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Embracing Renewal: A Season of Hope and Impact at Christ's Home

Jim McGovern, CEO



The first signs of spring—flowers blooming, birds singing, and longer, warmer days—remind us of the beauty of renewal. Just as the earth awakens from winter, God's promise to make all things new is evident in the work we do at Christ's Home.

Over the past year, we have seen lives transformed - children finding stability and love, seniors experiencing dignity and community, and families being touched by the care and compassion that define our mission. From the opening of our new Independent Living building to the launch of The Crossing restaurant, we continue to expand our ability to serve. Our recent **deficiency-free** survey results in Personal and Memory Care affirm our commitment to excellence, while our approved **six-cottage project and amenity space** will soon create even more opportunities for impact.

In my recent board devotional, we were reminded that the work we do is not just about programs and buildings—it is about **souls renewed, lives changed, and hope restored**. The same power that raised Christ from the grave is alive in the work we do every day. Just as spring brings new life, your partnership breathes life into our mission.

As we soon celebrate Easter, we are reminded of the ultimate renewal—Christ's resurrection. His victory over death brings the promise of eternal life and the hope that through Him, all things can be made new. This season, as we rejoice in the risen Savior, we also recognize the calling to share His love through our mission at Christ's Home. Just as He gave us new life, we are called to extend that renewal to those in need, offering them care, compassion, and community.

We invite you to continue walking this journey with us. Your generosity allows Christ's Home to provide a place of **safety, love, and care** for those we serve. This season, consider making a gift that will plant seeds of hope for the future. Because of past generosity, we have been able to provide hot meals, safe housing, and spiritual encouragement to those in our care—your support truly makes a difference.

As we step forward into this season, we are reminded that renewal is not just external but also internal. It is a time to reflect on our purpose, our faith, and our commitment to serving those in need. Every act of kindness, every prayer, and every donation contributes to a greater impact, ensuring that Christ's Home remains a beacon of light and love.

Your continued support is a testament to the power of faith and community. We are deeply grateful for every donor, volunteer, and partner who joins us in this mission. Together, we can bring lasting transformation to those we serve, offering them hope and a future filled with promise.

Together, let's embrace this season of renewal and make a lasting impact in the lives of others. **Will you join us?**

Please consider using the enclosed envelope to send in your gift today.

Thank you for being part of this journey of faith and transformation!

Blessings, Jim
James D. McGovern, LSW, ACSW
CEO, Christ's Home

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Sue and Al:

A Life Rooted in Faith, Family, and Service

Sue's life is a beautiful testament to God's faithfulness and provision. From an early age, she felt God's presence, often through the thoughtful actions of her godly grandmother. Her grandmother would hand-copy Bible verses and send them to Sue in the mail, planting seeds of faith that would grow throughout her life.

In high school, Sue met Al, the love of her life and now her husband. The two attended college together, and their partnership blossomed both personally and professionally. Al had a successful 24-year career in production control with the Budd Company where they built commuter rail cars. Then he started a new chapter building custom homes in Bucks County. Their son carried on the family legacy and ran Gibson Builders for many years. Meanwhile, Sue pursued her passion for education as an elementary school teacher in Council Rock, shaping young lives both inside and outside the classroom.

Together, they raised four children and now delight in the blessings of their 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandsons. The grandchildren are now young adults who are continuing the family's legacy of faith and service.

Sue and Al's connection to Christ's Home reflects their lifelong commitment to caring for children and nurturing faith. During their



college years, they served as weekend relief house parents at the Milton Hershey School, an experience that deepened their compassion for children in need. When they moved into their cottage and became residents, that same spirit led them to support Christ's Home, where they see the vital importance of its mission to care for children. Their hearts are invested in the children at Christ's Home, and their generosity and dedication are a blessing to the entire community. Sue and Al's story is a shining example of how faith, family, and service can create a lasting impact for generations. We are grateful for their partnership and the love they continue to share with Christ's Home.

GREECE REFLECTIONS

by Chaplain Ron Schmidt



In November 2024, several residents and friends of Christ's Home set out for an unbelievable trip to Greece and the Greek islands following the footprints of Paul on his missionary journeys. The history and archaeology were amazing and made everything come alive! What struck me most was how each city had a temple and specific gods that determined the lifestyle of the people residing there and created the backdrop for the content of Paul's letters. At Patmos, the Alcatraz of the first century where John the Apostle was exiled, we stood in the same cave where he wrote his great prophetic Book of Revelation known as the Apocalypse where he unveiled the awesomeness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This trip was filled with many stunning moments of our own!



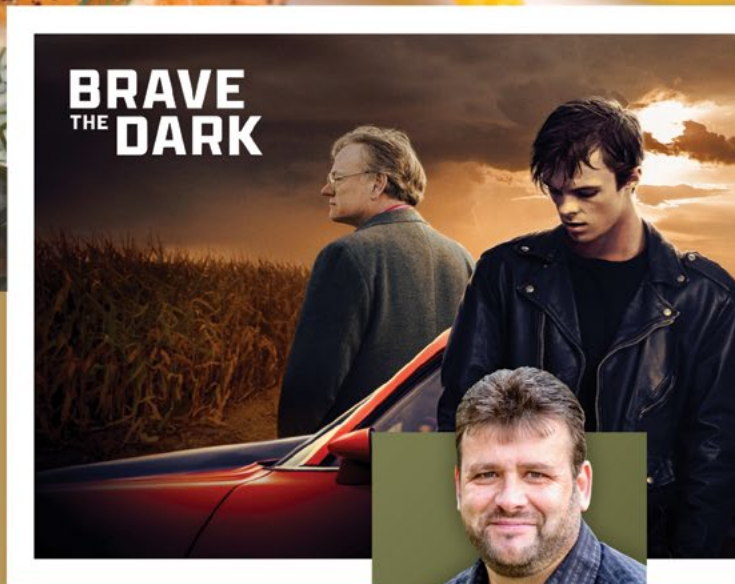


Spring Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, May 15th | 6 pm

This year, we are privileged to welcome back Nathaniel Deen, a former child resident of Christ's Home. His remarkable journey is the subject of *Brave the Dark*, a full-length feature film that premiered in January 2025. The film captures his triumph over a difficult past and the profound influence of his high school drama teacher, Mr. Stan Deen, whose unwavering support and kindness helped Nathaniel find healing and a true sense of family.

Join us for an elegant dinner as Nate shares his inspiring journey – bringing his story to the big screen and beyond.



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Nathaniel Deen

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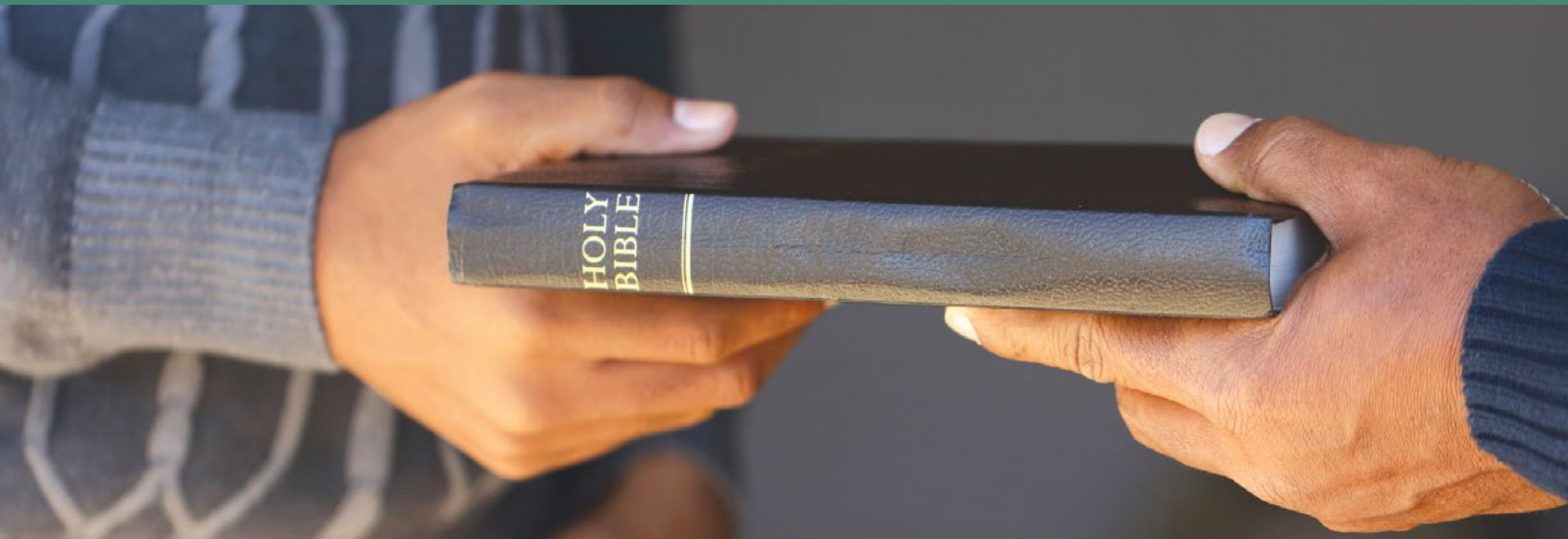
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From Foster Care to Faith:

BEN'S JOURNEY OF HOPE AND ADVOCACY



Ben entered the foster care system at just 3 years old and remained in and out of care until he turned 18. He recalls his mother struggling with her mental health during his early years. For a time, Ben lived at Christ's Home's Lancaster Campus with his older sister. He remembers it as feeling like a big sleepover with friends, where everyone shared a similar experience of being without parents. His time there gave him a sense of family and community, helping him to feel less alone and less focused on his own challenges.

Later, Ben moved to Christ's Home's Warminster Campus and attended Abington High School. He has fond memories of attending church with the house parents and going roller skating afterward. "It felt like family," he shared, "not like they were just babysitting us." Eventually, Ben transitioned into Christ's Home's Transitional Living

Program but chose to reunite with his mom and siblings.

In 2020, Ben began working at Faulkner Collision, and his mother is now doing well. He attends St. Luke's Catholic Church in Glenside and is strengthening his personal relationship with the Lord. Ben is passionate about advocating for children and teens in group homes who, like him, find themselves without parental care. Most importantly, he seeks to lead others to Christ, encouraging them to read the Bible and experience the fulfillment he found in surrendering his life to God.

Ben's life verse comes from Proverbs 4:23, ***"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it,"*** reminding him to set aside worldly desires so he can be fully used by God.

Leaving a Legacy:

LINDA'S STORY



A legacy gift is more than just a financial contribution—it is a testament to the lasting impact an organization has on a person's life. For Christ's Home, one such incredible story came from Linda, a woman whose journey began in our care.

As a child, Linda was adopted through Christ's Home, growing up in a loving family that provided her with opportunities to thrive. Though she moved on and built a life of her own, she never forgot the place that gave her a foundation of love and security. Decades later, long after she had left our care, we received a surprise phone call—Linda had remembered Christ's Home in her will.

Her generous legacy gift was an unexpected blessing that ensured other children would have the same opportunities she once did.

Linda's story is a beautiful reminder of how a legacy gift can reflect a lifetime of gratitude and faith. By including Christ's Home in her estate plans, she ensured that future generations of children would receive the same care, stability, and love that shaped her own life.

A legacy gift is more than a donation—it is a lasting commitment to making a difference. If you would like to learn more about how you can leave a legacy at Christ's Home, we invite you to reach out today by contacting **Brenda Greene, Director of Development at 215-956-2393 or bgreene@christshome.org**.

Quilting Club Gives Back to Children at Christ's Home

Every Monday morning, The Quilting Club is busy at work creating beautiful quilts. Some of their quilts are donated to the disadvantaged children living at Christ's Home.

This is a tradition dating back many years. This simple act of kindness gives the children living here a thoughtful gift they carry with them when they leave Christ's Home. It also serves as a reminder that they matter and are cared for during a difficult time in their lives. The volunteers of the Quilting Club are proud to help the children at Christ's Home in anyway they can.

It's a blessing when the generations we serve can connect in a meaningful way and pass something down to the next generation. Over the past year, we have participated in several intergenerational activities that bring the two different age groups we serve together. These include a game of bingo played in our Community Center and a Halloween pizza party.

Thank you to the Quilting Club for all they do!



Tributes

During the period of October 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, Christ's Home was blessed to receive many contributions in memory and in honor of people who are important to the lives of our supporters. We extend thanks and appreciation to everyone who chose this avenue to support the mission and services of Christ's Home, while paying tribute to special individuals in their lives.

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Sheltered by Love:

A YOUNG MOTHER'S PATH FORWARD



Maria's journey is one of courage, resilience, and the transformative power of unconditional love. At just 16 years old, she found herself in a foreign land, far from her home in Central America, with her toddler and her boyfriend. Maria had little schooling and no road map for what lay ahead. Her life took a devastating turn when her boyfriend decided to take their daughter to the United States without her consent. Determined to reunite with her child, Maria made the brave decision to follow them, embarking on a long and uncertain journey to the United States.

Upon her arrival, Maria reached out to family members who helped her locate her daughter

in Pennsylvania. She soon discovered she was pregnant with her second child. Though she reunited with her boyfriend, their living situation quickly deteriorated. He was abusive and struggled with substance use, leaving Maria vulnerable and in danger. After an incident that landed her in the hospital, the county stepped in, and Maria was placed at Christ's Home.

At seven months pregnant and caring for her two-year-old daughter, Maria arrived at Christ's Home feeling anxious and overwhelmed.

She spoke little English and was still processing the trauma of her journey. But from the moment she walked through the doors, Maria felt something she hadn't experienced in a long time—safety. She was welcomed warmly by house parents who made her feel cared for and valued. For the first time, Maria saw that she was not alone. She shared a home with other teen mothers who, like her, were navigating challenges while striving to build better lives for their children.

Fast forward two years, and Maria's life is filled with hope and promise. She is now fluent in English, holds a visa, and is set to graduate from high school this June. She works part-time at a restaurant on weekends, and with the help of Christ's Home staff, who provide childcare, she

has been able to save money toward her goal of buying a car and eventually securing a home for her family.

When asked to describe Christ's Home in one word, Maria didn't hesitate: "Grateful." She admits there are days when her circumstances feel overwhelming, but she finds solace in the support of Christ's Home staff, who are always there to listen, encourage, and guide her.

Looking ahead, Maria has big dreams. After graduation, she plans to attend college and ultimately hopes to join the army to take advantage of the opportunities it offers. Her faith in Jesus remains a guiding light, and she dreams of joining a church where she and her daughters can grow together in faith and community.

Maria's story is a testament to the power of perseverance and the life-changing impact of a compassionate community. Christ's Home gave her not just a safe place to live but the tools, resources, and encouragement to build a future filled with hope and possibility.

A LITTLE NOTE WITH A BIG HEART

A young girl recently sent a heartfelt note to Christ's Home, reminding us of the incredible impact kindness can have. In her sweet message, she expressed her support for the children, showing that generosity knows no age. Her simple yet powerful words are a beautiful example of how even the smallest gestures can bring joy and encouragement to our children and staff at Christ's Home. We are grateful for her thoughtfulness and are excited to share her note with you!

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