

NEW LIFE NEWS

“FOR WITH GOD NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.” LUKE 1:37



ONE YEAR OF SERVING CHILDREN AND TEENS

“It (the Children’s Life House) has been challenging and even formidable, but insightful and rewarding at the same time,” shares Tabitha and Trevor, the House Parents of the Children’s Life House.

As of February 2025, it has officially been one year of serving children and teens at the Children’s Life House. The Children’s Life House is the newest ministry program of New Life Ministries and opened with the purpose of providing foster and respite care services to children and teens from Huntington County by taking placements from the Department of Child Services.

New ministry programs always come with their own set of challenges, but despite any difficult circumstances, the House Parents have continued to hold a positive attitude and passion for this ministry. “It is a blessing growing connections with the kids, seeing them experiencing things for the first time, and showing them God’s love and grace,” explained Trevor.

In just one year, the Children’s Life House welcomed seven children into the home ranging from younger than ten years old all the way to seventeen years old. We know that this is only the beginning and with each day the home is serving the community, it provides another opportunity to impact the lives of kids. While we continue to serve Huntington through this program, the House Parents shared, “We hope this ministry will continue to accomplish its mission - to serve God by helping provide a safe and stable environment for kids in tough situations.”

As we begin year two of the Children’s Life House, the House Parents are asking that you “continue to pray for guidance in the midst of conflict or hard situations, for patience in all areas of fostering, and for us to always remember to seek God first on everything.”

And, if you would like to hear more from the House Parents about their journey at the Children’s Life House, you can listen to a podcast episode by the New Life Podcast today! You can find the episode by visiting https://youtu.be/NFAsU7uT4_s.

WALKING FOR THE HURT, HUNGRY, AND HOMELESS



On February, 22, over 50 people gathered together alongside New Life Ministries to walk during the Coldest Night of the Year. This was a 2K family friendly walk, that helped build awareness for the ministry programs of New Life Ministries while also supporting organizations like ours who help those experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness.

Brittney Shoemaker, Donor Development at New Life Ministries, headed up this event. When reflecting back on the day, she shared, "I thought the event was so much fun and went so fast, and I thought the whole day was just great! I am so grateful for all of the amazing people who came and supported New Life Ministries and to show their respect for those facing hurt, hunger, and homelessness."

The walk began at New Life Fellowship Church which is the church New Life Ministries is an outreach of and the location of our New Life Ministries' offices. From there, we began our 2K walk, which allowed participants to walk by and see the location of the Men's Life House, Women's Life Houses, Children's Life House, and the future site of the Life Center. The path continued up to General Slack Park, where we began to make our way back towards downtown Huntington. The walk concluded at the New Life Community Meal Ministry where participants were able to come in, warm up, and enjoy a meal together.

"When I was first contacted about this event, I thought it was an amazing piece because the theme of this walk was 'Let's change the tune for people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness,' which in turn supports New Life Ministries' mission of serving those in need of food, shelter, and a purpose-filled life," explained Brittney.

"The biggest blessing was to see a united front from our community - people showed up for others in our community, and that was amazing to see," said Brittney. This is the first year we have held an event like this, and we were extremely pleased with the turnout. From walkers, to event sponsors, to those who sponsored a walker, we saw many from the community come together in support of the hurt, hungry, and homeless in our community. New Life Ministries has always been a ministry focused on serving the community alongside the community, and this event emphasized this purpose.