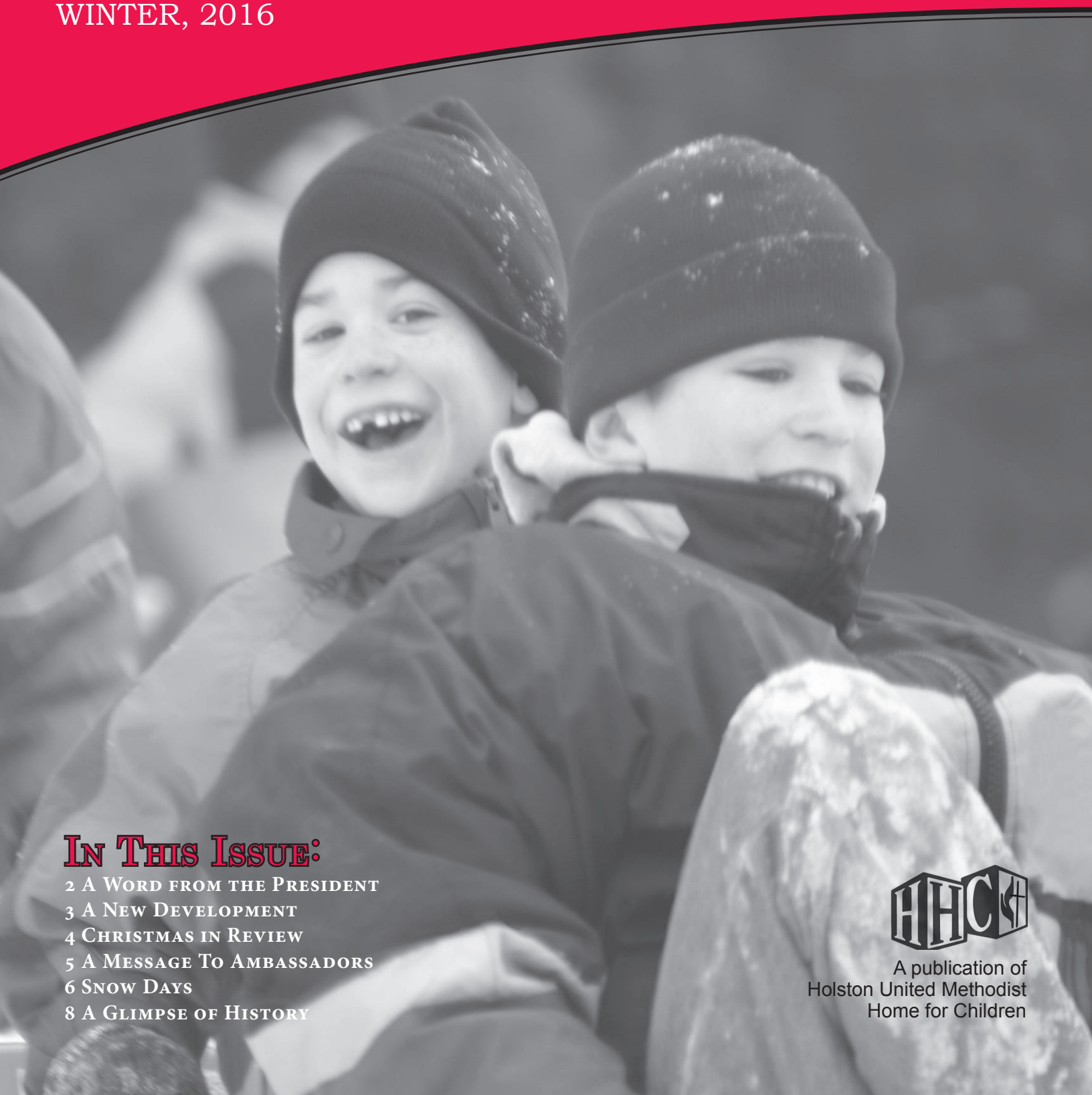
HOLSTON HAPPENINGS newsletter

WINTER, 2016

ARE YOU
ready for the
next Fifth Sunday?
It's May 29th, 2016



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A Word from the President



Anna arrived at Holston United Methodist Home for Children appearing to have the world by the tail. A beautiful young lady, she is bright, articulate and seemed to be full of confidence. On the inside she carries the scars and wounds of all types of abuse and hurts from adults who violated her trust. She would go back and forth between the strong and talented young lady that God made her to be and the traumatized and scared girl that the enemy wanted her to be. Our team committed to love her unconditionally. However, after efforts to harm herself, Anna was hospitalized so that we could make sure she was safe. We continued to reach out to her and express our love and concern. We pursued her with love just like Jesus pursues each of us and those around us.

Anna was able to come back to Holston Home right before Christmas, and we met her with open arms. After a short time, Anna started to become unsafe again, and she told us something so honest and yet so heartbreaking at the same time. She said that she had to get out of here because she had never been so loved and it was too much and too uncomfortable. She said that she wanted to go back to the hospital where she was just a patient. Satan had used the sin and selfishness of others in her life to convince this beautiful girl that she wasn't worthy of love.



I am reminded of what Paul writes in Ephesians 6:12 – our fighting is not against the flesh and blood enemies, but it is against the spiritual forces of evil. Anna is still here and we are still fighting with the amazing love of Jesus. Although we are in the middle of Anna's story and I can't tell you how it ends, I can tell you with the perfect hope that is in our Lord that there have been untold numbers of "Annas" that have come to Holston Home over the last 120 years. We have seen firsthand how God's love can change lives even in the toughest circumstances. John encourages us that "perfect love drives out fear." This is true even in Anna's fear that she isn't meant to be loved.

Will you join us in His love by praying for Anna and our young people? Would you also consider making a gift in honor of Anna and others struggling to find the truth about how God really sees them? Our ministry relies heavily on your support to help our youngsters get to know Jesus Christ and grow through worship, education, work, and recreation. Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts. We are so blessed to have you as our faithful friends. May you and your family experience this same love in 2016 and beyond.

In Christ,

Bradley S. Williams

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Holston United Methodist Home for Children provides hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges.

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To protect the privacy of youngsters in our care, photographs of children in this publication may or may not represent actual youth residing here.

A New Development ...In Development

It is likely that you will experience three things while having a conversation with Charles Hutchins, Holston Home's Vice President of Development for the last 16 years. You can count on laughing at least once, being inspired by the wisdom that flows from his words, life, and family, and you will probably find yourself writing a check to Holston Home by the end of it.

Rev. Hutchins has been advocating for the youth at HUMHC for over 50 years. He has served in various roles during that time including Case Worker, Director of Social Services, Director of Professional Services, Associate Executive Director, Director of Church Relations, and VP of Development. He and his wife, Eva Grey, author of "Haven in the Hills: A History of Holston United Methodist Home for Children" have contributed so much to the mission of HUMHC. Needless to say, words cannot express how blessed Holston Home is to have Charles & Eva Grey Hutchins in the Holston Family.

Charles was happy to announce on January 15th that he will be moving to a new role at HUMHC as the Director of Church Relations. "The bible doesn't say anything about retirement," Hutchins said with a smile, "but this new role will allow me to spend more time with the people I love and focus my attention on the churches that have been, and always will be, the backbone of this mission." President of HUMHC, Bradley Williams commented, "We are so blessed in having Charles continue as a vital part of this ministry. Charles is one of my true heroes, mentors, and close friends."

As Charles makes this transition, HUMHC will be welcoming a new Vice President for Development on Feb. 15th. "After many months of prayer and consideration, we are excited to announce that Mary Frank Madera will be joining the Holston team," says Williams.

Mary Frank comes to us with an extensive background in fund development. Her philosophy: "you have not, because you ask not." In 2014, Madera was recruited to serve as the Director of Development for North Naples Church/ The Village School of Naples in Naples, FL. She spent the last two years using her 26 years of experience in fundraising to build a development program from the ground up. She has worked with United Way, and the American Red Cross. "Years ago I discovered that my strengths are in connecting with others, staying positive, taking action, communicating, and encouraging others to join the cause. I know I am made for fundraising," says Madera. When asked, "Why Holston Home?" she responded, "I believe with all my heart God is calling me to be here."

Mary Frank is also looking forward to bringing her family to Greeneville. Her work has taken her all over, from New York to Naples, FL. However, as a native to Chattanooga, Tennessee, she stated: "Holston is my home conference and I am so ready to come home to Tennessee!" She also noted that the prospects of having access to "real barbecue and country ham" wouldn't hurt either.

"We have been praying for someone with her incredible passion for the Lord and for the children here at Holston Home. The fact that she is deeply rooted and connected to the conference that gave birth to this mission is a bonus!" says Hutchins. "She certainly has the talents needed, but her heart for people and our ministry to kids sets her apart," added Williams. Please join us in welcoming Mary Frank Madera to the ministry of Holston Home.



Introducing
Mary Frank Madera

Your support of Holston Home through Fifth Sunday is most important. Your contributions to the well-being of children helped by Holston Home have done wonders in the past and will do wonders again.

Christmas
In Review...



Community Christmas Event with Santa











Christmas Board Meeting: with special entertainment provided by students at Beacon School





Giving and Receiveing: Thanks to all of you who made this a special Christmas for children at HUMHC!



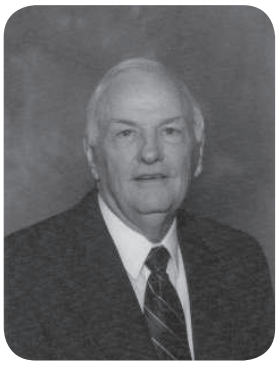
"In honor of" and "memorial" gifts may be made online at holstonhome.org or by mail sent to: Development Department, P.O. Box 188, Greeneville, TN 37744. Online donations are secured by PayPal.

Making a Difference

Dear Ambassadors:

You are a treasure! You cannot possibly realize the impact your good work has had on the ministry of Holston Home through the years. It is not possible for us to bring the message to every church, to share the inspirational stories of children who have moved from failure and dejection to success and self-esteem, from poor grades to top-of-the-class projects and accomplishments.

Your work is very important. Without you, we could not help the children who need the love and care of the church. You are not only the connection and motivator representing the church, but you are often providing the ideas and the support for their academic efforts. You are making a difference.



As of January 15th, I moved to the position of Director of Church Relations. In my new role, I will spend more time with you. I look forward to working closer with you and your pastor to promote Fifth Sunday and Advance Specials. Together we can come up with more creative ideas of how we can accomplish our mission. I envision holding regular District Ambassador meetings, that are informal and very informative. We can, with God's help, bring the children to the Christ who loves them so much.

For promotional materials, contact Nancy Presley at 423-787-8726 or call me at 423-787-8723.

May God bless you with an abundance of blessings and may you experience a love for the children which the floodgates of heaven cannot contain. What a mighty God we serve!

In the Name of the Good Shepherd,

Rev. Charles A. Hutchins
Director of Church Relations
James 1:27

Congratulations 2015 December Graduates







Do you need help planning your estate? Holston Home has experts on staff who can help you develop a well-designed plan. Please contact us for more information at (800) 628-2986.

Snow Days!









Another Great Season for the Beacon Believers









The Gym at Beacon School Gets a New Look

School spirit is at an all-time high at Beacon School. While the gymnasium serves many purposes for students and staff, it has recently become home to the "Beacon Believers," Beacon School's basketball team. Friday afternoons are the highlight of the week as students gather in the gym to cheer on their team.

In December, the gym took on a new look when efforts were made to add the school logo in the middle of the gym floor. Students and faculty are excited about the new edition. Thanks to all who made this change possible.

Many Thanks to all of the churches that gave to the ministry of Holston Home this year.



Rev. Charles Hutchins recieves donation at Bristol Speedway Children's Charities annual Night of Smiles event.

Bristol Speedway Children's Charities Donate $8,000 to Holston Home for Chilren

Bristol Speedway Children's Charities recently donated an $8,000 check to Holston Home.

"We are excited about our ongoing partnership with Bristol Speedway Children's Charities," the Rev. Charles Hutchins said. "They are a wonderful corporate friend."

Bristol Speedway Children's Charities was founded in 1996 to help children in the surrounding area, and has distributed more than $10 million dollars. Thank you, Bristol Speedway Children's Charities!

Wish List
for Beacon School

- Cases of Copy Paper- (15-20)
- Heavy Duty Manual Pencil Sharpeners (8)
- Ice Machine

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-OR-

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Dear friends of Holston Home:

☐ Please send me information about "Wills and Bequests"

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For more information and help with your Estate Planning please call us at (800) 628-2986

Churches and work groups often plan day trips to Holston Home to see our beautiful ministry firsthand. Your group is encouraged to visit. To arrange, please call Nicole Rader at (423) 787-8753.

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A Glimpse Of History

The stated purpose of Holston Orphanage, at its inception, was to "*Care for, train, and educate the helpless, neglected children, orphaned or otherwise, of the territory comprised of the Holston Conference…*" Mrs. Wiley's staff and volunteers provided whatever class instruction was provided, but that soon became an overwhelming task.

Matrons and secretaries doubled as teachers and were demanding a salary increase. On August 31, 1916, the board voted to send all school-age children to Greeneville City Schools. This apparently did not work out, presumably because such a large number of students taxed the workload of available teachers and the facilities. After only two days, the Greeneville Board of Education proposed to pay the orphanage if the "manager" (later called the Superintendent) would agree to maintain a school at the orphanage.



In 1917, children above the fourth grade were sent to public school. By 1918, an agreement was reached between the Greeneville Board of Education and the orphanage for the City to provide teachers for the orphanage elementary classes on campus and high school students attended public schools or Hiwassee College, which, at that time, was both a high school and a two-year college. This agreement held for many years.

When the move was made to the "new campus" in 1954 and the student population was reduced to 60, all of the children attended public schools.

In the late 1960's, the Holston Home staff realized that emotional and behavioral problems of children in care were increasing and many children were having difficulty learning in the public school setting. Special classes were established on campus which provided intensive, skilled instruction in reading writing, math and study skills. This concept of helping children with academic deficits eventually evolved into Beacon School on campus.

~Eva Grey Hutchins

Holston Home for Children was founded in 1895 by Mrs. Elizabeth Wiley. She believed that every child should be provided with a safe home, a good education, and be given the opportunity to establish a relationship with Jesus Christ. We still believe in those principles.