

#### **ADOPTIONS**



Sometimes you really do get to meet real life superheroes!

On February 8, 2023 Cas was ringing the bell indicating that after a long 11 month hospital stay and the biggest fight of his little life he was cancer free and going home. Fast forward one year and on February 8, 2024 Cas became the forever son of Mark and Anna and little brother to Nikolai. Congratulations to the Clark Family.



### AL WADE STORYTELLING AWARD

Children's Home Society is happy to congratulate the three winners of the 2024 Al Wade Storytelling Award: (left to right) Kimberly Conrad, Michelle Pritchett, and Lisa Weaver-all from CHS' Parkersburg location!







# "24 HOURS OF APPALACHIA" 600 MILE FUNDRAISER



What an amazing weekend out for the Backroads of Appalachia on the "24 Hours of Appalachia: Run for the Hills" event! It was a great event with a little bit of everything.

The organization was able to raise money for good cause with Children's Home Society of WV. It was fun meeting everyone new and seeing old friends. All involved are looking forward to the next event!

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At 2:05 am with over 530 grueling miles on the side by side route Eric Nestor (above) and his co-driver in the Honda Talon were the first to cross the finish line.

Dedication, but most importantly, over \$11,000 raised for the Children's Home Society of WV!



Special thanks to the Appalachian Regional Commission, West Virginia Tourism, and West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Congratulations to everyone on all of your hard work, and be sure to get some rest now!





## SPECIAL THANKS

A big shoutout to Parkersburg Catholic Schools for their generous donation of these wonderful blankets.

Over 25 blankets were made by students during the day of service which is part of their Catholic Schools week celebration!



Many, many thanks to the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vienna WV for providing our agency with Valentine treats to spread across programs.

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Thank you very much to the Lewisburg Rotary Club, who made cake kits for the Children's Home Society, including heartshaped cakes, icing, and sprinkles. We appreciate your generosity!

### **NEEDED ITEMS: PARKERSBURG**

The Arthur N. Gustke Child Shelter is currently in need of the following items:

Size 8/10 little boy clothes

Size 4 shoes

Size 14/16 little boys clothes

Size 6 1/2 shoes

Women's small and medium size new packs of underwear.

Women and Men's size new packs of socks.

If you can help meet these needs they can be dropped off at the shelter. Our number is (304) 424-5244 for any further questions.





