Boys Town Painting a Brighter Future with ART Town

Boys Town North Florida has launched a Capital Campaign to serve more children and families in a welcoming, therapeutic environment through “ART Town” (Arts • Resources • Training).

ART Town will be a multi-use retreat for therapy, mentoring, and creativity for children and families that are facing a wide variety of challenges or situations.

Your help and support will make ART Town a reality!

For more information, please contact Development Director Dena Strickland at 850-504-5007 or visit boystown.org/north-florida.

A heartfelt thank you to Beth Desloge and Laura Ervin for chairing our 2015 Spirit of Youth Gala: “A Royal Celebration!”

We are looking forward to their leadership and are honored to have their commitment, giving spirit, and experience. Our children and families will benefit greatly, and the Gala will definitely be an evening to remember.

Don’t Miss It!
Spirit of Youth Gala – Friday, April 24, 2015

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Save The Date

Christmas Classic Golf Tournament
Monday, December 8, 2014 - 8:30 a.m.
Golden Eagle Country Club

Special thanks to our 2014 Golf Chairs:
Frank Langston and Winston Howell
Past Chair Charley Redding
Hole Sponsor Chair Mark Goldman

For registration information, contact Dena Strickland at (850) 575-6422.

Anne Martin Receives Family Champion Award

Congratulations to Anne Martin who received the Family Champion Award from our local Quality Parenting Initiative earlier this year. Her dedication and commitment to helping children is invaluable, and we are thankful for her constant support!

Corey’s Kids Camp A Huge Success

A special thank you to Corey Simon for hosting our children at your camp for the fourth year in a row! Every year, our children look forward to this very special and memorable summer event!

Birthday Buddies Make A Difference

Thank you for a great year Birthday Buddy Chairs: Anne Martin, Brian Ramos, and Joanna Copenhaver.

Thank you to our Birthday Buddy Sponsors: Greg and Anne Martin, Girl Scout Troop 565, Maclay Key Club, Brian and Kelly Ramos, Brad and Joanna Copenhaver, William and Susie McKinley, Dr. Leonard and Jeanne Dimitri, The Pod Advertising, Felton and Bonnie Wright, and Sammy and Nancy Deal.

If you are interested in making a Boys Town child’s birthday special by being a Birthday Buddy, please contact Anne Martin at 850.591.5360.

“He ain’t heavy, Father...He’s m’ brother.”
Boys Town North Florida Recognizes Youth Success at Awards Banquet and Awards Picnic

Captions:
1. Ambassador of the Year, Whitney, with Marcus Lampkin and Ken Bender
2. Youth of the Year, Shawn, with Scott Mitchell and Nicole Wertz
3. Heart of Gold Recipient, Javohntay, with Marcus Lampkin and Ken Bender
4. Paul Sullivan, Marty Sipple, Dr. Shane and Michele Burkhead, and Kathleen Carter
5. Ian Kelley, Joey Kelley, Alex Fischer, Katelin Kelley, Guest Speaker Joe Kelley, and Annie Kelley
6. Dr. Will and Joyce Simmons and Jane Marks
7. Child enjoying a snow cone at the Awards Picnic
8. Eddrie Moore being recognized by Ken Bender for being a foster parent for over 15 years
9. Youth having fun at Awards Picnic with Foster Care Consultant Lynette Morik
A Heartfelt Thank You

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A ‘Smokin’ Success’ Thanks to Carr Allison Law Firm

This year’s Smoke-Off was a huge success! Thank you, Carr Allison Law Firm, for putting on this fabulous event for the 10th year. The event raised more than $8,000 for the programs at Boys Town North Florida. It was a great day for our kids and supporters to connect and have fun, and everyone had such a great time!

Congratulations to the 10th Annual Smoke-Off winners!

**GRAND CHAMPION:**
Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. – “Red Red Swine”

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Accessibility Solutions, Inc. – “Pettit Smokers”

**Chicken Category:**
1st Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. – “Red Red Swine”
2nd Accessibility Solutions, Inc. – “Pettit Smokers”
3rd TALCOR Commercial Real Estate Services

**Pork Category:**
1st Accessibility Solutions, Inc. – “Pettit Smokers” (TIE)
2nd Redwire (TIE)
3rd Quest Engineering & Failure Analysis, Inc. – “Questionable BBQ”

**Ribs Category:**
1st Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. – “Red Red Swine”
2nd Redwire
3rd North Florida Animal Hospital


A special thank you to the following sponsors and vendors who made this event possible: Carr Allison Law Firm, Tallahassee Police Department, City of Tallahassee, Marpan Supply Company, Awards 4 U, Production Support Group, Inc., A-Z Rentall, Howdy’s Rental, Blue Bell Ice Cream, and Ken Kaline and the Crossroads Band.

Our wonderful judges: Keith Baxter (Kool Bean Café), Doris Brickhouse-Hayes (First District Court of Appeals), David Gwynn (Cypress & Vertigo), Jerry Harkness (Florida Bar), Jerry Hill (AAA Cooper), Stefanie Janson (Certified BBQ Judge), Paula Kendrick (Black Pig), John Lazerra (DOAH Judge), Martin Schaeffer (Blue Water Cooking), Corey Simon (FSU Great/NFL Football Player), Chuck Stubbs (Blue Water Cooking), Mark Suber (Black Pig), and Tom Thompson (Thompson, Crawford & Smiley, P.A.).

Thank you to our “ART Town” party hosts: Sean & Audra Pittman, Rob & Louise Murphy and John & Kelly Pettit. You truly make a difference in helping us reach our goal and get closer to providing a life-changing experience for children and families!

**Bella Bella:** A great thank you to Amy Schwartz for not only providing a delicious dinner at our Youth Awards Banquet but for choosing Boys Town’s “ART Town” as your charity of choice for “Tallahassee Magazine’s Tally Top Singles” and raising over $4,865 for “ART Town”!

**Vertigo Burgers & Fries:** Thank you for hosting “Vertigo-berfest” share event on behalf of Boys Town and raising $1,131.85 for “ART Town”!

**GIVE HOPE for the HOLIDAYS**

Please help us bring joy to over 350 at-risk children this holiday season by sponsoring a child and making their wishes come true!

For more information, please contact Lindsey McDole at 850-504-5026 or visit [www.boystown.org/north-florida](http://www.boystown.org/north-florida).

**Mother & Son Make A Difference**

A heartfelt thank you to Gannon Hunt for being such an awesome volunteer and writing stories about our special Boys Town children! Also, thank you for bringing your son, Beau Turner Jr., to our campus, providing delicious dinners for our families, and sharing your time with our children.

**Boys Town Employees Give Back**

A huge thank you to our Boys Town North Florida Staff for reaching 100% Employee Gift Giving for the sixth year in a row!
HELPING OUR HOMES

Bobby & Patti Brantley: Thank you for your generous donation of books that will provide fun reading for our children!

Pam Jordan: A huge thank you for your donation of an iMac computer to assist in our children's studies!

Marlo Fulton & Daisy Troop #109: Thank you for your kind and delicious donation of Girl Scout Cookies for our children and families to enjoy!

Dr. Armand & Suzanne Cognetta: A very special thank you for your generous donation of a MacBook Pro laptop for our families!

Stephanie Bridges: A heartfelt thank you for your wonderful donation of books and games for our youth to enjoy!

Bruce & Candace McKibben: Thank you for your wonderful donation of books and games for our youth to enjoy!

Stephanie Bridges: A heartfelt thank you for your thoughtful donation of backpacks to help send our children off to school!

Brenda Tindell: Thank you for providing nutritional meal plans for all of our Boys Town families!

Jim Williams: Thank you for your kind donation of a TV, two TV stands, bookselves, and other household items for Boys Town to enjoy!

Dena Smith: Your generous gift of a laptop meant the world to one of our graduates! Thank you!

Josh & Elisha Bamfield: Big thanks for your generous donation of a children’s bunk bed along with an art table and chairs!

Margelet Hamilton: A special thank you for a full size mattress and clothing for our girls!

Tiona Cage: Your donation of school supplies made going back to school an easy transition for our children. Thank you!

Edie Wetherell: Thank you for always thinking of our girls with your sweet gift of back-to-school clothing!

Kenny Smith: Thank you for the hot water heater for one of our homes!

Alex Regalado: Thank you for your generous clothing donation for all of our youth!

Charles & Roxanne Robinton: Thank you for the awesome television for one of our families!

Colt & Katie Shiver: A huge thank you for providing our Boys Town youth with school supplies including pencil boxes, notebooks, and folders!

Emily Pritchard: Thank you for your kind donation of a bunk bed, two mattresses, linens, and comforters for our Boys Town homes!

Becca Beck: A big thank you for your generous donation of two TVs, entertainment centers, a Wii console, a treadmill, a refrigerator, and movies for all of our families!

Cecilia Loeb: Thank you so much for providing our Boys Town children with school supplies!

Jen Taylor: A very special thank you for donating a trundle bed, dresser and desk set for our families!

RECREATION AND EVENTS

RedEye Coffee: A special thank you for hosting our foster parent recruitment mailbox!

Thomas Smith: Thank you for taking time to provide Boys Town families with foster parent training!

Monticello Opera House: A huge thank you for providing tickets to your production of “The Space Oddity”. What a fun night out!

Kelly Tucker: Thank you for donating your time to teach our children tennis and providing a fun after school activity!

Chubby’s Chicken Fingers & More: Thank you so much for providing food for our foster parent trainings!

Carr Allison Law Firm: Thank you so much for your generous donation of Florida State football tickets for our youth to enjoy! They had such a blast!

Sunshine Cycles: A big thank you for providing our Boys Town families with bicycle repairs!

Smotj: A special thank you for your generous donation of stuffed animals and fun games for our youth to enjoy!

EVERY GIFT IMPACTS BOYS TOWN

Ink Pot of Tallahassee, LLC: Your continuous support means the world to the Boys Town family! Thank you for your generous donation of a discount on design and print services.

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The Pod Advertising: A heartfelt thank you for providing the program layout for this year’s Spirit of Youth Gala!
Around Town Community Support
Acts of Kindness:

GTO, Access Systems, LLC.: A special thank you to Jay Payne for designing our post-cards and flyers for our 22nd Annual Christmas Classic Golf Tournament!

Michele Burkhead: Thank you for creating and donating the beautiful centerpieces for our Youth Awards Banquet! They were fabulous!

Gene Madden: A special thank you for your continuous support and donations of toiletries for our youth!

Bobby Dick: Thank you so much for your generous matching gift donation of $1,600 to help the children of Boys Town North Florida!

Forms Management, Inc.: A big thank you to Walt Haley for printing our post-cards for our 22nd Annual Christmas Classic Golf Tournament!

Tallahassee Memorial Hospital: Thank you to Christine Southerland and her team of nurses for providing health assessments for our youth!

Junior League of Tallahassee: Thank you so much for providing our young ladies with their beautiful prom dresses. They looked stunning!

Capital Periodontal Associates, P.A.: A big thank you to Dr. Tyler Baldock and his wonderful staff for providing our children with dental assessments!

Waffle House: A very special thank you for your generous donation of free waffle coupons, t-shirts, and pencils for our families!

Samuel Febres Photography & Design: Thank you so much for providing photography services at our Youth Awards Banquet!

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Rose Speech & Academic Center: We cannot thank you enough for continuously providing our children with an opportunity to learn and be successful. Thank you for donating yet another scholarship and helping our children be the best they can be!

Tallahassee Ford Lincoln: A heartfelt thank you to Bob Hudson and his wonderful staff for providing our Boys Town families with yearly van repair services! We can’t thank you enough!

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Waffle House: A very special thank you for your generous donation of free waffle coupons, t-shirts, and pencils for our families!

Boys Town Youth’s Creativity Shines

A special thank you to The Cake Shop for featuring Nathan’s Banana Pudding flavor as the cupcake of the month and for treating our youth to a wonderful field trip!
Boys Town is a beacon of hope for America’s children and families through its life-changing youth care and healthcare programs across the United States. Now 97 years strong, Boys Town is embarking on a new mission to affect change in a fragmented system of youth care by building a continuum of family services to provide the right services at the right time based on a child’s or family’s needs. The nonprofit, nonsectarian organization provides children and families with services in their own homes, or, when necessary, family-like out-of-home services to children with special treatment needs. Boys Town works with communities and schools in order to meet the growing and more diverse needs of today’s children and families. In 2013, 3,509 children and families in North Florida received assistance through Boys Town North Florida’s integrated continuum of Youth Care Services.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

CHRISTMAS CLASSIC
December 8, 2014

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**Want to Make A Difference in the Life of a Child? Here is how:**

**Employee Gift Giving Campaign** – Boys Town North Florida is now offering a convenient way to donate: Automatic Payroll Deduction. By contributing each pay period, your commitment will add up to a significant amount by the end of the year. Be sure to ask your employer if they offer a matching gift program to create an even larger impact in our children’s lives.

**Financial Contributions** – Your gift is always appreciated. Every dollar you give goes directly to programs that help our children and families succeed.

**In-Kind Contributions** – Our kids typically can’t afford to attend special events, such as going to recreational parks, dining out or attending sporting events. Donate tickets to events in the community for our families to enjoy.

**Volunteer** – Sharing your time, energy and talents – either by tutoring, mentoring or supporting special events – will help a child in a special way.

**Help-a-Home** – Each of our homes has six to seven youth who live with a married couple and their children. Help support us by funding an interior or exterior makeover, or by donating items such as new silverware, dishes, flowers, plants or landscaping materials – anything that will help make a house a home.

**Help-a-Family** – Help a family in our In-Home Family Services and Care Coordination Services programs by asking about donating items like furniture, beds and new bedding, or by helping with bills or other household expenses.

**Help-a-Child** – This is your opportunity to support a single child while he or she stays at Boys Town. You can help by purchasing gift cards, clothes, birthday or holiday gifts, school supplies, etc.

**Leave-a-Legacy** – Your legacy gift will ensure your spirit of giving will live on in the life of a child.

**Pray** – For the children in need in our own communities and all across America, and for the funds to be available to continue to expand and help more children and families.

**Donation Drives** – Our biggest program expenses include typical day-to-day necessities like toilet paper, cleaning supplies, school supplies, etc. You can contribute directly to the kids by having a donation drive. Or ask us about our Birthday Buddies, Hope for the Holidays and Back to School programs.

Find out more ways you can give by calling Dena Strickland, Boys Town North Florida Development Director, at (850) 575-6422.

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