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Wernle's 2014

"Coaches for Kids" Golf Classic Hosted by Mat Latos and Billy Hamilton

Two current Cincinnati Reds players have agreed to host the 2014 Wernle "Coaches for Kids" Golf Classic. Get your team together and come play golf with Mat Latos and Billy Hamilton! Mat Latos is the starting pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds and has been voted as the Reds' most valuable pitcher. Billy Hamilton has been said to be the organization's top prospect and plays centerfield. This event includes food, refreshments and a silent auction for the attendees. All proceeds go to benefit the youth who call Wernle "home".

We are very excited to have both of these gentlemen join us for our annual event which is a major fund-raiser for Wernle and draws the most festive bunch of golfers around!

Watch for more information in coming weeks at www.wernle.org



Mark Your Calendar!

"Coaches for Kids" Golf Classic

May 12, 2014 ** Forest Hills Country Club



For more information about sponsorship opportunities or to register your team, please contact Marci Asher at (765) 939-4565, or visit our website at www.wernle.org



"A Community of Hope" Making an Impact

Wernle's Wish List

Every Wednesday Wernle distributes our latest "wish list". This list contains items needed for the care of the youth that reside on our Wernle campus. Looking for a new way to help? You can contribute by donating everything from cleaning supplies, to clothing to recreational items to keep the kids busy.

Want to See Our Storage Room?

Stop by Wernle and take a tour!

**Clothing...

- Men:**
- Jeans
 - Colored Tee's
 - White Tee's
 - Boxer Briefs
 - Boxers
 - Socks (Crew Only)
 - Sweat Pants
 - Sweat Shirts
 - Shoes Sizes 6.5-13
 - Light Weight Jackets
 - Belts
 - Pajama Bottoms (S, M, L, XL)
- Boys:**
- Socks
 - Jeans
 - Dress Clothes
 - Boxers

**Make our House a Home...

- Paper towels
- Twin fitted sheets
- Bath Towels
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Toothbrush holders
- Combs
- Soap Dishes
- Board Games
- Help Us Sparkle & Shine...
- Lysol Disinfectant
- Windex Spray
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Febreeze
- Laundry Detergent
- Softener

**Downtime...

- Footballs
- Basketballs
- Kickballs
- Frisbees
- Exercise Balls
- Hackey/Soccer Goals
- Board Games (Connect 4, Stratego, Chess, Risk, Monopoly, UNO)
- Therapeutic Gardening...
- Gardening Soil
- Mulch, Leaves, Grass Clippings
- Seeds and/or Plants
- Fruit Trees and/or Bushes
- Materials for Deer Fence to protect Garden
- Treated Wood Posts and/or Lumber
- Therapeutic Art...
- Wooden Popsicle Sticks
- Wood and Gorilla Glue
- Washable Paints
- Plaster of Paris
- Scissors
- Poster Boards
- Model Kits - Wood Planes, Cars, Birdhouses, ETC.
- Knitting Tools
- Reading...
- Hunger Games
- Chronicles of Narnia
- Lord of the Rings
- Harry Potter

Campaign Corner

We have accomplished completion of the first residential unit which is up and running.



We have also been able to complete our much anticipated Girls private secure unit.



We have two projects remaining, consisting of remodeling of our over 100 year old administration building and the construction of one additional residential unit. The last two projects are estimated at a cost of approximately \$3.6 million.

School News



On April 3rd Wernle held its Residents Awards Ceremony on our campus. The awards ceremony honors residents of Wernle that have made honor roll, as well as those who have received perfect, or near perfect attendance at school. We are ecstatic to report that we had 13 residents make the Honor Roll this quarter!! Our campus wide GPA was 2.7.

We had 2 residents with 99% school attendance and 7 boys with perfect attendance.

We are so proud of our scholars and the hard work and dedication they are exhibiting.

Girls Coming Early Spring!

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| Hygiene Products | Underclothing |
| Sports Bras (Sm, Med, Lg, XL) | Socks (Sm, Med, Lg, XL) |
| Underwear (Sm, Med, Lg, XL) | House Shoes (Sm, Med, Lg, XL) |
| T-Shirts (Long & Short Sleeve - Sm, Med, Lg, XL) | |
| Sweatpants - Elastic Waist - No Strings (Sm, Med, Lg, XL) | |

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Something to ponder....
I have long felt that
the way to keep children
out of trouble is to
keep them interested in things.
Lecturing to children is
no answer to delinquency.
Preaching won't keep youngsters
out of trouble, but keeping
their minds occupied will.
WALT DISNEY,
Deeds Rather Than Words

A Message from the President ...

Plans change.

Often that's a good thing. A very good thing.

Case in point: We built a wonderful new secure facility on the Wernle campus with monies raised from our recent building campaign.

But, soon after finishing the \$1.2 million facility, we discovered that the changing tides of financing in the social services world made it impossible to run it as planned without incurring a deficit.

It's simple: We can't run any program at a deficit.

The board and I have battled in my 12 years here to stay on point with budgets and to build reserves for the future. So, a deficit wouldn't work. For now, a secure program won't work.

As I stated earlier, though, change can be a very good thing.

We have to adapt to new needs and to the ever-shifting landscape of funding mechanisms for residential care.

In that realm, the secure facility is being adapted to handle the new girls program that will start in the next few months. We discovered the needs are so strong for working with girls that the reimbursement structure will help us sustain and grow the state-leading outcomes we have become accustomed to. Bringing young women back to the population of Wernle was part of the plan for the capital campaign and this change accelerated fulfilling that need and plan.

We continue to be a leader in positive outcomes for our young residents. We educate them and treat their psychological needs. We focus on their families. Our kids quickly learn Wernle is not a place of punishment, but a place of healing.

We are changing, yet keeping the focus on what's best for the children. That's a good thing.

The word is getting out about Wernle on a national stage. For that, the whole region can be grateful. Dick Vitale and Jerome Bettis came here in the last two years to receive Catalyst for Change awards. UCLA basketball coach Steve Alford and several Notre Dame football greats led recent Coaches for Kids golf outings.

Now, we are happy to add a baseball theme to this year's golf event being held on Monday, May 12.

It will be headlined by two Cincinnati Reds baseball players: pitcher Mat Latos and rookie outfielder Billy Hamilton. Latos has won 14 games in each of the last two seasons, while Hamilton is considered one of the speediest players ever in the game.

The Reds are scheduled to be off that day, sandwiched between homes games on Sunday against the Colorado Rockies and Tuesday against the San Diego Padres.

To sign up or be a sponsor for our golf event, contact us at (765) 939-4565 or development@wernle.org.

Blessings my Friends,

Darrell Gordon, MSA, JD, CFRM
PRESIDENT/CEO



Therapeutic Recreation & Environmental Awareness Programming

QUARTERLY REPORT By Kyle King, Recreation Specialist

"Winter can be an enchanting time if you only go to the deep woods to find it-- frozen waterfalls, snow covered ever green trees, and a channel of rabbit tracks leading to a den. Our Wernle Youth have experienced that, some for the first time, this winter."

Wernle Team Members and Friends,

What a historic winter we have had! Thankfully, it has not stopped therapeutic recreation at WYFC and has only made us more creative in our search for fun!

In early November, we moved some of our hiking to Whitewater State Park just 25 minutes south of our campus. Hiking up and down hills around the lake has provided a new challenge, but discovering the beauty and the wildlife (beavers and a variety of Herons) is more than worth the sweat! In time, we hope to spot bald eagles which are also known to enjoy the area.

Our wilderness therapy program (WILDERNESS WEDNESDAYS!) continued with our younger youth on Staff Secure East, teaching them the importance of finding food, water, shelter & warmth in cold climates. We taught them how to build snow shelters (igloos) and of course, enjoyed a lot of sledding in the snow! During our unusually cold days, we visited the Museum of Natural History at Earlham College and learned how Native Americans lived and survived in our region.

During this season, our Independent Living program built a wooden bridge across the creek in order to make hiking easier for the rest of the campus, and most recently, helped to tap trees for maple syrup at Cope Environmental Center.

Of course, Winter Recreation has also been full of traditional and untraditional games in the gym. During the holidays, we played games such as Capture the Turkey, Collect the Ornaments, and a therapeutic version of football for Super-bowl Weekend!

Though winter recreation has been full of fun, we are certainly ready for spring! We hope to begin a community garden full of vegetables and fruit trees as well as a small shaded woodland garden next to our winding creek. Roscoe's Coffee Bar will be donating their used coffee grounds to be composted in the gardens. We will also pick up where we left off in the fall and continue our trail development project by forming new trails in the woods and boardwalks across the creek and wetland areas. The residents and I are both very excited!

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Let's make 2014 a year to remember for our campus!

-Kyle King

Upcoming Events!!

Sat., May 3rd – Wernle Spring Representatives Meeting featuring a concert by Richmond Community Orchestra

Mon., May 12th – Wernle "Coaches for Kids" Annual Golf Classic – Cincinnati Reds Co-hosts Mat Latos & Billy Hamilton

Tue., May 27th – Wernle Board of Directors annual meeting

September 12-14th – 1st Annual Whitewater Valley Motorcycle Club / Wernle event at Wayne County fairgrounds

October, 2014 – "Catalyst for Change" Awards Banquet

Staff Spotlight

John Claiborne
Senior Program Manager



John Claiborne has been promoted to the new Senior Program Manager. John attended Southwestern University in Winfield, KS, on a basketball scholarship. He lived in Wichita for 6 years before returning to Richmond. John started at Wernle 16 years ago in the Independent Living program based in the community as hourly staff. Through hard work and dedication he advanced to team leader, program manager, and now serves as Wernle's Senior Program Manager.

Brandy Wells
Training and Development
Manager



Brandy started at Wernle in 2000 as the head basketball coach and recreation specialist. She then tried her hand on the units as a youth counselor and quickly moved up to Team Leader. In 2008, Brandy was promoted to clinical case manager and within 8 months was promoted to Lead Clinical Case Manager. Recently Brandy has been promoted to the Training and Development Manager.

Outside of Wernle, Brandy spends her spare time coaching Varsity Track and Field and Varsity Girls Basketball at Seton Catholic High School. She enjoys spending time with her daughter who is a Senior at Richmond High School, their dogs Asha and Bentley (Wernle Therapy Dog) and her mitten kitten Dottie.