

A HELPING HAND NEWSLETTER



Winter 2025

Thoughts and reflections from CEO, Cliff Kinsey

The Children's Restoration Network community is like a massive quilt that has been growing over the last 32 years. Every volunteer is a special swatch, every donation is a new square, and every time someone gets others involved, the quilt is forever expanding. When a child that we have served has shattered the chains of homelessness and is now a productive adult member of our community, the quilt grows in leaps and bounds. The threads of the CRN quilt are so strong that it can never be ripped or broken, and is forever expanding, encompassing more and more children, women and children, and underserved members of our community with compassion, hope, love, and support. YOU are the thread that binds and holds our quilt together. I am always humbled by the amazing and great people that keep our quilt strong, tucked tightly around those hurting the most, when they need us the most, and when they are most vulnerable. At CRN, we know that our quilt, which is really YOUR quilt, is limitless as we move into 2025.

That's a Wrap!

Thank you for the incredible outpouring of support we had for our recent 12 Days of Caring and Adopt-a-Shelter Campaigns! Not only did our community show up and show out by donating new toys and gifts in person or online, so many groups and individuals made it their mission to "adopt" an entire group home or shelter, because their hearts are so big!

CRN was able to provide building blocks for future architects, a camera for a budding teen photographer, warm winter clothing for teens that outgrew their clothing, wallets for young men and women seeking their first jobs, and SO MUCH MORE! Because of all of our incredible donors and supporters, thousands of kids woke up on Christmas morning knowing that they haven't been forgotten and that someone cares about them. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your generosity!



Hop to It! The Easter Bunny Needs Your Help

For nearly three decades, CRN has provided Easter Baskets filled to the brim with chocolates, candy, and other sweet treats for children living in group homes and shelters. Once again, we ask that you, your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, social/civic groups, and church groups to rally and put together NEW and filled Easter Baskets for some great kids. This is a terrific opportunity for our supporters to show lots of love for deserving members of our community. **We hope you will join us and drop off your donations to our office on April 11-12 from 10am-3pm to spread a little bit of sweetness on Easter!**

Your Generosity has Warmed our Hearts!

So many of our supporters cleaned out their coat and blanket closets, shopped the after-holiday sales, and bulk-bought snacks in support of our recent Coat & Blanket & Snacks Drive! Because so many of the kids we serve have outgrown their winter coats (or simply don't have one) we were so thrilled to pass along great donations that were made. The warm fuzzy blankets, scarves, gloves and hats were also appreciated! Thank you also for dropping off snacks to help curb hungry kids. Your generosity has truly warmed our hearts!

Upcoming events & campaigns

- Easter Basket Drive
- Toiletries & Hygiene Collection
- The TYLER Project Outreach
- New Hope Scholarship Applications