



# 2024 Spring Newsletter

## Bridging Families Update

Crossnore's Bridging Families program has their first success in our H4Y house. A sibling group of three children now living in our first H4Y house will be reunited with their father in the coming month. Reunification is always the number one goal of foster care. In order to build on that success Crossnore and Homes For Youth are partnering to provide a second bridging families home in Henderson County. To that end, renovation has begun on our second H4Y Bridging Families foster home. In order to house the maximum number of Foster Children we need to have at least a four bedroom home. To create that fourth bedroom for our second house we are reconfiguring the first floor layout and adding a bathroom. Our general contractor, Brian Orzolek of Greenway Construction has begun the demolition and plumbing design. We plan to be ready for children by the start of the school year.

## Cleanup Day at the second H4Y house



On April 20th, volunteers from Grace Lutheran Church did a major clean up of our second house. The work included a deep cleaning of the upstairs of the house and also the gardens around the house. A lot of scrubbing, weeding, mulching, and caring for the children in our

community went into a great start for getting our home ready for foster children. Many thanks for the wonderful support that Grace Lutheran has given us for this project and throughout the years.

## Announcing a new program - CarePortal

H4Y is excited to announce that we will be starting a new program to support children and families in need in Henderson County. Many children come into foster care because of neglect. Neglect is often related to a lack of a resource. If our community can connect the resource requirement with someone who can provide that resource, often foster care can be avoided and which in turn, reduces the need for foster homes. A system for making those connections is provided by an organization called CarePortal. We will be starting a CarePortal network as an “Implementing Partner” in the near future. First, members of our team will get trained on how to use the CarePortal software to create a network. Second, we will then go to our local churches to recruit caring organizations that can provide resources. After we get providers in place will recruit an organization like Crossnore that can identify those needs in our community as a requesting organization. You can learn more about how CarePortal works by clicking here - <https://www.careportal.org/how-careportal-works/>

## We Have a Bear



Meet Beary “Sparkles” Garcia. Beary is donated to Homes For Youth by Judi Moolten of Grateful Mindset Real Estate. Beary was painted by Judi Dempsey, Judi Moolten and her daughter London. He is on display on the Corner of 1st and Main Street. All proceeds from the auction will go to Homes for

Beary “Sparkles” Garcia

Youth. [Click here for more information.](#) Thanks to Judi and her daughter London.

## **Mark your Calendars - Spaghetti Dinner at Three Chopt**

Three Chopt is hosting a fundraiser for H4Y where they will be serving a salad, garlic bread and spaghetti. The event will be on Thursday, October 17th from 5-7PM at Three Chopt, 103 Third Avenue East, downtown Hendersonville. The Rhythm and Brews concert will be on that same evening. Support H4Y and have a night on the town!