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After the closure of a temporary winter shelter, the unhoused prepare to live outdoors for the next nine months starting in March 18. (Source: Kiger for TIME)

A photo essay by Wheeling photographer Rebecca Kiger depicting how the Wheeling homeless community was affected by COVID-19 appeared online and in the April 12-19 issue of TIME Magazine. The 10-page spread included interviews with and photos of local people experiencing homelessness as well as YSS CEO John Moses, Project HOPE's Crystal Bauer and House of Hagar's Kate Marshall, who also works at the Winter Freeze Shelter.

Former YSS Board Member, Ohio County Sheriff Tom Burgoyne Named 2021 Good Samaritan



YSS Board Chair **Bob Dobkin**, right, and CEO **John Moses**, left, announced at a press conference April 21 that **Tom Burgoyne**, center, is the 2021 YSS Good Samaritan honoree. Mr. Burgoyne was in law enforcement for 39 years, first as an FBI agent then as a two-term Ohio County Sheriff. His emphasis on fair treatment of everyone has earned him universal respect. Outside his career, he served local youth as a coach and mentor. The Good Samaritan Tribute Dinner will take place Sept. 16 at the Wheeling Park White Palace.

National Nurses Day: May 6



THANK YOU TO OUR NURSES: SUPERHEROES IN DISGUISE!

Above from left, Nathan Morris, Hilary Neavin and Doug Geary at Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center; and far left, Lisa Morgan and Kristin Coury at Hazel-Atlas.

Work-iversaries

- Hilary Smith | May 10, 2016
- Summer Harper | May 14, 2018
- Andrea Tom | May 17, 2010
- Kayla Domyan | May 18, 2016
- Paula Haddon | May 21, 1989
- Mark Voellinger | May 21, 2015
- Brittany Krieger | May 23, 2014
- Douglas Moellendick | May 25, 2011

Birthdays



May 4

Terra Crews, Development

May 7

Stephen Quinn, Tuel Center

May 12

Caroline Bilinsky, Helinski
Patrick Doyle, Maintenance

May 13

Paula Haddon,
Community-based Services

May 15

Ashley Thomas, Tuel Center
Heather Jaeger-Mullavey,
Helinski

May 16

Thaddeus Herback, Tuel Center

May 20

Karen Roberts,
Community-based Services

May 21

ElysaBETH Bryan, RCMJC

May 25

Chelsea Schramm, Front Desk

May 26

Tammy Zbysienski, Professional

May 27

Holly Fox, Administration

May 28

Dorothy Polivka, RCMJC

New Hires and Promotions



Community-based Service

— Sarah Barlow, Expanded School-based Mental Health coordinator, Brooke County, 04/20/21

— Daniel Lawrence, Expanded School-based Mental Health coordinator, Hancock County, 03/30/21

Helinski Shelter

— Courtney Goodman, Residential Specialist, 04/13/21

Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center

— Makayla Evans, Corrections Counselor 2, 04/05/21

— Ryan White, Corrections Officer 1, 04/20/21

Prevention Services

— Martha Polinsky, Assistant Program Manager, 04/13/21

Professional

— Kerin Marczak, Family Services Specialist, 04/13/21

Recovery Homes

Travis McBride and Tonya Rodriguez, Peer Recovery Coaches for YSS Recovery Homes, were featured in a WTRF news story about the impact they have had on residents' lives at Mark's House and Mary & Martha House. Two residents also were interviewed. To watch the video, go to: <https://www.youthservicesystem.org/news/523>



Community-based Services

Autsin Richardson, YSS intervention specialist for Prevent Suicide WV (pictured in the front row, far right), was among those on hand at a Wheeling City Council meeting in April where the mayor read a proclamation declaring April 18-24 Crime Victims' Rights Week. Austin and YSS adult intervention specialist Stephen Pownall are members of the Wheeling Police Department Victim Advocate Advisory Board.



Prevention Services



Colleen Dorsey, far left, and Marisa Scott, second from left, who are YSS Prevention Services project coordinators, attend the National Rx Take Back Day at Elm Grove Pharmacy along with volunteers and Wheeling Police officers on April 24. A second take back site was set up at Mount de Chantal Kroger.

QUESTIONS?
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A Virtual Event

DISCOVER RECOVERY

RECOVERY & TREATMENT RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE & CARE FOR THOSE WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND FOR THOSE LIVING WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

MAY 21ST FROM 2:30-5:00PM

Meeting ID: 834 7419 4571
 Passcode: 760673

IMPACT This is a Zoom Meeting

YSS Values

- Every child has worth, value and potential.
- The care of our children is our first priority.
- Children need us to commit and take risks on their behalf.
- We strive to operate a quality-driven organization in management, services, and stewardship.
- We believe in organizational transparency and honesty.
- Creativity and innovation guide our effort.
- We are committed to our employees and value their contribution to our success.
- The commitment and wisdom of the governing Board is necessary to fulfill the mission and vision of the organization.
- Community support and partnerships are necessary to our success.
- The diversity of our youth and families, employees, Board members, and supporters contributes to our success.
- We listen to the stories of the children, families, and the community we serve.
- We avoid the complacency that would limit our success.

May 2-8 is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

THANK YOU, YSS EMPLOYEES, for all YOU do to promote children's mental health! For more information, visit <https://www.ffcmh.org/awarenessweek>.

Upcoming Events

Campout for a Cause

The Second Annual Campout for a Cause will take place June 4, 2021. This event is a peer-to-peer fundraiser to benefit YSS services to children, families and adults experiencing homelessness.

To create your fundraising page, text YSSCAMPOUT to 44-321 and sign in (if you've used this portal before) or click the button "I Want to Fundraise for This Event."

Just like last year, the event will be held remotely, with online entertainment scheduled to publish that night on the YSS Facebook page.

Then plan to camp out that night in your back yard, in your camper, or even a local campground.



A one-night fundraising event.

June 4, 2021

Join forces with family and friends to raise funds for the most vulnerable in our community.

For more information contact Terra at tcrews@ysswv.com

WANTED: YOUR VIDEOS!

Do you or a family member have a talent you'd like to share for the Campout event? It can be anything from a musical performance to a how-to cooking or craft video to a TikTok dance routine.

Send your videos to terracrews@gmail.com by May 15.

YSS Recovery Homes Spring Cookout Fundraiser

11 am-5 pm | May 29 | Hazel-Atlas Building (Church)

Grilled Hamburgers, Baked Chicken, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Chips, Baked Beans, Homemade Desserts, Bottled Water, Later Gator Iced Tea

\$8 | Take Out | Eat In | Delivery in City Limits

To order, call 304-670-1871.

Warm Fuzzies

Stories that will make you smile.



It's a Boy!

Linda Scott, Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center director, and her husband Butch welcomed great-grandson Maverick Michael Joos to the world on April 19. He is the first boy in the family in 48 years!



Just Married

Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center Nurse **Doug Geary** and his wife Susan were married on April 19.



Crochet Queen

The family of Case Manager **Angela Narquini** donated a bunch of yarn that this 15-year-old resident of Helinski Shelter has put to good use since January, crocheting 10 baby blankets that she donated to the Appalachian Christmas Project. Her aunt taught her to crochet, and **Helinski staff** helped her refresh her skills. Her goal is to make and donate 20 blankets. The resident also is volunteering at the Appalachian Christmas Project, helping them sort donations.

