



Director's Note

On behalf of everyone at Mooseheart, I want to express our gratitude for your generous support. Your donations directly impact the lives of the children we serve, providing them with the care, education, and opportunities they need to thrive and build brighter futures.

Your dedication to the Moose Fraternity and its mission is truly inspiring. As a valued donor, your generosity embodies the spirit of community and compassion that defines us. Thanks to your commitment, Mooseheart remains a lifeline of opportunity and a nurturing home for every child who walks through our doors.



Transforming Lives Together

Because of supporters like you, we continue to expand our educational programs, introduce new activities, and remodel homes for our students. Every contribution helps create a safe, supportive, and enriching environment where children can overcome adversity and reach their full potential.

Your Impact

We count on you to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our children. Your support empowers them to dream big and achieve their goals, no matter their circumstances. Should you have any questions or wish to learn more about how your contributions are making an impact, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2025!

With warm appreciation,

Pam Amundsen

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Executive Director,
Moose Charities

A Path from Hardship to Hope: Alex's Story

Imagine a young boy named Alex. His home life was far from safe and sound. His parents struggled with addiction, leaving Alex to fend for himself most days. Sometimes, there wasn't enough food, and Alex often missed school to care for his younger siblings when his parents couldn't.

Alex's grandparents, Moose members, understood what Mooseheart Child City & School could offer him. After many attempts to assist their grandchildren, it was time to step in and provide an option. The Mooseheart admissions staff listened to Alex's story



with compassion. They saw his potential and were concerned about the negative influences as he became a teenager in his home environment. With determination, his grandparents helped Alex move to Mooseheart, where he could receive the care and stability he desperately needed.

Years later, Alex stood on stage accepting his diploma at Mooseheart. He had been invited to share his story. As he spoke, Alex's voice was filled with gratitude and hope. He thanked the Moose Fraternity, the staff at Mooseheart, and everyone who had believed in him when he needed it most.



At first, Alex was hesitant. He missed his parents and worried about his siblings. But in his new home at Mooseheart, Alex found more than just a place to stay. He found mentors who believed in him, teachers who challenged him to excel in his studies, and friends who became like family. Slowly, Alex began to adjust. He discovered a passion for computers and basketball. With each passing day, Alex grew stronger and more confident in his abilities. We are happy to report that over the next couple of years, his siblings joined him at Mooseheart.



Alex's story is just one of many that highlight the power of Mooseheart Child City & School. Every day, children like Alex arrive at our doors, carrying the weight of their difficult pasts. But with your help, we can continue to provide them with a brighter future.



Donate now and be part of the Mooseheart family – a community dedicated to supporting and empowering the next generation of leaders and compassionate citizens. Your generosity fuels our passion and amplifies our ability to make a difference.

*Will you stand with us?
Your support today can change
a child's tomorrow.*



Thank you on behalf of the Mooseheart children!

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Let this story remind you that every child deserves a chance to thrive, regardless of their circumstances. Alex's journey from hardship to hope shows that with love, support, and opportunity, every child can overcome adversity and achieve their dreams. Your continued financial support makes this possible.



Did you talk to your loved ones about your plans?

Here are a few questions to ask your loved ones so you can plan this year.



Guardianship



Health decisions



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Rudolph Run 5k for Mooseheart



Our 3rd annual Rudolph Run 5k for Mooseheart was a huge success made largely by YOU! Everything we raised goes directly to the children here on campus. We had teams formed all over the country to share



the Mooseheart spirit in their own community. You started a team and gathered like-minded friends and

members to join your endeavors. You wore festive costumes together to feel a part of something greater. Some of you did walks on a trail close by, or a pub crawl with friends, or made your very own parade through downtown. You collected money from your lodges and chapters all in the name of friendly competition. Everyone made such an impact in their corner of the country. We had 84 teams ranging from Alaska to Florida. Consisting of 230 in person participants and 381 virtually. We are thankful for the 134 sponsors – 128 of those were Moose Associations, Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Rider groups. You gained a tremendous amount of momentum on this event. We cannot thank you enough for all of your determination to help us give a bright holiday to our children.



Your efforts lead us into a very impressive number. Our goal was \$200,000 and we ended up raising over \$230,000 for Mooseheart this year! Without you, we could never have achieved so much. THANK YOU!!!!

