



Sharing Christ's healing love with children, youth and families in crisis.

Youth Get Rolling!

There is nothing like the fun of summer and freedom of riding a bike, especially for youth at Vera Lloyd. First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville and Board member Renee Nestor helped make both happen.

Through a church grant, Renee arranged for the purchase, assembly and delivery of bikes. On Bike Delivery Day, youth waited eagerly in line for their turn to receive their bike. One by one, the campus filled with kids zooming around. Staff reported that it was literally a traffic jam, and driving a car on campus became impossible that afternoon. In 97 degree weather and 100% humidity, the staff were sweating, but the kids were having the time of their lives.

Two brothers, Alex (14) and Joel (17) were particularly elated. They became residents of Vera Lloyd's Pettus Home this summer. Neither of them know their father, and after their mother abandoned them, they were left to fend for themselves. Joel did everything he could to take care of his little brother and himself but made the brave decision to seek help. Shortly after reaching out to a friend, they came to Vera Lloyd.

At first, their walls of self-protection were high. Experience taught them that expressing emotion was a sign of vulnerability, but Bike Delivery Day was a milestone, particularly for Alex. He tried so hard to contain his smile, but it was impossible. Grinning from ear to ear, he and Joel rode around campus and began to release their fear.

Today, just months since their arrival on campus, they are thriving academically and socially. Alex and Joel ride their bikes every day, rain or shine, smiling and becoming more light-hearted with each passing day. The bikes were an incredible blessing to all of Vera Lloyd's kids, because the truth is, they aren't just riding bikes; they're moving towards hope, freedom and joy.



House Party

Thank you so much to everyone who came out or mailed gifts to support Vera Lloyd's Little Rock House "House" Party. Board Member Julie C. Robbins and her husband John Pugh, Jr.'s historic Quapaw home was a lovely setting for the evening.

As hosts, Mollie and Brent Birch, Gwin and Cotten Cunningham, Susan and Stuart Jones, Kelly McQueen, Sydney Rasch and Marci Riggs brought time, energy and friends to help Vera Lloyd raise over \$4,000 for the Transition Services Program. Thank you to our hosts, friends and sponsors.

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Save the Date



Happy Halloween: October 31st

Turkey Trot 10k & 5k: Saturday, November 23rd, 9:00 am

Vera Lloyd Campus, 745 Old Warren Rd., Monticello

Thanksgiving & Christmas planning has begun! If you'd like to get involved, please call Kathy French at (501) 666-8195.



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IRA Financial Opportunities

By: **James Hyden** of Hyden, Miron & Foster, PLLC Attorneys at Law and **Kathy French**, Director of Development

Financial planning seems to get more complicated every day. Laws change, and it can be overwhelming to figure out all the rules. Did you know that you can meet the IRS tax code AND help the youth at Vera Lloyd?

IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70 ½ and older take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from their IRA each year, regardless of whether the income is needed. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

If you don't need all your income to meet current living expenses, charitable donations may be a great option. You can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are changing the life of a vulnerable child and lowering your tax bill in the process.

What You Need to Know

- Gifts can be made through a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA.
- You may give up to \$100,000 in charitable gifts from your IRA each year.
- Qualified Charitable Deductions must be made during the calendar year of the tax return, directly from the IRA custodian to Vera Lloyd or other charities.
- Speak to your tax advisor in advance to find what works best for you.

Benefits to Qualified Charitable Distributions

- Income tax savings
- Donations are tax-free
- Support vulnerable children, youth and families!

Ellen is a great example of someone leveraging what she has to make a difference. Several years ago, Ellen moved to Arkansas to live near her daughter's family. She learned about the work of Vera Lloyd and was moved by the organization's impact. At first, she simply wrote checks and mailed them in periodically. After speaking with her daughter and financial planner, she began using her Required Minimum Distributions instead. Her taxes went down and she's delighted at the impact she's able to make. Now, she's considering adding an estate gift by making Vera Lloyd an IRA beneficiary, which will lower her children's' tax implications. Her gift will become part of Vera Lloyd's Endowment and continue to bless children and families for decades to come!



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Lulu's Love in Action Day

On August 15th, our incredible donors raised \$29,000 for the Transition Services Program! Thank you to everyone who participated. Mark your calendars for next year!

August 13, 2020

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Turkey Trot: Run at Home

When: Saturday, November 23rd, 9:00 am

Where: 745 Old Warren Rd., Monticello, AR

Registration: Now - November 20th

Sign Up: www.VeraLloyd.org

Can't be in Monticello for the race? No problem!

Sign up as a **Virtual Participant!** You, your friends, family and pets can walk or run right from home! A team in Texas already has 6 walkers/runners.

All registration fees go to benefit the children, youth and families at Vera Lloyd.

Sign up before November 6th for your FREE guaranteed t-shirt.

