



FORT SMITH

THE BOYS SHELTER

CHANGING LIVES BUILDING FUTURES

NEWSLETTER

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Edition #2



A Shelter, yes..... but really a Home!

2017 Board Members

President: Andy Rauser

**Board Members: Bryan Merry, Gaines Woods, Bianca Rauser, Andy Rye,
Chris Williamson, Wyatt Kaundart, Scott Phillips, Marty Clark, Madeline Martinez**

Volunteers Needed Immediately!

The Boys Shelter could always use some volunteer help from the community! But more importantly, the boys at the Shelter could use an abundance of Role Models, Mentors and someone to show they care by simply showing up to say hello, play a board game, draw or playing catch with them. Often, these volunteers don't immediately see the impact or think they have done much, but that connection can mean everything over the course of the next few years and can set the direction for a young person's life. If interested please contact the Boys Shelter anytime either by phone 479-646-2819 or email: boyshelter@cox.net



Spotlight:

Rebecca Brown **Direct Care Worker**

Rebecca Brown has done exceptional work with the boys at the Boys Shelter. Rebecca shows great patience and positive reinforcement as she works. Her consistent hard work and dedication to ensure that the boys are cared for does not go unnoticed. She is very appreciated by staff and boys alike. Rebecca also reaches out to the community for donations and makes a very positive impact on the Shelter. Rebecca says she loves being around the boys and absolutely cares for all of them. She is a great role model and someone the Boys Shelter is very lucky to have working with us.

Rebecca also enjoys going to museums, collecting photography, reading books, and helping animals.

Thank you Rebecca Brown, you bring great joy to the Boy's Shelter!



New Social Director: **Natosha Mantooth**

Greetings!

My name is Natosha Mantooth and I am 29 years old from Spiro, Oklahoma. I am pleased to announce my new position as the Social Director at the Boys Shelter. I currently serve in the Army National Guard and have since 2005. I hope to bring insight and awareness not only to the Boys Shelter, but to the foster children of Arkansas. I take great pride in making a difference and hope to influence change within our youth.

I look forward to meeting each of you in the near future!

Respectfully,
Natosha Mantooth

OUR 2017 BUSINESS SPONSORS:

United Way, Department of Human Services, Blue and You Foundation, Walmart Stores, Walmart Corporate, Centennial Bank, Brick City Emporium, Frost Oil Company, Burger King, Jim’s Razorback Pizza, Slim Chicken, Western Sizzlin, Taco Bell, Umarex,First National Bank, Nita’s Tailor Shop,CyberSpyder Marketing Services, Sparks Health System, Kolor Worx Paint and Body, Sam’s Club, CASA of Fort Smith, Fort Smith Public Schools Assessment Office (Parker Center)

OUR ORGANIZATIONAL/ CHURCH / CIVIC GROUP SPONSORS:

Victory Temple Ministries, Rye Hill Church, Sebastian County Mounted Patrol, Orr Elementary School, Children’s Emergency Shelter, Army National Guard, Haven Heights Church, Cavanaugh Methodist Church, Belle Point Masonic Lodge & Grotto, Northside High School, Arkansas Athletic Department, Elks Lodge #341, Razorback Alumni Association, P.R.A.I.S.E. Homeschool Association, Junior League of Fort Smith, CASA Fort Smith

OUR 2017 INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS:

Mary Alexander, Audra Efurd, Nita Newman, Karen Bogart-Ross, Delores & Rauch Bloom, Jeff Blue, Carol Ray, James & Linda Joyce, Bobby & Kelly Reano, Meredith Massey Maurer, John Threlkeld, Stephanie & Rob Nugent, Jan B.Ocker, Mike Lorenz, Taylor Gilbreath, Ramon Gayle, Dan & Pam Koontz

If we have missed a sponsor/supporter, we are truly sorry and grateful for all the support and donations you provide.

Current Needs:

Meals for (12) 33 Gallon Trash Bags Gallon Zip Lock Bags Laundry Detergent Bike Rack Bleach Commercial Dust Mop	Paper Towels Toilet Paper Shampoo Soap Couches Push Brooms 12 Beach Towels	Paper Plates Milk Bread Juice Boxes Parrot Island (Park Passes) Plastic Hangers 15 Wall Mounted Soap Dispensers
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Wish List:

15 Passenger Van Push Mower 12 Solid 6 Drawer Dressers	Ice Maker Intercom System Soccer Nets (Permanent)	Riding Lawnmower Fire Suppressant Range Hood 64in Flat Screen TV
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Our next great fundraiser....

Razorback Alumni VS FSPD Basketball Game!



THE BOYS SHELTER
MARCH 4
6-8pm

**BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT**
16 teams
8 man teams
\$200 per team
double elimination

FSPD vs HOGS

UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS ALUMNI
-free autographs

BRING YOUR A GAME!

Details call 479.646.2819
Location: **NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**
2301 N B St, Fort Smith, AR 72901
www.facebook.com/boysshelterbenefit
WWW.FORTSMITHBOYSSHELTER.ORG

We are pleased to announce our next great fundraiser! On March 4th 2017, Razorback Alumni will play the Fort Smith Police Department at Northside High School in what we believe will be a very exciting and competitive game!

Without question, we are thrilled about seeing former Razorbacks play and their willingness to give back makes this event possible. However, the Fort Smith Police Department serve and protect the community everyday and often their efforts go unnoticed. The Boys Shelter is very proud of the Fort Smith Police Department and want to do our small part to appreciate and acknowledge them.

Also coinciding with this BIG EVENT will be an independent 16 team double elimination tournament, starting Saturday morning and finishing up on Sunday. Spots are currently available but are filling fast so please contact the Boy's Shelter at :

479-646-2819 Office
479-769-5624 Cell
boysshelter@cox.net email

We could also use volunteers for the event, including referees. We would like to thank the Fort Smith Public Schools for allowing the Boys Shelter to use Northside High School's facilities. This event is open to the public. \$2 adult entry fee for the Hogs vs. FSPD game, kids and all other games are free entry. Donations welcome.

Upcoming Boys Shelter Events/Fundraisers

The Boys Shelter is hosting a 5k Foster Kid Run/Walk on June 10, 2017, at 10 am.

We are focused on making a difference with the young lives who matter the most. Our foster children deserve the very best of days while they are separated from their families. The Boys Shelter staff and members of the community work daily to make a change and influence positivity within our boys. Bring your family and run for a child who matters.

To register, visit our website or click the link:

<https://www.raceentry.com/races/5k-foster-kid-run/2017/register>.

DON'T FEEL LEFT OUT IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO

RUN IN THE 5K!

The Boys Shelter has many supporters ranging in all ages and abilities. If you would like to participate but are not able to run the 5K, many supporters will be walking with individual sponsors paying for the completion of the course. Not only will this add financially to the event but it will get more people in the community involved which is ultimately the key to success for any non-profits. Please refer to the link above to find out more information.

You can walk or run at this event. We currently have a charity fund linked to the race if you wish to donate:

[5k Foster Kid Run](#)



Message from the Executive Director:

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to 2017! It's hard to believe that a new year is upon us, but we look forward to the challenge and positively affecting the young lives we are fortunate enough to help. I would like to review 2016 for you. Many changes have occurred at the Boys Shelter and in my opinion, this has put us in the position to be not only effective, but to grow in the future. That growth could certainly be looked at in terms of physical structure but also in terms of professionalism and caring for the children.

I am very proud of our staff, not only our current staff but others who have made a positive difference while here. There is no question that we are better trained and more in tune with the needs of the children and community than we were a year ago. We call that "Progress". The boys have attended Razorback football and basketball games with the generosity of the Razorback Athletic Department. They have also gone camping, hiking, fishing, went to movies and have participated in team sports at local schools and the Boys and Girls Clubs. As staff, we have attended parent teacher and educational staffings in order to ensure the boys are getting the services needed. The boys have also had mental health counseling and tutors both of which were provided at the Shelter.

In closing, I want to thank all the corporate sponsors, organizations, churches and incredible individual supporters that continue to step up and make a difference. Your help has been invaluable to the Boys Shelter and **YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Eddie Donovan

How Can You Help? Complete and mail this form today.

If you would like to be involved financially in supporting the Boys Shelter, please complete the following form.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Check one

Levels of Friendship

Please send your support to:

_____ \$25
_____ \$50
_____ \$75
_____ \$100
_____ \$250
_____ \$500

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