

A Night of Hope and Transformation: Seeds of Hope Spring Gala 2025

This April, over 130 compassionate community members gathered at the beautiful Hidden Valley Country Club to celebrate and support the Seeds of Hope Spring Gala—a powerful evening dedicated not only to raising vital funds for the Presbyterian Community Center, but also to honoring the transformative work happening every day through our Emergency Services and Pathways for Youth programs.

Guests enjoyed a delightful cocktail hour, a delicious dinner, and the excitement of both silent and live auctions. The warmth in the room went beyond the elegant atmosphere—it was rooted in a shared commitment to uplifting individuals and families facing some of life's most difficult challenges.

Thanks to the generosity of our attendees, sponsors, and those who donated to the auction, this year's gala was a tremendous success. The funds raised will directly support programs that provide critical resources like food, shelter, and stability, as well as long-term pathways toward self-sufficiency, education, and hope.

Throughout the evening, guests heard inspiring stories of resilience and renewal from individuals and families whose lives have been deeply changed by our services. From emergency housing to mentoring and academic support, your support is fueling real, lasting change.

Executive Director Nicole Jennings shared heartfelt words of gratitude:

"The Seeds of Hope Gala reminds us of what's possible when a community comes together—not just to give, but to believe in the potential of every individual we serve. Thank you for standing with us."

To everyone who supported this event through attendance, sponsorship, or contributions to the auction—thank you. Your generosity plants the seeds of hope that grow into futures full of promise.



Valmarie Turner - Roanoke City Manager



Vickie Browning - Long time volunteer



Guests enjoying the silent auction



Board Members and Guests



Wild & Wonderful

Pathways for Youth wrapped up the school year with a heartwarming awards banquet at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vinton. This year's theme, "Wild & Wonderful," celebrated the energy, creativity, and growth we experienced together over the past year. Families gathered to share a meal, honor student achievements, and present one-of-a-kind WILD awards like the Wildflower, Macaw Parrot, and Baloo Awards—each highlighting unique strengths and personalities. We also continued our cherished tradition of the Spirit of Pathways Award, voted on by peers to recognize students who consistently demonstrated outstanding character, respect, and engagement throughout the year. Thank you to Campbell Memorial and our volunteers from Covenant Presbyterian Church for making this such a special occasion.

Melanie Straley | High School Coordinator



Hope in Hardship: PCC and Donors Provide Relief Amid SNAP Scam

Recently in Southeast, many of our clients fell victim to a SNAP EBT fraud scam, where their benefits were completely stolen from their cards. Unfortunately, DSS does not have the funds to replace these stolen benefits, leaving many families without the resources to feed their children.

Thanks to the generosity of our incredible donors, PCC was able to step in and support these families by providing more food than we typically distribute. We also educated our clients on how to lock their SNAP cards after each use to prevent this from happening again in the future.

Due to a slowdown in donations over the past few months, we were unable to provide hygiene items such as laundry detergent, soap, toilet paper, and dish detergent—essential items that many of our families struggle to buy. When we asked the community for help, the response was overwhelming. The donations poured in, and the families we served this month were deeply grateful to receive these much-needed supplies.

Ebony Hurt | Director of Emergency Services

Diapers Now Available!

Through our partnership with Huddle Up Moms, PCC can now provide diapers to eligible families with children ages 5 and under.

- Must live in SE or NE Roanoke or Vinton
- Call PCC and ask for Mrs. Ebony or email clients@pccse.org to request.
- Pickup only—please allow 2 business days.



Hard Hats & Hope: Touring Our New Facility

In mid-June, PCC was thrilled to offer tours of our new facility, which is still under construction. Board members and staff had the opportunity to step inside and witness the incredible progress—and the tremendous potential—of a space designed specifically to serve the communities of Southeast and Northeast Roanoke and Vinton.

We are beyond excited for a facility that reflects our purpose and mission, and that will serve the community for many years to come.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated board members for their continued support, and to our staff, who eagerly await the opportunity to launch a whole new level of service once the facility is complete!



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With Gratitude: Wishing Tracey a Happy Retirement

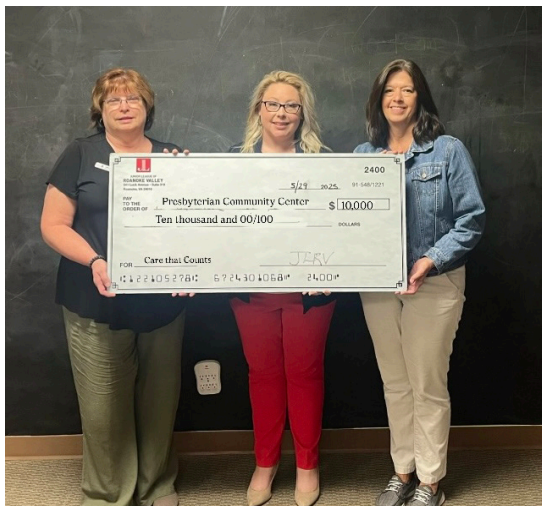
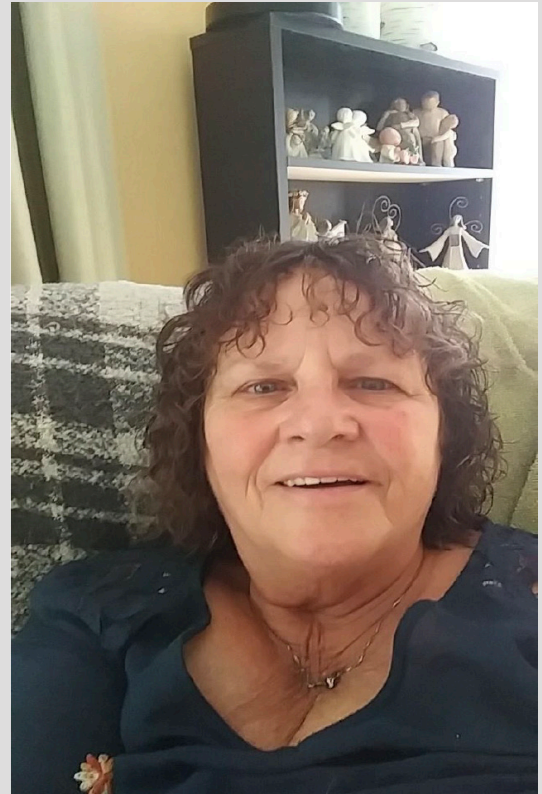
It is with mixed feelings that I have decided to retire from Presbyterian Community Center's Pathways for Youth. After 9 fulfilling years, the time has come for me to turn the page and begin a new chapter. As I step into retirement, I am filled with gratitude for the experiences I've had and the people I've had the privilege to work with.

It has truly been an honor to be part of a community so committed to the nurturing of young minds. I will cherish the memories made with the dedicated coordinators and the amazing children who have brought joy and purpose to each day.

As I move forward, I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and grandchildren.

Thank you all for being an important part of my journey. I am leaving with a full heart and deep appreciation.

Tracey Hall | Primary Coordinator



Care that Counts JLRV Grant

We are thrilled to share that the Presbyterian Community Center has been awarded a \$10,000 Care that Counts Grant from the Junior League of Roanoke Valley. This generous funding will directly support our Pathways for Youth program, empowering young people in our community through education and mentorship. We are grateful to the Junior League for their continued investment in youth and community development!

Nicole Jennings | Executive Director

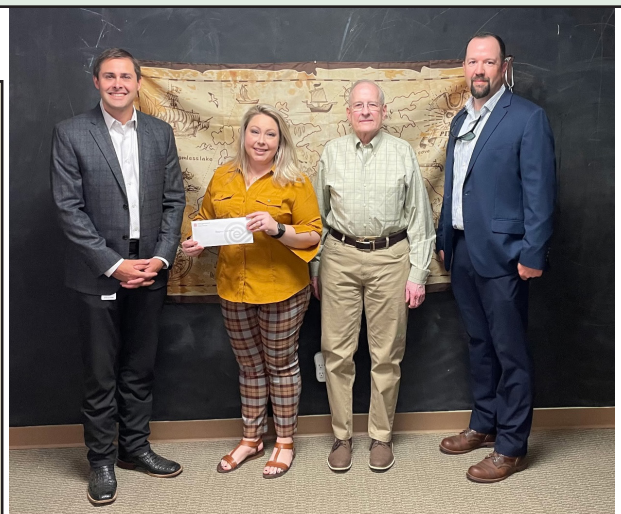
Generous Donation

We are deeply grateful for the generous donation of \$25,000 from Davis H. Elliot Company to the Capital Campaign for our new facility. Their commitment to the community through financial contributions is a true blessing. Equally inspiring is their dedication to giving back through hands-on volunteer service. Their support—both in resources and in action—plays a vital role in strengthening our community.

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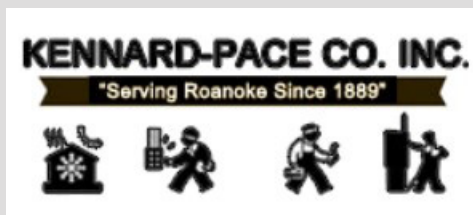
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Thank You to Our Incredible Sponsors & Donors

Because of your generosity and support, the Seeds of Hope Spring Gala was a huge success! Your partnership helped us raise vital funds to continue providing essential resources through Emergency Services and Pathways for Youth.

We are so grateful for your belief in PCC's mission and your commitment to strengthening our community. Your support truly plants seeds of hope that will grow for years to come.

From the bottom of our hearts—thank you for making a difference!

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In Loving Memory of Ann Cecil Renick

A Legacy of Love, Service, and Dream-Making

We remember and honor Ann Cecil Renick—longtime donor, supporter, and tireless advocate of PCC. Ann Cecil was more than an educator; she was a dream maker whose deep compassion and unwavering commitment changed countless lives.

She held a special place in her heart for children from underprivileged backgrounds, many of whom she served through her work in the school system. Ann Cecil found joy in lifting others up, often through involvement in service projects that strengthened the community she loved so deeply.

Those fortunate enough to sit with Ann Cecil and hear her stories walked away with a deeper understanding of what it means to truly love and serve others. Her quiet strength and boundless generosity were a gift to all who knew her.

Ann Cecil Renick will not be forgotten. Her legacy of kindness, giving, and love will continue to inspire and guide PCC and the entire Roanoke community for decades to come. Ann Cecil was a leadership donor for the new building project for PCC, now nearing completion. Her name, her vision, and her dedication to the families of Southeast Roanoke will live on in it and the services we can provide there.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The PCC Family

The entire PCC Board of Directors giving in Memory of Ann Cecil Renick.

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Ann Cecil Renick

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Volunteer Spotlight

PCC would not function nearly as well as it does without the support of our amazing volunteers! In our Volunteer Spotlight, we would like to take a moment to highlight one of our own, and how they serve the community at PCC.

Marty Saviers is one of our longest-serving volunteers. She began in 2013, when a bumper crop of carrots prompted her to seek out ways she could share the excess vegetables with the community. This led to her volunteering as a tutor for a time in our Pathways after school program. Eventually she transitioned over to the front desk, where she still volunteers one day a week.

A Roanoke transplant, Marty grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and still speaks of it fondly today. She lives close to PCC with her husband, and is retired from Sherwin Williams where she worked as a paint and wallpaper specialist. Marty has two adult children and two grandchildren, and enjoys visiting with them when she can. In her spare time, she likes to gardening, sewing, and crafting. Marty and her husband are members at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church.

April Lewis | Volunteer Coordinator



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