

News from Home

Hendrick Home For Children Newsletter



FAMILY MEMORIES CREATED AT HENDRICK HOME

Natasha is a proud mother of three children and resides at Hendrick Home for Children in the Family Care program. She recently finished the first level of certification for welding at Cisco College and will begin the second certification in the fall of 2023. These excerpts were written by Natasha.

My name is Natasha and I'm a single mom with three beautiful kids. I have struggled most of my adult life keeping food on the table and a roof over my kids' heads. As they got older, it got harder. It left me working more and being less present in my family's life. Most everyone knows this struggle at some point, but it becomes stifling and daunting when you start to believe that's all your life is allowed to be.

Hendrick Home has been a true blessing for my family. Not only am I able to breathe, but I am given the gift of being present with my kids and giving them a future without so much struggle. My kids get the benefit of horseback riding and equine therapy and so much more...to make these memories together. HHC allows me to set myself and my family up for a better future. I have become a Phi Theta Kappa honor society member and graduated [from Cisco College]. If you had told me that I could [achieve] all these great accomplishments...I would have told you to see a doctor. My family and I have a brighter future and I thank God every day that the answer to my prayers was Hendrick Home.

To learn more about the Family Care program, visit www.hendrickhome.org/family-care.

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KEEPING THE HOME RUNNING

What a beautiful campus Hendrick Home is! It is a common compliment that is expressed. The 52-acre campus has many buildings that are regularly maintained and renovated by our own maintenance crew. Gary Goldsmith, Vice President of Facilities, James Morris, and Scott Motley are responsible for making sure that all runs well at the Home. Whether it is their handy skills or ensuring that a contracted service such as Extreme Exteriors {thanks for keeping our grass looking good}, they are the ones who get it done. They are the team that keeps the new and old buildings in running condition so children and families can keep making memories. You can trust that your gifts to build, renovate and maintain the HHC campus are in the best hands.

DONOR GUIDING LIGHT: DR. CARL & RAY TRUSLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dr. Carl Trusler and his siblings, Ray and Gloria, grew up at Hendrick Home. Dr. Trusler attended Baylor College of Medicine where he earned his medical degree. He served in the U.S. Navy then returned to Abilene. He devoted time to helping the children at Hendrick Home with his medical skills. Dr. Trusler and Dr. Jayne Middleton married, but never had children of their own. Instead, they dedicated their work and their love to the children at Hendrick Home. His brother Ray graduated as a pharmacist. After Ray died, Dr. Trusler and his wife, Dr. Jayne Middleton, established the Ray Trusler Scholarship Fund at Hendrick Home. "Without scholarships, they would have not been so successful," stated Dr. Middleton. They set up the scholarship for college students who either majored in the field of medicine or majored in music or teaching. Dr. Middleton is a retired music professor at Hardin Simmons University and currently resides in Abilene. Dr. Trusler passed away in 2019. Dr. Middleton says she will continue to support the scholarship and hopes that others will too.



Dr. Jayne Middleton & Dr. Carl Trusler

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Robert Marshall,
President/CEO

It is our 84th Anniversary at Hendrick Home for Children. Wow! Thomas and Ida Hendrick have to be rejoicing in heaven at how their legacy has lived on. They started this organization in 1939. It has helped thousands of children throughout the years and it continues to be "home" for children, young adults and single parents. The Hendrick's legacy continues because of our community, resource partners and donors. The work would not be possible without our amazing staff. We recently reviewed the mission and discussed what it really means to be Hendrick Home. At the end of the discussion, it became abundantly clear: Hendrick Home believes people are inherently good. We are pillars of best practices and trauma-informed care. We promise to be a trustworthy and safe place that ensures dignity and respect for all. THANK YOU for being a part of this living legacy that Thomas and Ida began 84 years ago.



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