

HOLLY’S HOUSE OF HOPE, INC.

Newsletter

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Highland Pizza Hut Fieldtrip - June 2025



Here’s what’s happening at Holly’s House lately and what’s to come!

Welcome to the second issue of our Holly’s House of Hope newsletter! We’re so glad you’re here. Summer has flown by in a blur of sunshine, smiles, and special moments with our clients.

As we look ahead to the new school year and the first signs of fall, we’re excited to share what we’ve been up to — and what’s coming next!

Over the last few months our clients have enjoyed highlights like a Pizza Hut field trip, a community awareness event, and we’ve been grateful to be a part of some summer fun fundraising.

From outings and new community connections to upcoming events that support our mission, there’s always something exciting happening here at Holly’s.

Our mission is to guide uniquely abled young adults through job training, life skills, social development, and community service. Whether sorting donations or learning new skills, our clients continue to grow through hands-on experiences and heartfelt connections.

There’s so much to look forward to! We’re excited for the Olde Wick’s Factory Sip & Shop in September, our Annual Bowling Fundraiser in December, and our Annual Day of Hope Gala in April of next year — as well as our once-a-month Saturday Sale days.

We’d love to invite you to come shop with us at Holly’s. Every visit helps support the mission and the incredible individuals we serve. We hope you enjoy this quarter’s newsletter!

Come shop with us!

Mondays Wednesdays Fridays	10:30am - 1:30pm
AND for our Saturday Sale! 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Every Month	9:00am - 12:00pm

\*Everything priced at \$1.00, unless marked otherwise (effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025)

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Disability Awareness Day Event  
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Lemonade for Love:  
Hosted by Maria from  
The Nook on Ninth and  
Myrtle and Grace  
June 2025



## Community News

There's never a dull moment at Holly's House of Hope — and this summer was full of fun, connection, and meaningful community experiences!

In June, our clients took a field trip to Highland's Pizza Hut. One of their absolute favorite outings! A huge thank you to Dawson and his amazing crew for welcoming us once again with open arms and full hearts. Our clients (and even our staff!) always look forward to this special visit, and we're already making plans to go back again in the future!

July brought even more excitement with a field trip to the Highland KC Hall for their Disability Awareness Day Event. We spent the day

dancing, meeting new friends, and celebrating the joy of being included and connected in our community. What a fun day!

We were also grateful to be included in this year's Lemonade for Love fundraiser, where Maria from The Nook on Ninth and Myrtle and Grace, hosted a lemonade stand in support of Holly's. Seeing local businesses get involved and advocate for our mission means the world to us!

To everyone who plays a role in creating these moments — thank you for continuing to show up, spread kindness, and support our mission. Your involvement truly helps make our work possible. "Community is not just where we live - it's how we love!"



## Client Spotlight and Apprenticeship Program Highlight

### COLY

Coly brings a bright, cheerful energy to Holly's House of Hope! She's always smiling, has a great attitude, and approaches every task with care and precision. Whether she's organizing, helping with donations, or jumping into something new, she does it all with focus and a happy spirit. As part of our Apprenticeship Program, Coly works at a local daycare, where her calm nature and caring heart truly shine. She's dependable, hardworking, and brings joy to those around her — both here at Holly's and in the community!

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

**Saturday Sale Dates:**

**9am-12pm**

Saturday, August 2nd

Saturday, September 6th

Saturday, October 4th

\*Formerly known as our Fill-a-Bag sale.

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## Upcoming Events

## Opportunities at Holly's

- Sunday, September 14, 2025: **Fall Sip and Shop at the Olde Wick's Factory**
- December 2025: **Annual Bowling Fundraiser**  
(more info to come!)
- Saturday, April 25, 2026: **Annual Day of Hope Gala** (more info to come!)



Holly's House will be **closed** on the following days in observance of the holiday:

- Monday, September 1, 2025 Labor Day
- Monday, October 13, 2025 Columbus Day

## Volunteer Spotlight: Kris



Kris visits us from IMPACT Center for Independent Living in Alton, where she serves as an Independent Living Specialist and Youth/Transition Coordinator. At Holly's, she shares her time and expertise by teaching our clients important life skills — from setting healthy boundaries to managing appointments and more. Her calm presence, practical guidance, and commitment to independence make a lasting impact, and we're so grateful to have her as part of our community!

## Staff Spotlight: Mackenzie



Mackenzie is our amazing Lead Specialists here at Holly's House of Hope. She helps keep things running smoothly with compassion, leadership, and a fun-loving spirit that lifts everyone around her. Whether she's supporting clients or bringing a smile to the room, Mackenzie shows up with heart. And when she's not at Holly's, she's showing off her skills as a talented hair stylist! We're so lucky to have her on our team.





## Fundraising Updates

We're incredibly grateful for the support we've received from our community this summer — every dollar raised helps us continue creating opportunities for the incredible individuals we serve at Holly's House of Hope.

Following our June visit, Highland's Pizza Hut generously hosted a fundraiser on our behalf. We deeply appreciate the support from their team and the community for joining in — and for enjoying a slice or two while giving back!

We also want to recognize Maria from The Nook on Ninth and Myrtle and Grace, who generously hosted a Lemonade for Love stand and raised funds on our behalf — thank you for being part of our mission! Their effort, along with the generosity of the community, helped raise both funds and awareness for our mission.

We're excited to take part in the Olde Wick's Factory Sip & Shop on September 14<sup>th</sup>! With over 90 vendors, food, drinks, and live music, it's shaping up to be a fun and meaningful event — and a portion of proceeds will benefit HHH. Mark your calendars!

And don't forget — our Annual Bowling Fundraiser is coming this December, with more details to come soon. We're also thrilled to be preparing for our Annual Day of Hope Gala in April 2026!

Your support makes all of this possible. Thank you for believing in the work we do.

*Thank you for reading!*

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