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"Just as the way to have friends is to be a friend,  
so too the way to win respect is to show respect."  
— Servant of God Edward J. Flanagan



# ALUMNI NEWS

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## Former Boys Town Standout Shaquil Barrett, '10, Shines for Tampa Bay

This story, written by Eduardo A. Encina, was published on Sept. 27, 2019, and is reprinted with the permission of the *Tampa Bay Times*.

Shaquil Barrett can now admit there was a time during his teenage years in East Baltimore when he became lazy. He missed school, stopped going to his football practices, didn't work out and gained weight.

"He just kind of started to fall off," his older brother Kevin Barrett said.

That's a lot different from the Shaquil Barrett the Tampa Bay Buccaneers see today.

The outside linebacker, in his first Tampa Bay season, doesn't waste an opportunity to hone his craft as a pass rusher, and he is off to the NFL's best sack start since Michael Jackson's *Thriller* was dominating the Billboard charts. Barrett, 26, has eight sacks in three games. The only player with that many that fast since the NFL began to keep track of sacks in 1982 was the Jets' Mark Gastineau in 1984.

Barrett is on pace for 42 sacks, which would shatter Michael Strahan's season record of 22½ set in 2001.

The Bucs' signing of Barrett to a one-year, \$4 million deal looks like the league's best offseason acquisition.

"I don't think I've seen anybody get eight sacks in three weeks," defensive coordinator Todd Bowles said. "I'm sure it's not going to be



Photo courtesy of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

*Shaquil Barrett avoids a Carolina Panther blocker as he rushes the quarterback in a game earlier this year. Barrett is having a stellar season for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.*

like that every week, but we like where he's at right now."

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At 15, Barrett knew he needed a change. The final straw was when he and a friend were robbed of their wallets and cellphones walking home from a store.

So he left Baltimore to join his brother at Boys Town, a village in Omaha, Nebraska, where kids have been provided structure since 1921, when Father Edward J. Flanagan established an orphanage there.

At Boys Town, Shaquil and Kevin lived in a home with a married couple and several other kids. They had chores and regular mealtimes.

The brothers were always close, and reuniting brought out the best in both.

"Before (Shaquil) came, I was motivated to get kicked out of Boys Town so I could get sent home back to Baltimore," Kevin said.

Shaquil quickly learned that everything at Boys Town was earned, including playing football. If chores at home weren't done, you couldn't play.

"I needed more structure," Shaquil said, "but it was a lot more than I expected. It really wasn't a school I needed to be at, and I really didn't know what type of school it was, and if I did, I probably wouldn't have went there."

*See 'Boys Town's Own' page 7*





## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Alumni,

Christmas at Boys Town is a very special time. I want to wish a Merry Christmas to you and your families! May the blessings of this beautiful and holy season bring you peace and joy.

There is a uniqueness to both the Christmas celebration and to Boys Town. The magic in the air is everywhere, from the kids at Wegner School to the “older” kids in high school. You can feel the excitement come alive at this time of year. Because we are a Village, we can, just once a year, transport ourselves back to the days when small towns and hamlets across this great country celebrated Christmas in a way that was their singular tradition.

Many of you remember those days when Boys Town was “out in the country” and far from the distractions of a city. It was a time of togetherness when the birth of the Christ Child was celebrated and played a central role in this blessed season; when the joys of youth were shared in parties, dinners, movies and outings. Today’s kids continue many of those traditions and add them to their storehouse of memories that will last a lifetime.

I look forward to the traditions of the holiday at the Home started by our beloved founder Servant of God Edward J. Flanagan. The sense of family at Boys Town is especially strong at this time of the year and much credit goes to our dedicated Family-Teachers®, who create a loving environment for children who have known only dysfunction and disappointment in Christmases past. I encourage each of you to reach out to the staff that helped you have a wonderful Christmas at Boys Town and thank them, if you can, for the joys they brought into your lives. It means a lot for them to get that phone call, email or letter from the past to let them know you are thinking of them.

Make the time during this Christmas season to do something special for someone else. Find a way to give a gift of hope to someone in need. The kids and families we serve, on Home Campus and across the country, will be celebrating this joyous season in the Boys Town tradition. Remember them in your prayers as you pray with your family — and remember our kids as they are also your Boys Town “family.” Ask our Lord to keep shining the light of healing on their young lives as they work on the issues that brought them here as citizens of the greatest Village on earth, Boys Town.

Please support the Christmas fundraising drive your Alumni Association is sponsoring to build a new concession stand at the football field. The story about the project is in this edition of the *Alumni News*. Your donations help us with projects that benefit our youth and remind them they have older “brothers and sisters” across the country and the world who care for them.

Please come to 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve or 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day at Boys Town if you are in the area, the alumni choir will be singing and this wonderful tradition keeps growing in attendance every year. Join us in welcoming the Christ Child into our lives as the first hour of Christmas is upon us.

I ask our Good Lord to bless you and your family and to watch over you throughout the coming year.

Merry Christmas,

Father Steven E. Boes  
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## BTNAA Announces Christmas Campaign to Build New Concession Stand at Boys Town

Alumni who have attended Boys Town football games at The Corral over the past several years have noticed the rundown condition of the concession stand. Noting the need to repair or replace the structure, the Boys Town National Alumni Association® and the Alumni Office contacted the Boys Town maintenance department and did an assessment. The existing concession stand has been serving the football program for many years. The concrete slab the building sits on is cracked down the middle. It clearly needed to be torn down and a new facility built in its place.

With input from maintenance department officials, it was determined the cost of a new concession stand would be around \$20,000. This included upgrading the utilities inside the stand (the present stand has no running water inside). The Boys Town maintenance department will build the facility once funds are raised to purchase all the materials. The new structure will use more durable materials that will stand the test of time.

At the October 2018 Board Meeting, the Alumni Board of Directors approved the creation of a fundraising campaign to raise the necessary money. The goal is to raise the money over the winter and spring so the new stand can be built over the summer and be ready for the 2020 football season.

The side of the new concession stand will feature a large sign with the BTNAA logo to let everyone know alumni donated the building to the kids of Boys Town. It will also feature the names of those who generously contributed to the project.

The BTNAA Auxiliary and the Kansas City Chapter kicked off the fundraising with a \$2,500 donation. We

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are grateful for the generous support we have received and feel confident we will reach our goal quickly. That initial donation, along with online and mailed donations, thus far, have brought us near the \$5,000 mark. Our hope is you will open your heart and your wallet to make a Christmas present to the youth of Boys Town of this new concession stand. Levels of giving are shown in the box above.

You can donate safely and securely online by going to the donation section at [boystownalumni.org](http://boystownalumni.org). Select the level of giving you wish to support by checking the box and clicking on the link to the shopping cart to check out. Included with this newsletter is a mail-in donation form for those who wish to send their donation directly to the Alumni Office.

Please give what you can. Every donation will help make a difference in giving this Christmas gift to the youth of Boys Town. Let's make this a special Christmas for the kids... give generously!

# Boys Town Helped Cherish Nunnally Find Her ‘Safe Place’

*Cherish Nunnally was born addicted to heroin. The state of California took her from her parents shortly after her birth and she spent 19 years in the foster care system. After an attempt at reunification with her mother when she was 16, Cherish was placed in a Boys Town emergency group home in Los Angeles. Cherish says the time she spent in that Boys Town home changed her life. And, it inspired her to find that music could help her find her “Safe Place.”*

I remember the 48 hours like it was yesterday. First, the altercation with my mom, the fear, fight or flight, grabbing my purse, running for the door, hiding at the neighbor's house to use the phone, calling my best friend and her mother, asking if I can come over, running in the street seven blocks — for the first time in my life at 16 years old — running away!

I remember my biological father circling the neighborhood in his car, yelling my name in the darkness. It was the most attention, or concern, I'd received from him in 16 years.

I remember the police station my best friend's mother took me to — she knew I didn't belong there — but I had to go because my real mother would report me as a runaway. In reality, I was just trying to get out of danger from an impending escalated situation.

I remember sleeping on my grandmother's floor because I had to stay with a “parent.” It was there that, for the first time in 16 years, my father and I had a good conversation. He said he would support any choices I made. It showed me he actually did want to be there for me. He just didn't know how.

I remember walking to school and requesting to see a counselor. I remember telling that beautiful soul what I was going through and hysterically crying, saying I would not go back. I remember giving them an ultimatum, saying if they did not have a caseworker at my school before the end of the day, that I would disappear and they would never find me. I remember the social worker showing up and me saying I wanted to place myself back into the foster care system.

Memories are kinda like scars.

I was taken to an emergency group home called Boys Town, located in downtown Los Angeles, a few blocks from Crenshaw Boulevard. I was incredibly nervous because group homes can be scary. I was actually quite surprised. I remember walking into a beautiful home, nothing like what I had expected. Girls my age were walking around and laughing, cooking in the huge kitchen together. I felt safe and cared for in the surroundings.

Once I was settled in and had completed my paperwork, it was time to go through my belongings. For a 16-year-old girl, watching a stranger sort through your black trash bag of assorted items — including dirty clothes and underwear — is an incredibly awkward situation. But the Boys Town staff made it seem like it was no big deal. It was almost as if they were my big sisters or even how you would feel with your mom.

I was still in the process of figuring out who I was, and processing my latest mental trauma. I was placed into Boys Town's onsite counseling. There were so many moments I questioned my own worth, my sanity, my existence, and the why? WHY ME? Being around other girls in similar situations really helped me heal and understand what grace and compassion are. I was not only grouped with other girls in foster care, but at-risk youth who had just been released from juvenile hall. It really gave me a perspective of other people's pain.

During my stay in the Boys Town home, I was able to find my voice. The staff took the time to take a fearful, frail, shy and timid girl and cared for her fearlessly. They made every teen in the home feel loved and wanted, and that there was hope for all of us.

One night we were cooking dinner and we heard a song that put me in the mind of being in a safe place. A staff member looked at me and asked me what my safe place was? I didn't really understand, so she said, “Cherish, I want you to close your eyes and think of a place or person or thing that makes you feel safe. Maybe it's on a beach? Maybe with friends?”

I replied with, “The stage — music and singing has always been a safe place where I feel I can accept love and be free from my scars for three to five minutes. It's like a therapy for me.”

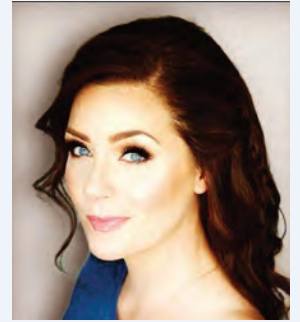
“Whenever you feel like you are in a harmful place, sing,” the Boys Town staff member said. “Never stop singing.”

I will never forget that moment.

That is when I discovered that music was a part of my soul. That is when I felt like I had a purpose and a why. I decided to go on and pursue music as a career.

## Safe Place

*Some days I love you, even  
when I don't want to,  
Couldn't leave you if I tried  
You're the arms that hold me,  
the ones I say I don't need,  
You still catch the tears I cry,  
every time, whoa I...*



**Cherish Nunnally**

*One I can turn to, when the world starts caving in,  
One I can count on, what I keep questioning,  
When I'm lost, when I'm broken,  
When I'm tired of not knowin'  
You're my shelter at the end of every day,  
You'll always be my SAFE PLACE*

*You're what I'm running from, sometimes you're just enough  
You're the why I don't sleep at night,  
Every time, you're what I...*

*What I can turn to, when the world starts caving in,  
What I can count on, what I keep questioning,  
When I'm lost, when I'm broken,  
When I'm tired of not knowin'  
You're my shelter at the end of every day,  
You'll always be my SAFE PLACE*

*The place I need, you'll always be, what I can turn to,  
What I can count on...*

*What I can turn to, when the world starts caving in,  
What I can count on, when I keep questioning,  
When I'm lost, when I'm broken,  
When I'm tired of not knowin'  
You're my shelter at the end of every day,  
You'll always be my SAFE PLACE*

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=303789313673609>

Boys Town meant so much to me in changing my life. I requested to stay three extra days at the group home so I could celebrate my 17th birthday there. Boys Town had an achievement system that I excelled in. They knew how much music was going to drive me. Boys Town truly was amazing.

Since then, I have performed and opened for numerous country acts. I've sang at a number of venues. I was able to have one of my songs played on country radio, and I have been to Nashville to start writing and recording my first album.

I use my voice to bring awareness to foster care and at-risk teens. “Safe Place” is a song I've dedicated to all advocates of the foster care system. It is about creating a safe place and environment for kids to be loved and feel safe in a judgement-free zone. Giving kids a place to heal and accept love and give it in return without conditions. I hope to inspire more to speak up and share their truth. Shared stories save lives. I want all kids to know they are never alone.



# HOLIDAY MEMORIES







MERRY  
CHRISTMAS





## FROM THE BTNAA PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas!

This time of year, my mind always wanders back to the joyful days of Christmas at

Boys Town. The Twelfth Night!! Decorating the dorms and houses, the Boars Head Inn at the Music Hall, Fool's Parade, Feast of St. Stephen, movies, parties and finally the bonfire!!

Midnight Mass at the chapels was always an experience that many of us will remember all our lives. These are the memories of my generation and I know that Boys Town alumni of every generation have special memories of their time at Boys Town during Christmas. When I talk to many alums, the subject most brought up is "Christmas at Boys Town." At this joyous and holy time of the year, I hope you get to celebrate this time with your family and friends and share some memories.

Christmas is also a time we reflect on the year that is fast slipping away. What a year it was! We gathered at our 34th Biennial Alumni Family Reunion and reconnected with old friends and made new ones while reliving our days at Boys Town. Alumni made strong showings at the Boys Town football games to cheer on the Cowboys and to set an example for our future alumni... that we are here to support the kids and the Boys Town programs. Sadly, as with every passing year, we lost brother and sister alumni from almost every generation. Let us also

remember them as they have gone ahead of us to join Father Flanagan.

As we move forward to 2020, the BTNAA has made it a priority to increase our membership and preserve the memories of our experiences at Boys Town.

Active membership is what will sustain our Association long into the future. I encourage you to join and start thinking about running for a board position or becoming part of one of our board committees. The next elections are less than two years away and we encourage you to consider running for a board position to represent your year group. Contact any board member or Tony Jones at the Alumni Office to get more information about the Board of Directors.

The alumni board has selected New Orleans as the site of our Mini-Reunion in 2020. Mark your calendars now for July 24-26, and let's plan on meeting in the magical city of New Orleans and visiting our Boys Town brothers and sisters at the Louisiana campus. It is never too early to start making plans to attend. Look for more information in January with the annual membership mailing.

Happy Holidays!

*Phil Dauterive*  
Phil Dauterive, D'70  
BTNAA President



## FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that your 2020 will bring you peace and joy.

The Christmas season always brings back memories of the holiday times spent at Boys Town. The fun we had playing football in the big field behind the Fieldhouse in the snow is one tradition I will never forget.

Other highlights of our Christmas celebration are the lighting of the Village tree at the center of campus, the play "The Gift of The Magi" in the Music Hall, and for our earlier alumni, the celebration of the Twelfth Night.

The "Gift of the Magi" is attended by all the families on campus. Alumni are welcome to join your Boys Town family in this annual tradition. When the play is over, the kids race to the flagpole where they await the arrival of Santa. After Santa's grand entrance, everyone heads to the Great Hall for hot chocolate and cookies and a chance to let Santa know what gifts are wanted for Christmas. Throughout the rest of the holidays, the kids have pizza parties and go to movies and special events to add to their memories of Christmas at Boys Town.

As the holiday season nears, keep our boys and girls living at the Home in your thoughts and prayers. They face a world that is much less kind and less caring than in the past. Knowing that you care and love them is comforting during a season that can sometimes be lonely. If you know of any

fellow alumni spending Christmas alone, reach out to them, make them a part of your greater family in some way or give us a call at the Alumni Office to let us know about them.

Your newly elected Board of Directors has settled in and is working on some great things. Our commitment to serving you has never been stronger. Our goals over the next couple years are to strengthen our Association both in numbers as well as involvement. If any of you have any suggestions, please contact me.

The BTNAA Reunion Committee and Board of Directors has set the date for our 2020 Mini-Convention. Please mark down July 24-26, 2020. The location will be New Orleans, Louisiana. We are currently working with the Boys Town site in Louisiana to create an event you won't want to miss.

Please keep the Boys Town staff in your prayers during the holidays. It is a time when individuals go the extra mile to ensure the youth have a wonderful Christmas. It means some staff will not be able to spend time with their families on Christmas Day. They helped to give us our special Christmas memories and who generously give their time to be here with our boys and girls. God bless them all and God bless you!

Your Boys Town Brother,

*Tony E. Jones*  
Tony Jones, '88  
Alumni Director



## FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Your executive board has been busy looking at ways we can make a bigger impact in supporting the National Alumni Association.

During our meeting in July, it was decided the Auxiliary would donate to the construction of the new concession stand being sponsored by the alumni. The new concession stand is a benefit to the alumni and fans who attend football games to support the Boys Town athletic activities, as well as being a more suitable and functional facility for any competing schools and fans who attend the games. We were happy to give a donation of \$2,000 toward the new concession stand. We encourage others to also consider a donation for this campaign.

We have been strategizing on how the next reunion can be even better for our Auxiliary members. While we are gathering ideas, we are also open to your suggestions. We want to know what activities you would be interested in while in Omaha, outside of the reunion events. Please feel free to call any of the executive members or send suggestions to [btnaauxiliary@yahoo.com](mailto:btnaauxiliary@yahoo.com).

We are organizing several committees for the different projects. We are executing a review of our by-laws and documenting our different procedures to allow for improved consistency in the transition of new officers each reunion. We are looking at our largest fund-raiser, the auction, to see how we can use technology to allow for greater efficiency. We want suggestions on other events during the reunion we can help sponsor. Please be open to help if an officer reaches out to you. Or, if you are interested in taking a more participative role in the Auxiliary, let us know. There is plenty to do and it is never too early to get started.

The Boys Town campus is full of the holiday spirit. We will be helping spread that spirit by donating and decorating the Christmas tree in the Hall of History. We are partnering with a local business to make the tree something to remember. If in town, you should stop by the Hall of History. The tree will be up and lit from Thanksgiving through Epiphany Sunday in January.

Remember, Christmas is about new beginnings. It is a time we should open our hearts before we open our presents. Gift-giving comes in many ways. Find yours and make it a special time for you and others.

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families. Let Father Flanagan's spirit be in your hearts as you celebrate this wonderful season.

*Mary Kuhn*  
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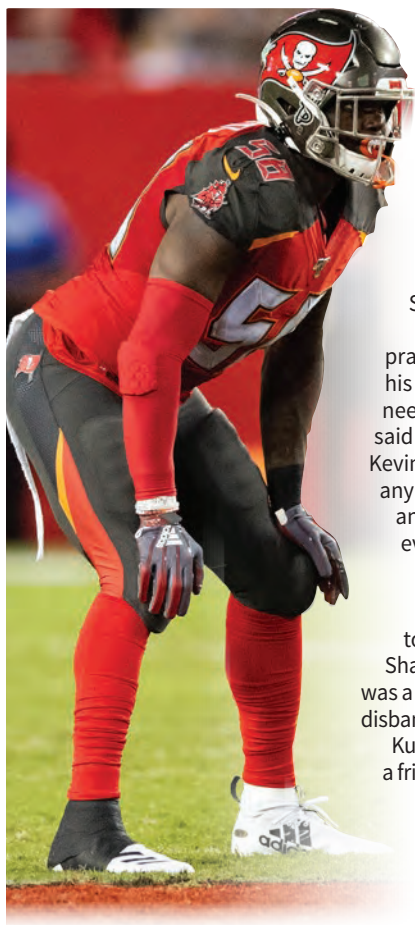


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On the football field, he stood out immediately. His speed was evident. With Shaquil and Kevin leading the way, Boys Town, playing in one of Nebraska's smaller classifications, went to the state title game. As a senior, Shaquil blocked six kicks.

"You could tell probably two practices into him getting there his sophomore year that this kid needed to play for us right away," said Shaquil's coach at Boys Town, Kevin Kush. "He was a nightmare for anybody, and we could play him anywhere. He knew every position, every line stunt."

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In 2010, the brothers went to Division II Nebraska-Omaha. Shaquil played football, and Kevin was a wrestler. But both programs were disbanded a year later.

Kush made a call to Nebraska, telling a friend on the staff about Shaquil, but he never received a call back.

Colorado State was the only Division I team interested in Shaquil.

He started three seasons there, 2011-13, and won Mountain West defensive player of the year

honors as a senior but went undrafted.

Shaquil worked his way onto the Broncos' practice squad in 2014 but was cut twice. Life on the roster bubble was frustrating, and after that season, he committed to transforming his body. He cut down on his body fat — which he said was 20 percent at the time — and ate better to become leaner and faster off the line.

Shaquil credits his wife, Jordanna, whom he married in 2012, for helping his diet.

"I hit it really hard, cardio, weights, basketball, and my wife was meal prepping all the time, so it was easy to just grab a meal and warm it up," he said.

"I just wanted to give myself the best chance I could to succeed and really earn a role on the team. It helped. I got a little faster, and the front-office people and the coaches liked to see that I was changing and really putting in an effort."

Shaquil jokes that he left Colorado State with just two pass-rush moves, a bull rush and a double swipe. On the Broncos' practice squad, he started testing more moves against the starting left tackle, gradually building up confidence getting into the backfield.

***"Normally, if a quarterback's back there (holding the ball) and he gets a sack, it's coverage, but (Shaquil is) getting some quick sacks. He's whipping guys fast, and that's all him."***

— Bruce Arians, Tampa Bay Buccaneers Head Coach

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Once he joined the Broncos' active roster in 2015, he started learning from some of the NFL's best pass rushers: teammates Von Miller, DeMarcus Ware, Shane Ray and Bradley Chubb.

"I was just able to develop it over time," Shaquil said. "Everybody says you have to have all these moves that look the same so they don't know what's coming. That's what I've been trying to work on."

"If you're a one-trick pony, it's easy to defend, and now I'm trying to keep them guessing and just kind of work all my moves. But it came from everywhere, from me watching film or other guys, being in Denver."

He logged four sacks this season against the Giants, following a three-sack effort against the Panthers in Week 2.

"Normally, if a quarterback's back there (holding the ball) and he gets a sack, it's coverage, but (Shaquil is) getting some quick sacks," Bucs head coach Bruce Arians said. "He's whipping guys fast, and that's all him."

"He's got a good delay move. He's got a nice toolbox of moves, and as teams get used to him, I think he's got a few more he hasn't even used yet."

Teammates see that Shaquil is still trying to learn with every play and know he will get more attention after his quick start.

"One of the things I love about a young guy like that is he actually listens," said defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh. "On either the third or fourth sack (against the Giants), he reached for the ball like I told him to, and he got it out. He's been doing a tremendous job."

"He's probably going to get a little more attention the next handful of weeks... as people continue to notice him on film, and he's just got to continue to keep pressing and do what he's doing."

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Shaquil knows he will eventually see more double teams and was surprised he didn't see more against the Giants. More often, opponents decide to double team interior linemen.

"I guess they're thinking it's a fluke right now," he said. "I know everybody will step up and make big plays when their time comes."

He was limited to a rotational pass-rusher role during his four seasons in Denver, so this is his first opportunity to be on the field every down. And just like every stop along the way, he's making the most of it.

"He did everything right," Kush said. "When there was a door of opportunity, he said, 'I'm going through it. I'm going to take that.' Just like he's doing in Tampa now. He saw that opportunity to get on the field every down and took a leap of faith."

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# Gifting a House to the Home that Changed a Life

Richard "Larry" Pike, '59, stepped off a Greyhound bus and into the Boys Town Welfare Office on September 2, 1949. The wiry 8-year-old had just arrived from Bartlesville, Oklahoma, accompanied by an older brother who, ironically, had gone AWOL from Boys Town months earlier.



Martha and Larry Pike

The older brother was first sent to

Boys Town by the courts after he was caught pilfering, a skill he learned from their alcohol-abusing father. The Village's bucolic setting was a far cry from the streets of Bartlesville, and Larry's big brother thought little Larry would do well here. So he hitched a ride back to Oklahoma, eventually convinced their mother to let Larry go to Boys Town and then got the town's police chief to buy them one-way bus tickets back to Nebraska.

After returning to Boys Town, the older brother went AWOL again, wound up at a reform school and, ultimately, landed in jail. But Larry stayed, and his life was "saved."

"I thought I was in a dream. From 8 to 18, Boys Town taught me how to work, and they took care of my spiritual and physical needs," a grateful Larry said.

Schoolwork, chores and play filled his days. Life on a working farm had unforgettable moments for this city kid, like the time he went to the hayloft to stack straw bales. Standing knee-deep in hay and dust triggered an allergic reaction so severe his eyes swelled shut. Larry had better luck working in Boys Town's cannery, where he cut and canned string beans harvested on the farm.

Happier — and healthier — memories included playing Pop Warner football (where he lined up against Gale Sayers, the future NFL Hall of Famer), participating in band (where he mastered the French horn and played for dignitaries, including Harry Truman, John Kennedy and Richard Nixon) and joining a Boys Town Army Reserve Unit (where he learned skills that later launched a distinguished military career, which included a tour of duty in Vietnam).

After graduating from Boys Town in 1959, Larry joined the Army and, while stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, met the love of his life, Martha, on a blind date. Over 59 years of marriage, they traveled the world and raised a family. Now, the couple is happily retired in Alabama, where Larry volunteers for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, an organization that serves disabled veterans.

Despite the passage of time, Boys Town always remained close to Larry's heart. And Martha's too, knowing how it shaped her husband's life and the lives of so many other at-risk children. That's why the Pikes, as part of their estate planning, have chosen to leave their home and other real estate to Boys Town. By making this donation, the Pikes join many other supporters who choose to gift property in order to support Boys Town's mission.

"God's given us many blessings," Martha said. "I think He gave us all this so we could give back."

The couple is confident their gift will be life-changing for children who, like Larry once did, need hope and a second chance.

"Boys Town does a fantastic job with kids and turning their lives around. The money derived from the sale of our home and property will help fund all the programs they need," Larry said.

*To learn how you can create an enduring legacy and remember Boys Town through gifts of real estate or other creative gift-planning options, contact the Boys Town Gift and Estate Planning Department toll free at 888-332-3219 or [giftplanning@boystown.org](mailto:giftplanning@boystown.org), or visit [BoysTownGift.org](http://BoysTownGift.org).*



## Maddux, '53, Presented Justice Stevens Award

Judge William D. Maddux, '53, was recognized this fall by the Chicago Bar Association (CBA) with the Justice John Paul Stevens Award.

This award, given by the Chicago Bar Foundation and the Chicago Bar Association, honors Justice Stevens, a Chicago native, for his lifetime effort to improve the system of justice and his active participation and dedication to the CBA. The award is presented annually to attorneys who best exemplify Stevens' commitment to integrity and public service in the practice of law.

Judge Maddux arrived at Boys Town in September of 1948. He was mayor in his senior year. Following graduation, he attended Notre Dame University and Georgetown Law School. He practiced law and became a judge in Cook County, Illinois.

He served on Boys Town's National Board of Trustees and the Boys Town National Alumni Association Board as President. Judge Maddux was a Hall of History inductee and was inducted into the Boys Town Alumni Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. He was presented the Father Flanagan Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2017.

## BTNA Board Elects New VP

At their October 2019 meeting, the Boys Town National Alumni Association board elected Bob Matthews, D'71, as Vice President, replacing the deceased Dennis Buckman, '72. The board also appointed John Ellebb, '81, to replace the 36-45 Year Group vacancy created by Buckman's passing. Ellebb will serve out Buckman's term, which ends in 2021.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

**HERBERT J. WERNER, '48**, passed away on October 25, 2019, in San Diego, California. Werner was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

**WILLIAM HUNT, D'53**, passed away on October 29, 2019, in Waterloo, Iowa.

**JAMES IRVIN COOK, '55**, passed away on October 26, 2019, in Fallbrook, California. Cook was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

**LAWRENCE (LORENZO) SALAZAR, '61**, passed away on August 27, 2019, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

**STEVE L. LAWRENCE, '63**, passed away on October 29, 2019, in Lacona, Iowa.

**EDWARD J. VAUGHAN, D'68**, passed away on May 21, 2019, in Silver Springs, Maryland.

**ALBIN "AL" BOSN**, former Boys Town High School teacher, passed away on September 13, 2019, in Platte Lake, Minnesota.



## Boys Town Boosters Make Cowboy Athletics a Big Winner!

The Boys Town Boosters presented a check for over \$355,000 to the Boys Town Athletic Department at a Cowboy home football game this fall. The annual Booster Banquet, held in the spring, traditionally raises funds for Cowboy athletics. The annual donation is a direct result of that event.