get 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 Centra. 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 activities. 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Rappal Day

#### Looking to connect with the Presbyterian Homes Alumni?

Reach out to the Alumni Association President:  
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## Wells Fargo Partnership with Ways to Work



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 from *Ways to Work* staff. Funding received from Wells Fargo has helped her 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 of 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](http://www.humankind.org)



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## GO OVER THE EDGE FOR HUMANKIND!

Sept. 14, 2018 Downtown Lynchburg  
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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 our 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](mailto:event@humankind.org) / 434-455-3639



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