

“In the mid-1960’s, the Rotary Club districts in North Carolina, at the urging of Ben Southerland of Wilmington, took on the challenge of building a cottage on the Boys Home campus. It was completed and dedicated in 1966. Many districts continue to support the maintenance of the cottage and the welfare of the boys who live there. Rotary members instituted ‘Rotary Harvest Day’ as a time to visit Boys and Girls Homes and bring items for the cottage.”



- excerpt from
*It Made A
Difference To
That One,*
a history of
the first 50
years of
Boys & Girls
Homes.

“Without Boys & Girls Homes, the best of myself would have remained dormant. They ignited the spark inside of me. Now, my future is brighter than I could have ever imagined.”

Jasmine Patrick
Former Resident

*The North Carolina
Rotarians have designated
their cottage at B&GH as a
Statewide Project.*

At the building of the Rotary Cottage, all six Rotary districts in North Carolina participated in the fundraising and planning.

To honor Rotary’s 40th anniversary, the cottage was remodeled and all new furniture provided.

Donations continue today from Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and others to support the Rotary initiative to help children in need in North Carolina. These donations are needed to help cover up to 40% of the day-to-day expenses for the six to nine boys who call the Rotary Cottage their home.

Rotarians also make individual and club visits to their cottage, interacting with the boys and enjoying positive social times.



Civic Clubs host the Cottage boys on outings such as visits to the North Carolina Aquarium, a local corn maze, annual Christmas party and Summer Enrichment Program.

Unrestricted donations are the single largest need for the Rotary Cottage. To fully fund their portion of support for the children of the Rotary Cottage, the goal for the North Carolina Rotarians is \$123,000 annually.

Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc., is dedicated to providing a comprehensive array of residential and community-based services to meet the needs of vulnerable children by addressing their physical, emotional, social, educational and spiritual development.



☐ Please send me more information about Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Civic Club: _____

☐ Please contact me the next time you are in my area to discuss in more detail.

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- ☐ Corporate Partnership Opportunities
 - ☐ Giving Opportunities
 - ☐ Matching Gift Programs
 - ☐ Memorial Gifts
 - ☐ Other: _____

**Please send this completed card
in an envelope to:**

Boys and Girls Homes of NC
PO Box 127
Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450
or email:
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"Every time you give, lives are changed. The commitment made by Rotarians to Boys & Girls Homes brings this statement to light and has for 50 years. There is no count of how many young lives have been touched in a positive way by Rotarians. And the commitment continues with the establishment of Thomas Academy, providing excellence in education for young minds eager to learn. This is the light of Rotary at work."

Vanessa Ervin

District 7730 Governor 2014-15

"The Boys & Girls Homes of NC is a special organization that Rotarians across the state have supported since the 1960's. The wonderful work at the Homes provides a promising future for these young people. Rotarians can be proud of our Rotary Cottage as well as our many ongoing Rotary activities to benefit the kids."

Dave Weiss

District 7710 Rotarian
B&GH Board Member

How can Rotarians help?

Two major statewide Rotary events are the cornerstones for the civic organization's relationship with Boys & Girls Homes. Annually, Rotarians travel to Lake Waccamaw for Rotary Day. Rotarians enjoy a catered lunch, short program, and a visit to the boys in the Rotary Cottage as well as a campus tour.

Every June, Rotarian efforts are focused on the Old Dominion Rotary Golf Tournament at Mid Pines Resort in Southern Pines. Rotarians from across the state participate in the fundraiser and enjoy one of the state's highly rated Pinehurst area golf courses.

Interaction between the boys in the Rotary Cottage and Rotary Clubs is absolutely critical to letting these boys know that their sponsors care about them. Consider sponsoring a social activity with the boys - either an off-campus event or a social/recreational event on campus.

Other ways to show support:

- Make donations of clothing and/or household items to be used in the Rotary Cottage or sold in B&GH's Country Store.
- Host a dinner party or reception as a fundraiser.
 - B&GH will send a video, promotional material, and a representative to work with you during the event.
- Run a food drive to fill our pantry shelves.
 - Ask for #10 sized cans!
- Donate a car or truck to help.

Since 1954, Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina has been a sanctuary for children who are hurting. One man's dream-turned-reality began the day A.D. Peacock, a Whiteville civic club member and local funeral home owner, found a desperate family struggling to survive. He took action immediately and saved seven cold, hungry and penniless siblings on the brink of starvation. From that day forward, Mr. Peacock vowed to make a difference to many more.

Today, more than 7,500 children have benefited from the services of B&GH. These children have come from virtually every corner and county in North Carolina. These children have all suffered some degree of neglect and abuse.

Rotarians have been there for 50 years, helping protect and love these children!

To learn more about Boys & Girls Homes, contact your Rotary representative who serves on the B&GH Board of Trustees.

To schedule a speaker or visit to your club, contact Mason Smith
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Rotary Cottage

BOYS & GIRLS
HOMES
of North Carolina



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