



November 1, 2020

Dear Friends,

I write to ask you to join with me in continued support of The Craddock Center and its work with the children and families of southern Appalachia.

Little did I know in February, when I announced my intent to finish my term on the board at the end of 2020, that a pandemic was about to explode upon the global community. In those early days none of us imagined how much our lives and institutions would change. Change certainly has impacted the Center.

Kirk Cameron, a Cherry Log resident, will begin his service as Executive Director in early November. He brings many years of experience in non-profit institutions and a deep commitment to serving the children and families of the tri-state area.

The board continues to make sure that the children and their families are not forgotten in this pandemic. The board has marshalled its resources, including reduced staffing, so that full services to the schools can be restored as soon as it's feasible. In the meantime, Craddock Care Bags (blanket, toy and book), the Living Room (furniture, books, Craddock Care Bags) and issues of Milk & Honey continue to be distributed as needed.

Even Santa Claus has changed how he will be working come Christmas time. While he will be unable to visit the children in the classrooms, Santa, and one of his elves, will be delivering books, toys, hats and mittens to each school we serve. He will drop off the boxes outside each building so that the children can see him and give him a wave.

Yes, there is a Santa Claus. Yes, there is hope. Yes, your ongoing support will continue to bring "Happy and Hope" to the children and families we serve.

Grateful for your partnership,

William E. Crowl

President, The Craddock Center Board

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