

PINE HAVEN BOYS CENTER

❄️ EVENTS ❄️

During this past year we have registered some turnover with our dedicated staff. Pine Haven takes this opportunity to officially thank Fr. Remo for all his hard work and dedication to the Pine Haven mission during the last 15 years.

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Footprints in the Snow

One white and wintry Christmas Eve in a village, long ago, a young child took a journey, leaving footprints in the snow. Clutched within her tiny hand she carried a small tattered heart, fashioned from some scraps of cloth, wrapped in the charm of childlike art.

A manger scene of wood and straw was the child's destination. Her only Christmas wish, to join Christ's birthday celebration. She placed her precious handmade gift upon the straw with care, and before she turned to leave, whispered a simple prayer. The villagers who stood

nearby recall that night with awe, retelling every detail of the miracle they saw... A second set of footprints appeared next to the girl's own. They seemed to walk right by her side, to see her safely home.

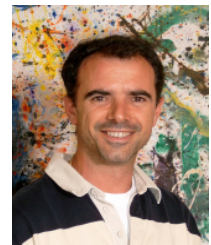
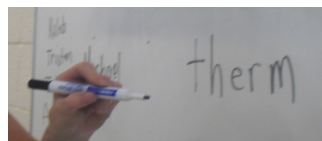
But there's no mystery in the presence of this unseen Friend – for once God's touched your heart, you'll never walk alone again.



Pine Haven held its Annual Spelling Bee. Many of the children made it through 4 rounds of spelling, which we are all very proud of. It was the last two rounds that came down to the top three winners. They are: Frank, 1st place, Rion, 2nd place, and Dylan came in 3rd place. Congrats boys!!!! Spell, Thermometer.



“Thermometer.”



We wish him well in his new career in Texas.

A special thanks to Mrs. Girard and Mrs. Lee who spent many years teaching the children how to read, do math, etc.

Lastly, but not least a huge thank you to Ben Morrisette and Mary Ledoux who worked for many, many years (so many that their hair is now gray) in the cottage program teaching the kids how to become good and productive citizens.



Pine Haven will miss, among the many things, your culinary skills during the weekends when you taught the kids how to cook and prepare delicious meals. To all of you we wish well in your new ventures.

Thank you !

Children, staff and members of the Board of Directors would like to heartily thank all the associations, businesses, parish communities, and families who, during the last difficult and challenging year, have been so kind and gracious to all of us.

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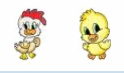
Thanks to all of you we had the opportunity to go to special places on outings, to have special presents on birthdays and at Christmas, to have the doors of your homes opened for us at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and so on.

Thank you !

If we name all of you, we would run the risk of forgetting some other ones. We don't want to make this mistake because all of you are very important and dear to each and every one of us. May God bless you all and share with His best gifts, Joy, Peace, and Love.



PET THERAPY



Over the past 5 years a pet therapy program has been developed at Pine Haven. Our first year, we had “The girls”, our little pigs. They learned manners, social pig skills, and worked on their sibling relationship since they were sisters after all.

They learned to share food, and loved to play with the kids. They ate all their food and grew so big some of the kids could ride them before they left us for foster care.

Then came the goats. They stayed for two years as they had many things to work on. They learned to follow people and mow the lawn but often were off task once they saw flowers. The goats eventually learned to be more playful with each other and would play “king of the rock”. They played with the kids running laps around the school. They transitioned to foster care on a farm.

We’ve also had chickens and ducks. The children would retrieve the eggs every morning. They earned their spot in foster care, too.

Our newest arrivals are bunnies. They were donated by a family with young children. “Sparkle and Peter Pan” have decided to raise a family and had many babies, some of which have already found foster homes within our Pine Haven community and have made many children happy.



What a wonderful year we have had at Pine Haven! This past year saw the return of all the faculty. This is important, as the old saying goes, people make programs. As a result, we were able to continue to build on existing programs, without any orientation needed, and the faculty was able to get right down to work: helping students with their academics, social skills and behaviors.



In February, we were able to start a new tutoring program, assessing all our students and offering reading and math support to those in need. Students were monitored throughout the year and again all students were assessed at the end of the year. In June, all students in this program had

MUSIC



This year in music, the boys learned about the classical masters and the history of Rock & Roll, including the great British Invasion. They read the biographies of Michael Jackson, Jimi Hendrix, Elvis, and the Beatles.

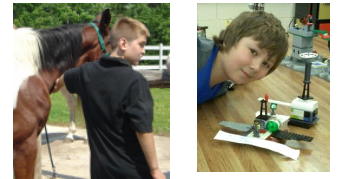
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advanced at least half a grade level with some showing more than a full grade level growth. All this was accomplished in four months of intensive support and tutoring. Congratulations go out to all the students and faculty for their hard work leading to this notable success, and especially to Mrs. McLean our tutor.

In June, we celebrated the progress of our students with an awards ceremony. We also recognized and said goodbye to those students leaving. Some were going home, some to foster homes and some to less restrictive settings as they continued their progress toward home. As the school year ended we also said goodbye to two senior teachers, Mrs. Girard and Mrs. Lee.



Their dedication to our students is valued and appreciated. They too will be missed.



The summer was an exciting and hectic time. We were able to arrange some field trips for the boys as part of the educational program. We traveled to the Christa McAuliffe Museum, the Squam Lakes Science Center, Shaker Village and Canobie Lake Park. The boys behaved fabulously in each setting. They learned a lot about science, nature, history and space.



These trips provided wonderful experiential learning opportunities. The transition opportunities were also boundless. At the conclusion of the summer program, we again said goodbye to more students who were going home. So, we begin this new school year with great anticipation and hope for the success of our boys and thanks to all who support us in the work we do.





MR. EVANS' CLASS

This was such a fun year in our classroom! Each morning the boys did an excellent job discussing current events that were happening in the news. We tracked the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and whenever a U.S. soldier died, the students lowered our classroom flag to half mast. We followed the entire search for and then the capture of Osama Bin Laden. The class cheered when President Obama and our top secret military forces found him.

The students also did an excellent job each morning learning their multiplication facts, and how to improve their math scores on unit tests by staying calm, taking deep breaths, and learning

never to get angry when learning something new. The students were very impressive in using their math knowledge to solve the daily math riddles in the game called 24, in which you only have four numbers to reach that sum!

As their teacher, I was very proud of both the sixth and the seventh graders for remembering to use all of their coping strategies when they were frustrated. I was very proud to watch each student take a self time out, talk to the teacher in private, listen to music, write in their journal, or use the computer.



MISS K'S CLASS

During my first year at Pine Haven Boys Center, I taught the youngest students in the school. As the head squirrel, my class contained the "nutty nuts in Nuttville", which included a wise first grade, enthusiastic second and third graders and energetic fourth graders. The students and I were laughing, doing experiments and creating memorable projects together.

During the winter, there was a multi-curriculum snowflake themed unit in which the students learned all about snowflakes and completed winter books.

A big event our class participated in was performing a Christmas themed play with Mr. Evans' class during the Christmas celebration.

The boys also worked incredibly hard on research projects on the topic of animals in using various resources. Learning about the solar system was not only informational but also enjoyable as all students were interested and very involved in lessons and assignments. Thank you boys for making my first year at Pine Haven a great one!



These strategies will truly help them next year when they are seventh and eighth graders. In addition, the students did an excellent job learning to create strong lead sentences, and paragraphs filled with vivid details when writing their creative stories.



ART SHOW

The children participated in the Art Show at the Annual DCYF/DJJS Conference this past May. They created many different art pieces from poetry to 3D images to a beautiful creation of the State of New Hampshire made by all the children. The boys did a great job working with our therapists, Susan and Kim. Special thanks to Derek Luke at DCYF for putting all this together.



CLINICAL DEPARTMENT

Trauma Focused- Cognitive Behavior Therapy

The Pine Haven Clinical staff have been involved in about a year long training to provide Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy or TF-CBT as it is commonly known. This process involves both the child and parent/guardian with the therapist providing psycho-education on trauma, teaching relaxing techniques, and writing a narrative about the trauma with the child. The child develops the narrative story of their trauma with the therapist that is eventually shared with parent/guardian or an adult they choose. The experience for both staff and children has been one of empowerment and enlightenment. Although talking about stuff is painful at times, the process brings hope and understanding in a way that the children have never experienced. There is a new hope brought to the children that their behavior is not who they are and that they can overcome the hurt they have experienced. On behalf of Pine Haven we want to thank Dartmouth College, DCYF, and DJJS for providing this wonderful opportunity to our program. We look forward to the continued work and further developing our program to be fully trauma informed.



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We are trying to collect 1000 points from "Labels for Education" to purchase merchandise for our boys to be used by the Staff. These labels (UPC bars) are found on Campbell soup, beans, gravy products, Post cereals, Emerald and Pepperidge Farms products, etc.

We are also collecting "Box Tops for Education" (found on Pillsbury items, General Mills cereals, Ziploc bags, Kleenex tissues, etc.) These are worth 10 cents each to us.

It is hard for our boys to do "fundraisers" and we thought this may be a great way to raise money/points to help out with school supplies, etc. What a terrific way to help since there is no additional cost to you only your time in collecting them for us!

If you use any of these products, please cut out the UPCs or the "Box Tops" and send them to us at Pine Haven.



Foundation

Years ago the "Pine Haven Boys Center Foundation" was established to support the mission of Pine Haven. Contributions and donations to the Foundation are a concrete way to assist Pine Haven to improve the effectiveness of the program provided to our boys.

However, there are so many foundations around. So, why give to the Pine Haven Foundation? We can suggest two reasons:

- you will support a good cause-nothing new here!
- every contribution/donation will directly benefit our boys.

Pine Haven's Foundation does not have any overhead expenses. No personnel, no development office, no advertising or fundraising costs. Everything is done at the volunteer level. If you know friends or agencies interested in supporting a good cause which operates in a frugal and effective way, please pass along the enclosed envelope. If you need more envelopes, please let us know.

