



## Lulu's Love in Action Day - August 15, 2019



Lulu Williamson is a name synonymous with Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services. Born in 1864, in Drew County, Arkansas, Lulu Jackson was the daughter of pioneers. Although a frail woman with limited mobility, she had an incredible faith and deep commitment to serving others. In 1910, she organized Monticello's Associated Charities and focused her efforts on the creation of a day nursery for mothers who worked in the local cotton mill.

In 1917, twin baby girls were discovered in a battered suitcase by the railroad tracks. Officials doubted they would be able to survive, so they brought the girls to Lulu, who named them Mary and Martha. Sadly, Mary died, but Martha lived and was eventually adopted. These twin girls changed the course of Lulu's mission. From then on, she was committed to ensuring that needy children were given the love and care they needed.

Today, this same spirit lives on through Vera Lloyd's mission to share Christ's healing love with children, youth and families in crisis. On Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, you can celebrate Lulu's birthday and honor her tireless efforts with Lulu's Love in Action Day. Any gifts made on August 15<sup>th</sup> (or postmarked August 10-15) will be included as part of our giving day. Donations can be made online, by mail or over the phone. We are excited to have matching gifts to multiply your donations. Please check our Facebook page for the latest information on the total amount of matching gifts. Your contributions will support Vera Lloyd's Transition Services Program, which equips youth with the critical employment, post-secondary and life skills they need to transition into adulthood.

If you'd like more information or are interested in helping us through a matching gift, please call Kathy French at 501-666-8195. Together we will continue Lulu's legacy and help vulnerable youth build healthy, stable tomorrows!

## Vera Lloyd Boards

The Vera Lloyd Boards have been reorganized as of July 1, 2019 to meet the changing needs of the organization. The new structure is based on a consultant's recommendations to improve efficiency and strength.

### Welcome to our new Agency & Foundation Board Members:

*Mollie Birch, Little Rock*  
*Bob Morrow, Hot Springs Village*  
*John S. Stobaugh, Hot Springs*  
*Diane Warren, Fayetteville*

### Note from Tommy Maxwell, Agency Board Chair:

"Vera Lloyd is moving into the future with two very strong boards, the Agency and Foundation. They're streamlined and positioned for success. I am very proud of the progress we are making and want to thank everyone who has served and will serve in the years to come."

## Save the Date



**Back to School Drive:** July 1<sup>st</sup> - August 12<sup>th</sup>

**House Party:** Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Home of Julie C. Robbins & John Pugh, Jr. - Little Rock

**Turkey Trot 10k & 5k:** Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am

Vera Lloyd Campus, 745 Old Warren Rd., Monticello





## New Youth Home Structure



### QRTP Coed Home

Boy wing &  
girl wing



### Sibling Coed Home

Boy wing &  
girl wing



### DYS Girls Home

No change



### DYS Boys Home

No change



Will be  
reassigned as  
more youth  
arrive

## New Houses - Same Heart

As the saying goes... "Some things change and some things stay the same". Due to changes in the child welfare system, Vera Lloyd has been going through some adjustments. But, what hasn't changed is our heart for children and youth. Vera Lloyd's commitment has always been and continues to be providing a safe and healing environment for Arkansas' most vulnerable children and youth.

The new Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP), which began July 1, provides a therapeutic, healing environment for our youth. QRTP utilizes a trauma-informed, need-based and youth-centered treatment model. Most of our long term residential youth qualified for QRTP. Therefore, in order to provide a continuum of care and prevent these youth from moving to a new placement, Barton transitioned into a coed home. To ensure the safety and security of all the QRTP youth, modifications were made to the home, including gender separate living quarters, alarms, cameras and 24-hour awake staff. The QRTP staff have been specially trained to work in this program, with two staff on duty at all times. Our licensed therapists and campus leadership team are providing additional support to our youth through this transition.

The Pettus Home has transformed into our Sibling/ Shelter Home. The Sibling home allows Vera Lloyd to keep siblings of different genders together in a family-like setting. Over the years, Vera Lloyd has been home to many siblings, but we have never been able to house brothers and sisters together. Staff have watched as siblings in different homes run across campus into each other's arms. Now, they will live together as a family. House parents, Heather and Kris Burghart, have moved into Pettus, which includes two brothers who have been with us since 2017. Modifications for safety and security of the youth were also made to the home, including extensive remodeling, cameras and alarms.

Vera Lloyd continues to operate two Division of Youth Services homes. In addition, we maintain two Families in Transition (FIT) homes for single mothers and their children. As always, we appreciate our generous house sponsors, loyal supporters, dedicated board and caring staff who help make Vera Lloyd the best place for children and youth from hard places.



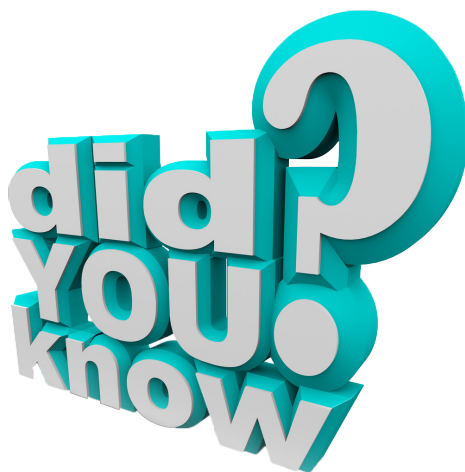
## Back to School

You can help our youth start the new school year off with confidence and style!

Wouldn't it be great if each youth had everything they needed for the first day of school?

For example, a new outfit, sneakers or a fresh haircut.

*We are accepting Wal Mart gift cards as well as cash/checks!*



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in need!**

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## Summer Enrichment Shines Bright

Chronic absences, frequent housing and school changes as well as disciplinary issues are just a few of the reasons that vulnerable students in the foster care system may end up lagging behind their peers. These challenges make it difficult to learn, read on grade level and graduate on time.

At Vera Lloyd, the Summer Enrichment Program provides critical academic intervention to help youth catch up. But, just as importantly, it's designed to engage their interests, provide therapeutic activities and bless them with lots of fun! This year's program included art classes, drum lessons, a reading challenge with a "take" library, pool parties, and learning workshops in math, science and world cultures.

Summer Enrichment is about seeing kids grow, heal and shine!

*Tabitha, age 12, came to Vera Lloyd after being removed from her home due to abuse. In school, teachers knew there were issues and that she was a very quiet child. She withdrew from social interactions, seeming to try and make herself as invisible as possible. This summer, one of her former teachers saw her for the first time in months, and the change in Tabitha's demeanor was remarkable. Now comfortable and secure, she had come out of her shell. As she played by the pool, she was talking to other children and telling stories. The teacher exclaimed, "You wouldn't believe how different she is here! She's actually smiling!"*

Thank you for investing in Vera Lloyd's children, summer fun and transformation!

