



Fort Smith Boys Home

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2024 January-February-March-April Newsletter

Edition #24



TRINITY MULTI FAMILY BECOMES BOYS HOME TWO!

After 46 years the Boy's Home is expanding! Our mission is to take care of foster children and this opportunity will enable us to double our capacity! Without question this will be very challenging in terms of purchasing the building, remodeling and then staffing, but we are committed to making this happen! Current plans are to

separate the ages and have (12-15) in one and (16-18) in the other. Both age groups have issues, however, the issues are different, and this separation will allow us to focus on individual problems. The Boy's Home being a 503C NonProfit Organization would be happy to accept donations towards this endeavor. Why are we doing this? Good question and the answer is that our goals are not to put money in the bank, but to help foster children. This move enables us to do just that. The staff and our Board Members are committed to this project and look forward to the future. Plans are to finalize the purchase in early March and begin remodeling with a goal of opening as soon as possible. Anyone interested in volunteering or donating please contact: 479-646-2819 or 479-769-5624 or boysshelterdirector@gmail.com

Fort Smith Boy's Home Board Members 2024

Marty Clark - President
Beverly Elam
Matt Marshall

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Shannon Kellerher
James McMillan

Gaines Woods
Bryan Merry
Andy Rauser

Staff thoughts on New Building.....

Stephanie Ceola: Wonderful expansion! Being able to separate the age groups will benefit everyone. The fact that there is enough room for future expansion on the new property will enable us to serve foster children for years to come.

James Ball: The new building makes us a BEACON, to foster care in our community and in the State for that matter. I feel this will lead to more community involvement, which in turn will benefit the foster children in our care.

Eddie Donovan: Dreams do come true! Being able to double our capacity, enables us to help more Foster Children!

Marcy Ball: Excited about seeing the futures we will help build in the young men we have the blessing to work with.

Chris Holmes: Great for the boys, more opportunity for them to grow emotionally and physically.

Thomas Ceola: The expansion is not only wonderful for our program but will benefit the community as a whole!

Jessica Strawser: Being able to design a building with Trauma Informed Care in mind is the ultimate experience to promote emotional well being and safety.

Amanda Brown: With this expansion we are going to be able to better bridge the gap for at risk youth and those in foster care!

Jacob Hutchins: Exciting news, can't wait to see this happen!

Michael Ceola: Sounds great! More room for boys to have their own space!

Pamela Whilhite: Helping one person might not change the world, but it might change the world for one person.

Megan Stearman: Very excited about this new building and everyone will benefit, mostly the foster children in our care!

Jolean Long: I see it as positive growth and opportunities for everyone!

Brylea Butler: Super excited about it! Foster children need support and being able to individualize and separate ages will be a BIG BENEFIT!

Samatha Fleharty: Children are a cause worth fighting for and I am proud to be a part of that fight!

SPOTLIGHT ON 2023

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS

Alexander Family
James Ball
Kail Ball
Amanda Brown
Stephanie Ceola
Audrey Cherry
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Krista England
Samantha Fleharty
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Tate Jarrad
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CHURCHES-CIVIC GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

Aces Coalition	Antioch	Davis Foundation
FS Food Bank	Evans Foundation	FSPD
FSPS	FSPS Service Center	Hennessy Foundation
Haven Heights Church	Kiwanis Club	Masonic Lodge
Noon Civic Club	Oak Cliff Baptist	Optimist Club
Parker Center	Razorback Foundation	Rye Hill Baptist
Spirit 106.3	United Way	Walter O Caldwell Foundation
Women's Shelter	1st Presbyterian Church	7th Day Church of God

Importantly, supporters lists start over every year. However, if you have graciously supported and donated to The Boy's Home and have not been recognized, my apologies for the oversight. We also understand that supporters are not looking for recognition, but YOU deserve it!

OUR CORPORATE PARTNER AND FRIEND....

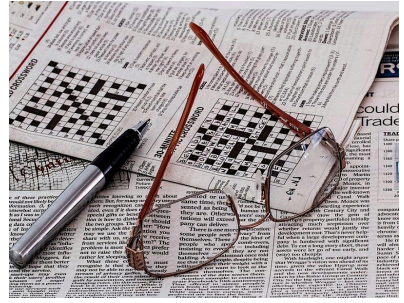


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GerdaU associates working at the Boy's Home!

Boys Home Crossword Puzzle



2. When there are multiple people involved
not sure who to _____.

4. The _____ mountains cover Arkansas
Missouri and parts of Kansas.

ACROSS

6. Storms can be dangerous and a good solid _____ can save lives.

8. _____ us uttered at the end of many prayers.

10. The U.S. _____ started in 1775 by horseback.

12. Some say the _____ are the doorway to the soul.

14. George Bernard Shaw said _____ is wasted on the young.

16. Without question _____ is where the heart is.

18. Multiple _____ enhance your chances of being successful and happy.

20. Some foods are better than others but everyone has their favorite thing to _____

22. Being _____ is having the power, skill, means or opportunity to do something.

24. In 2022 the Boy's Home built a _____, sometimes called a Community Center.

26. A succession of images, ideas, emotions and sensations are _____.

28. _____ is a sticky or slimy substance kids love to play with.

30. _____ is a temporary court order-monitored service provided for the well being of children and youth.

Boys Home Crossword Puzzle

1. The _____ opened in 1978 and is a QRTD program.

3. The greatest QB's in the NFL History are considered _____.

5 Military Veterans have a lot of _____.

7. An _____ is a short and quick trip to accomplish a purpose, often for someone else.

9 There are many steps and directions in our lives, your _____ is often determined by life experiences.

11 The capacity to withstand or recover quickly is often called _____.

13. A sound or series of sounds caused by reflection of sound waves is called an _____.

15. One of John Lennon's most well known songs released in 1975 was called _____.

17. The University of Arkansas sports teams are referred to as the _____.

19 A _____ serves as a sign or evidence of a specified fact, event or quality.

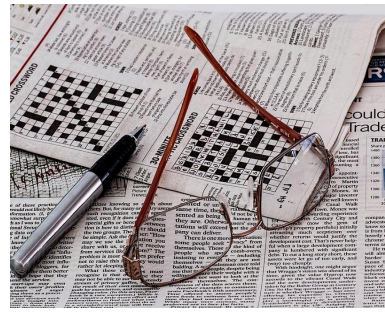
21 Mark Twain once said, "The _____ hurts."

23. To help, assist, or support someone in the achievement of something is to _____ them.

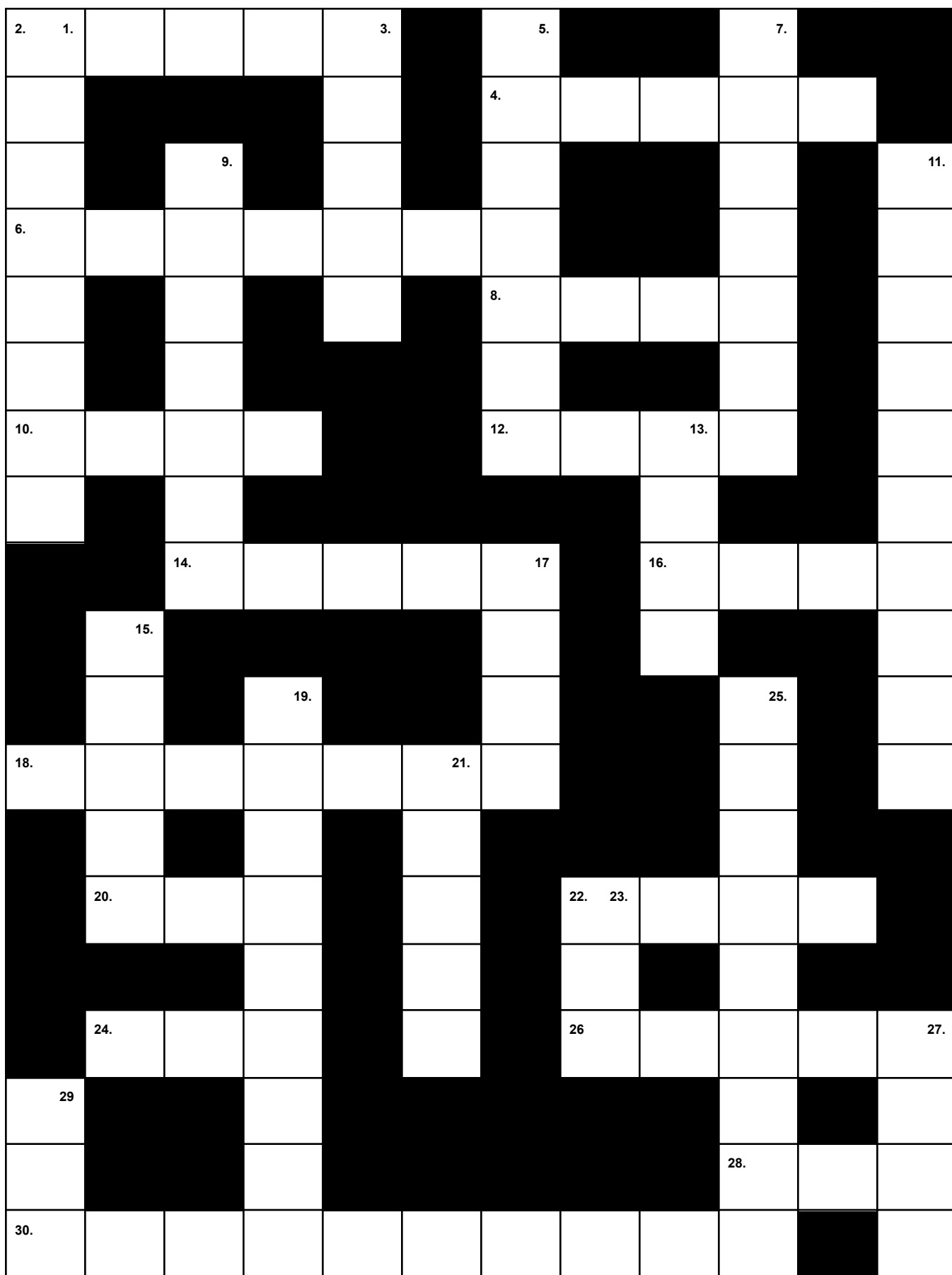
25. Life throws many good and bad issues towards people to accept that _____ is not always easy, but necessary.

27. Unbelievably, the Earth is 238,900 miles from the _____.

29. A _____ file can allow images or frames to be combined, creating basic animations.



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Spotlight on: Employee of the Year: **Marcy Ball**

Marcy is a valued 6 year employee of the Boy's Home! After 32 years as a Walmart associate it was time for a career change. Everyone has a learning curve with a new job, and while Ms. Marcy had one her effort and extra effort was never in question. From day one it was “what needs to be done?” Now with everything else she does she has become known as “The Fudge Lady.” We had a Thanksgiving and Christmas Fudge fundraiser and thanks to her hard work it was very successful! Plans are to do this every year!



Certainly, the Fudge Fundraiser makes sense and money for the Boy's Home, however, the main reason we do it is for Community Involvement and frankly, supporting our supporters.

Ms. Marcy, we can't thank you enough for your commitment and hard work at the Boy's Home! Congratulations on being the Employee of the Year!

Spotlight on : Samantha Fleharty BSN, RN



It's always been a goal of the Boy's Home to have a Certified Licensed Nurse. Since becoming a (QRTP), Qualified Residential Treatment Program, we have had a contract with Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance for a nurse to come out when needed. However, while that did enable us to meet certification, it was simply not enough and only met the minimum of requirements.

Samantha being an RN, allows our program to go to another level in terms of health care for the Foster Children in our care. She graduated with her Bachelors Degree in nursing from UAMS College of Nursing in 2008. She is originally from southwest Arkansas, but is living in Sallisaw, Oklahoma with her husband Clint and a son named Kyle.

Samantha has many goals in mind but understands that exercise needs to be fun in order to be effective. Fitness and having an active lifestyle will benefit the boys both physically and mentally, so without question, fitness will be a major part of the program. Helping them understand that exercise not only is physically healthy, but is also an antidepressant, will benefit them in all aspects of their lives.

She has worked in multiple health care positions, with the last 3 in behavioral health settings. Samantha enjoys group fitness, shopping, and spending time with her family pets. She is a Christian and attends Sallisaw First Baptist Church.

WELCOME SAMANTHA!

Annual Car / Truck / Jeep Show!



This is a BIG DEAL for the Boy's Home! Without question the show is a solid fundraiser for our program but is also a time of fun for staff and boys! Each year we get bigger and more importantly, better! Cars, Trucks, Jeeps and Rat Rods are all welcomed! Without question people attend for the show, but our Silent Auction continues to be a BIG HIT and we always have something for all ages.

Any questions please call: **479-646-2819 or 479-769-5624 or email:**
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**Fort Smith Boys Home
Annual Silent Auction and
Car Show**



September 14, 2024
Ben Geren Storm Shelter

50/50 Raffle 1 for \$3 2 for \$5 3 for \$7 4 for \$9 5 for \$10	TOP 40 AWARDS: • Best Interior • Best Paint • Best Engine • Best in Show • Top 2 Rat Rods • Top 2 Modified Jeeps • Top 2 Original Jeeps	ENTRY FEE \$25 or \$20 for pre-registration 
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Message from the Executive Director...

Another year and sadly, many of the same issues that ended 2023, we continue to deal with. However, some GREAT NEWS..... The Fort Smith Boy's Home is buying the old Trinity Multi Family building! The obvious question is why? First lets go over our Mission Statement:

The mission of The Fort Smith Boy's Home is to make abused and neglected kids the center of our world. To nurture, inspire and transform them using trauma informed care so they thrive mentally, physically, and socially. Empowering youth to be capable of achieving any dream.

First and foremost we will continue our mission.... As we all know there are literally thousands of foster children in Arkansas and less than 400 foster homes! This expansion will help take care of more children and by using trauma informed care, we can support them during their journey. Personally, I want to THANK our Board Members for committing to this project and their compassion for Foster Children.

We always get much more than we give.

Eddie Donovan

How Can You Help? Complete and mail this form today.

If you would like to be involved financially in supporting the Boy's Home, please complete the following form.

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Please send your support to:

The Boy's Home, Inc.
5904 South Zero
Fort Smith, AR 72903
479-646-2819 Office

The Home certainly has business and grant support which goes a long way in making us successful. However, the individual and local support makes all the difference. Many supporters are tireless, weekly cooking meals, giving financial support and volunteering anyway needed. That support is very meaningful but also motivates the staff in many ways, most notably by understanding and seeing the difference we make in the lives of children who need it the most!

The Boy's Home, Inc. is a tax exempt 501C3 non-profit organization.

Our Tax Exempt number is 51-017284.

Importantly, with our New Building purchase, support is more important than ever! Any support you can provide is invaluable and appreciated. Anyone interested, we would love to give you a tour of the Boy's Home and discuss our future plans with you!

To become a supporter, contact us:

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