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"WE'VE GOT A FULL HOUSE!"

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Paula Tucker CEO, Boysville, Inc.

A LETTER FROM THE CEO

As the leaves start to change color, I am looking forward to the fall weather coming. We are back in school and our children continue to grow and succeed despite the challenges of COVID. We have children participating in band, athletics, choir and more. Our children are already looking forward to homecoming, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Throughout the summer, we celebrated as five of our children found their forever families. Our foster-to-adopt program plays an integral role in facilitating adoptions. Not only do we recruit and train foster parents to help heal a child from the trauma they endured, we support each family with wrap-around services. The service provides support and guidance to the foster parents as they get to know the personalities of their foster children. As the parents move towards adoption, our team continues to walk with the families through the process. It is heartwarming to see children who have been in the foster care system for so many years find their forever home.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent, we would love to talk to you. Our foster care team is ready to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We want you to be a part of our family to provide a loving home to a child in need.

The holidays are fast approaching. I am hopeful that the COVID cases continue to decrease so that we can gather together at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The holidays are such a wonderful time at Boysville and your continued support gives our children hope for a better future.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Dustin and Elyce Brown began their Boysville journey as house parents in our Residential Care Program. The Browns arrived a family of four and left as a family of seven after adopting Julian, Vincent and Rebecca through our Foster-to-Adopt program.

The Browns first met Julian and Vincent as house parents in Hunter Cottage. They created a bond with the two that grew into a love for all of the siblings.

"Our connection definitely built over time," explains Elyce. "Julian was one of the most awesome kids we met while working at Boysville. He and his brother were really respectful and hardworking. We always enjoyed working with them."

While Becca was in the girls' cottage, she regularly interacted with the boys and the Browns.

"I'm a big kid myself so I was always out there playing," said Dustin. "I was always playing basketball and football with Becca." Becca is an avid athlete and plays flag football, basketball and soccer. Being active is very important to Becca, in fact, it was one of the requirements she had when searching for their forever family.

"She got to see that I could keep up with her," said Dustin, laughing.

A sibling group of four, Julian, Vincent, Becca and older sister Liz, were initially sent to different foster placements. Finding a home that could accommodate a large family is extremely rare. After Liz came to Boysville, the group's case worker along with their CASA worker, Ms. Brenda, began advocating for them to be reunited. They were finally able to be together at Boysville. They quickly flourished. Liz moved into our Supervised Independent Living program and eventually into her own apartment in the community, but the three youngest were still looking for their forever family.

ROOM TO GROW

Elyce and Dustin wanted to adopt more children. Even though they already had two of their own, Anna, 4, and Austin, 6, they knew they had room to grow.

Elyce and Dustin spoke to each child individually to see how they all felt about coming to live with them. "We wanted to make sure we found the right match and what was best for everyone," said Elyce.

"We love to travel, and have even spoken to them about possibly living outside the country. They were all game for that. Then, the next person I called was their CASA worker, Ms. Brenda and she was ecstatic" said Elyce, joyously.

"I really have to give kudos to Ms. Kim Bradley and Ms. Leticia Gomez at Boysville for their support throughout this (adoption) process," said Elyce. Gomez and Bradley helped the Brown family adjust to each other. All three children have distinct personalities and needs. "It was challenging at first

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but eventually it all worked out." Becca was able to play football while Vincent joined a soccer team and Julian got a job at a vegan restaurant, Project Pollo.

"It's better than Chick Fil A!" exclaims Becca, beaming with pride for her brother.

In spite of transitioning to their new family, home during a pandemic, the children excelled at school. Becca and Vincent scored A's and B's for the first time.

"I'm a huge family guy, I'm always bragging about being a Dad. I talk about my kids all the time" Dustin says smiling.

When Becca was asked if she found the right fit, she smiled shyly, nodded and rested her head on her dads shoulder.

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SUMMER Fun!

CAMP WILDBEAST

Boysville has many traditions but the summer favorite is CAMP WILDBEAST! Originally started by the Junior League of San Antonio (JLSA) as an effort to give our children a day camp experience, Camp Wildbeast is a week-long, action-packed adventure for the children of Boysville. This year, JLSA continued their impact by awarding us a grant for all the supplies needed to make camp a huge success. Our children spent the week doing outdoor activities, swimming, and making unique arts and crafts. Each day they enjoyed a picnic with all of the staff on our pavilion thanks to incredible sponsors like **ADKF, Whataburger and Taco Cabana**. We ended the week with a field trip to iFly San Antonio where everyone got the opportunity to indoor skydive.

We want to give a HUGE thank you to our incredible sponsors mentioned above, staff and volunteers: Taylor Black, Diane Adams, Kim Wallace, Kevin Whitaker, Letty Gonzalez, and Rachel Delgado.

KAA CAMP

Another incredible experience that our children had this summer was attending KAA Camp for a week in Missouri. Kids Across America (KAA) mission is to build Christian leaders by encouraging, equipping, and empowering urban youth and their mentors through camping and education. The children of Boysville first began attending KAA in 1993 and continued to until the early 2000s. This year, Boysville was able to resume the tradition with the proceeds from Fiesta medal sales. We sent eight of or residents to camp with Boysville recreational director, Frank Buggs.

“My goal is to continue to go every year, because I know what this camp can do,” said Buggs.

Thank you to all who have supported Boysville and purchased Fiesta medals. Each donation and medal purchase contributed to a life-changing summer for our children!

CAMP INDEPENDENCE

Our “big” kids got to kick off their summer with Camp Independence. Camp Independence is a week of learning a variety of life skills and career readiness in preparation for young adulthood for our residents, 12 years old and older. Throughout the week, our teens learn how to prepare healthy meals, budget, and how to prepare for job interviews. They also learned about job opportunities in San Antonio.

Many thanks to Methodist Healthcare System, H-E-B, Workforce Solutions Alamo, BEAT AIDS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, San Antonio Food Bank, RBFCU , Straight Line Management, LLC, and all the speakers and supporters of our camp this year.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

As we prepare to head back to school, we like to make learning fun with our Summer Enrichment. Summer Enrichment gives the children the opportunity to get back into the school routine and get a jumpstart on learning. This summer, our children learned about science and the nature that surrounds them. We visited Animal World and Snake Farm, the Witte Museum, Cave Without a Name in Boerne, and the San Antonio Aquarium. Our children learned about marine creatures, Texas wildlife, nature safety, and career opportunities.

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