



Young Boys Cottage

MONTHLY UPDATE

Christian Children's Home of Ohio

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Opening

The holidays are often described as the “most wonderful time of the year”. For the kids on the CCHO campus, this is not typically the case. The holidays can be very difficult for the kids here. First, the holidays can remind them of their families, and specifically the fact that they are separated from them. Another reason is that the holidays were often very good memories for them. Their past may be full of hurt and heartache, but the holidays were often good, and it hurts to think of spending them away from the ones they love and miss so much.

However, our campus pastor, Tim Hartzler, shared that he has heard many kids express how they experienced their best holiday here at CCHO because they were safe and loved! The entire campus celebrated Thanksgiving with a traditional Thanksgiving meal and even did their own Thanksgiving Parade!

We welcomed **Lincoln** to our cottage!

New Residents

Lincoln used to live in a home where drugs came first. He experienced various levels of neglect due to his mother and grandmother's substance use. Lincoln was also beaten by his mother's boyfriend. Lincoln now struggles with believing he has any worth or purpose in life and has struggled with regulating his emotions. We are looking forward to getting to know Lincoln more during his stay with us.

Prayer and Praise

- Things have been difficult with some aggressive behaviors from some of the boys. Please pray that the boys will use the coping tools they are learning. Pray for strength and patience for the staff.
- Praise: We are grateful to Troyer's of Wooster Home Pantry for donating lots of pies and staff bringing in homemade treats to share with the children for Thanksgiving.

News

The young boys participated in the Thanksgiving Parade and thanks to Lowes allowing us to borrow their shopping carts, the boys made a Santa-Pikachu-themed Thanksgiving Float. The boys were so excited to win the float competition between all of the cottages! The boys also enjoyed turkey bowling, attended the “*We are Messengers*” concert and enjoyed a hilariously fun Wii game night: “*Dance Dance Revolution*”!



We wanted to share a story of connection. One of the boys was struggling to go to bed as he wanted staff to sit outside his door. Although the staff did not have time to sit outside his door, she made a compromise that she would read with him for a few minutes. He accepted this compromise and they read a Dogman book together. The employee said that it was one of the most fun bedtime experiences she has had with a kiddo. They were laughing as he made up and improved the book instead of just reading it word for word. She said it was great time of connection and he was able to go to bed with no other issues.

