

# AT-PROMISE

*Ouachita Children's Center Serving Youth & Families In Crisis*



## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT



A LOT OF  
PEOPLE HAVE  
GONE FURTHER  
THAN THEY  
THOUGHT THEY  
COULD BECAUSE  
SOMEONE ELSE  
THOUGHT THEY  
COULD.

## Heading to College

*Against all odds, she'll soon be a Freshman*

She practically grew up in foster care, but against all odds, Shelly\* will soon be entering college as a freshman. Not only is she going to college, she's only 16 and going to college! She's spent the summer at OCC's shelter and while she's been with us, her case manager and staff have done a phenomenal job helping her to get ready.

She's developed weekly goals to begin thinking about getting a job once she gets settled in her dorm. Staff have assisted her in filling out her financial aid applications, researching different work-study opportunities, and also sharing their experiences at the university she'll be attending to help her make as smooth a transition as is possible. Staff have coached her about college life and how to pick the right classes, too.

While most college freshmen will be dropped off by parents and family, she'll be dropped off by her DHS case worker. The staff feels a great responsibility to help her make this important next step so that she can be as successful as possible. Her OCC family cares deeply for this courageous young woman.

\*Not her real name

# Imagine the Solution



- Imagine being taken from your home because of abuse.
- Imagine being a kid who made mistakes that have derailed your life.
- Imagine being a homeless teen - desperate, hungry, and alone.
- Imagine being an overwhelmed parent who doesn't know how to handle your child.

IMAGINE

Imagine what would happen to you if there was nowhere to turn. No help for you to find. No one to guide you through your trauma, mistakes, and fear.

## Now, imagine solving these problems.

You don't have to imagine. You can be part of the solution. That's what your financial support accomplishes - you provide solutions to these very real situations.

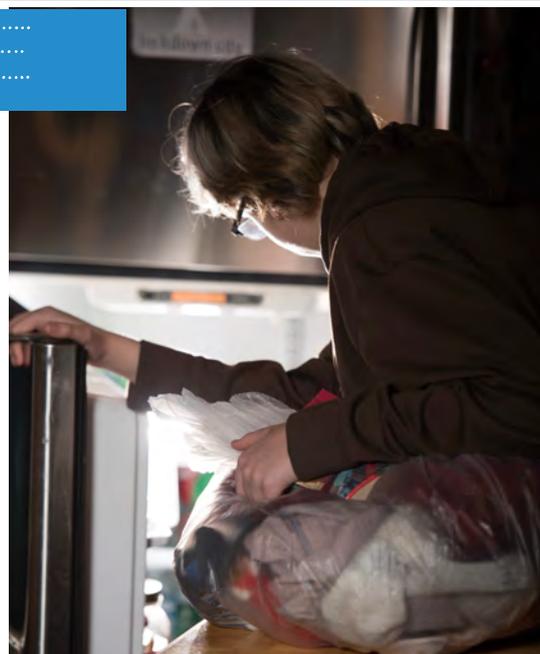
You give an abused child safety, shelter, counselors, and resources to cope with trauma, abuse, and neglect.

You give a young person who has made mistakes the chance to get back on track.

You help a homeless teen find a safer and more permanent living arrangement.

You provide effective communication and discipline training to an overwhelmed parent who, in turn, becomes a better parent.

Without your support, the solutions remain imaginary and - in the end - our entire community suffers. With your support, OCC can remain strong, accessible, and effective.



Please consider making a generous tax-deductible donation today and - if possible - please consider becoming a monthly donor. With monthly income to depend upon, we can make more informed decisions about the services we will be able to offer.

Thank you for imagining with us! Thank you for being part of the solution!

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## Reality Fair Teaches Real Life Lessons



Diamond Lakes Federal Credit Union recently held a Reality Fair at OCC. This real-world experience teaches about budgeting, jobs, financial management, and savings. The Life Skills/Girls Circle class taught at OCC in Arkadelphia really enjoyed the Reality Fair because they had been discussing future careers and professional goals in their weekly classes.

The Reality Fair helped them to understand there are "other costs" that they will be responsible for, including housing, insurance, utilities, and transportation. These young women arrived at the Reality Fair dressed appropriately for a job interview. Afterwards, they went to the Clark County Library to do follow up research on salaries, careers, and schools that offer degrees to support those professional goals.



**SUMMER 2018**

## Upcoming Events

**2018**

- October 4 5:30pm  
Ceilidh (kay-lee)  
Hot Springs Village
- November 27  
Giving Tuesday  
Online

**2019**

- January 12 11am  
Magic Faire  
Hot Springs
- January 12 6pm  
Yule Ball  
Hot Springs
- April 11 5:30pm  
Trash Bag Walk  
Hot Springs

*Check Website Often  
for Updates*



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*Our Children*

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**The Ceilidh** (Kay-Lee)  
You'll be wantin' a Wee bit  
o' Scottish Dining, Drinking, &  
Dancing the 4th Day o' October  
5:30 pm Coronado Center Hot Springs Village  
to benefit Ouachita Children's Center

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### New Newsletter Format

By going from a six-page publication to a four-page and changing some aspects of production, we are able to save a substantial amount of money which will be used, instead to provide support services for youth and families in crisis.