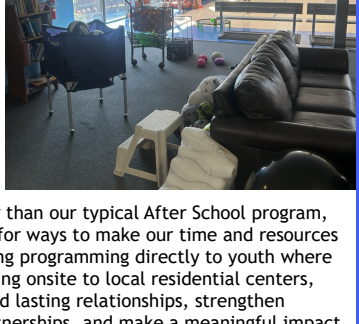
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Meeting the needs of today. Building hope for tomorrow.

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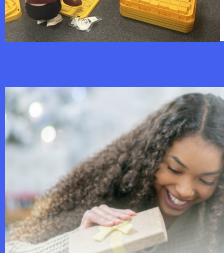
MEETING YOUTH WHERE THEY ARE







This fall, rather than our typical After School program, we are looking for ways to make our time and resources count by bringing programming directly to youth where they are. By going onsite to local residential centers, we hope to build lasting relationships, strengthen community partnerships, and make a meaningful impact in the lives of the children we serve.



As part of this new approach, Haddae Lavezza and Amari Poole are piloting The Carpenter's Workshop School Program by bringing programming to the Helinski Center and creating new opportunities to connect with and support local youth.



WAYS TO GIVE



SPONSOR A CHILD, TEEN OR FAMILY

Make Christmas brighter by becoming a Christmas Kid sponsor.

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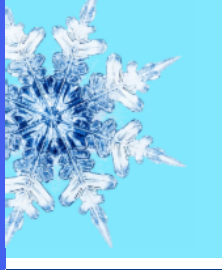
Select "Christmas" in the Donation Designation dropdown menu

MAKE A CASH DONATION

Give where it's needed most. **Cash donations help us fill the gaps and make Christmas brighter for every child and teen we serve.**

Donate Online or Mail Your Gift To:
The House of the Carpenter
200 S. Front Street, Wheeling, WV 26003





DONATE NEW GIFTS

Not able to sponsor a child, teen, or family? You can still make a difference! Donate **brand-new board games, sports balls for all ages, art supplies, journals, or teen hygiene products.**

Drop off your new gifts, labeled "Christmas Kids," to a volunteer in the Thrift Store:

- **MON, WED, THURS, FRI: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**
- **TUES: 9:00 AM-6:30 PM**

CLICK HERE TO SHOP FROM OUR CHRISTMAS KIDS WISH LIST

SHOP OUR AMAZON WISH LIST

Choose items from the comfort of your own home and help us fulfill Christmas wishes. Gifts will be shipped directly to the House of the Carpenter.

Let's make Christmas brighter for the kids in our community.

Contact us if you have questions:
304-233-4640 | info@houseofthecarpenter.com

A HOLIDAY CLASSIC AT THE MANSION

Experience the magic of The Nutcracker in the beautiful setting of Oglebay Institute's Mansion Museum. Performances are December 6 and 13 at 1 PM and 3 PM, followed by tea and photos with the ballerinas. Admission also includes a tour of the Holidays at the Mansion decorating exhibit.

We're excited to cheer on **10 young ballerinas from Miss Cheryl's ballet class** as they take part in this year's performance, with their participation proudly sponsored by the House of the Carpenter!



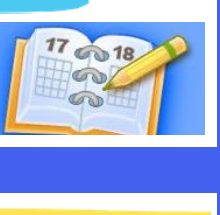
Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children, with discounted pricing for OI members.

REGISTER ONLINE HERE

or call 304-242-7272.

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HOC

There's always something going on at the House of the Carpenter! Visit our public calendar online to stay up to date on upcoming programs, activities, events, and important dates.



YOUR GIFT TODAY BUILDS HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Dear HOC Family,

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat…" (Matthew 25:35). Jesus reminds us that whenever we serve those in need, we are serving Him (Matthew 25:40).

In September, our food pantry served **505 people** - the highest number we've seen all year. With food prices remaining high, we expect the need to keep growing.

Rather than wring our hands, the House of the Carpenter is stepping up to **"Meet the needs of today while building hope for tomorrow."** Through initiatives like our food pantry, weekend backpack meals, youth programs, addiction recovery groups, life skills initiatives, and Christmas Kids, we are walking alongside our neighbors every single day.

Thank you to everyone who faithfully partners with us through your time, prayers, and financial gifts.

As we look ahead, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a direct impact:

- **$50 feeds a family of four for a month through our food pantry.**
- **$100 provides a family with a wonderful Christmas.**
- **$750 funds our monthly addiction recovery programs.**
- **$1,000 provides weekend backpack meals for all the kids at Madison Elementary.**

Every gift, no matter the size, fuels this mission. Together, we are serving Jesus by meeting immediate needs and building lasting hope.

With gratitude and blessings,
Bill Wendell
Executive Director, House of the Carpenter

You can create a lasting legacy by including the House of the Carpenter in your estate planning or designating us as a beneficiary for mandatory IRA disbursements. To learn more, contact Bill Wendell at (304) 233-4640 or bwendell@houseofthecarpenter.com.

WEST VIRGINIA NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM (NIP) TAX CREDITS ARE LIMITED AND AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

This program is for donors who give $500 or more in a single gift and pay West Virginia personal or corporate income tax. Please contact Bill Wendell with any questions.

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