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Hendrick Home For Children Newsletter

HENDRICK HOME CELEBRATES 85 YEARS



Photos courtesy of Laura Utley

Over the last 85 years, Hendrick Home for Children has created an incredible legacy. Founded in 1939 by Thomas and Ida Hendrick, Hendrick Home for Children has remained steadfast in its mission to offer a safe haven and essential services to vulnerable children and families of the Abilene community. Currently, there are nearly 100 individuals who live on the campus receiving assistance.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, Hendrick Home for Children had a large 85th Anniversary celebration on June 21st. The event included proclamations from Senator Cruz' office, Congressman Jodey Arrington's office, Representative Stan Lambert, Taylor County Judge Phil Lambert, City Councilman Brian Yates, an Abilene Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony, exclusive tours, and lunch provided by Atmos Energy. The event was emceed by Shea Woodard Hall, Board Secretary, and an invocation was led by board member, Micheal Murphy.

In attendance was also Hendrick Home for Children's new President and CEO, Erin Utley Seabourne.

"Our 85th anniversary went exceptionally well and was a fun, celebratory event honoring our heritage, our partnership with the community, and our dedication to our children and families," said Seabourne.

More information about Hendrick Home for Children can be found online at hendrickhome.org.

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SEABOURNE NAMED PRESIDENT/CEO

Erin Utley Seabourne came to Hendrick Home for Children in 2013 as a caseworker and has been employed at Hendrick Home for over 11 years. She holds a master's degree in Family Psychology from Hardin-Simmons University and is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Child Care Administrator. She's also a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP) and certified in Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

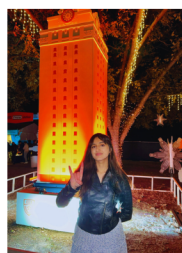
Seabourne previously served as the Hendrick Home for Children Executive Vice President and interim President and CEO, where she led significant program initiatives that improved the lives of countless youth and their families. She has a wealth of experience and a proven track record in nonprofit leadership with over 13 years of experience in child welfare and family services. Ms. Seabourne has served in various roles for the Association of Christian Childcare Administrators over nine years, including as Board President. She has received several awards for her outstanding service and leadership, including Abilene Young Professional's "20 Under 40 Award in 2020".



"I am humbled and honored to be selected as the President and CEO of Hendrick Home for Children. I am grateful for the support of the Board of Trustees, the staff, the community, and my family," said Seabourne. "It is my belief that Hendrick Home for Children has a responsibility to the children and families we serve, to our donors, and to the community to provide quality care in a responsible way. I intend, with the hard work and support of the exceptional staff, to do so for many years to come."

The Board of Directors at Hendrick Home for Children is equally encouraged about Seabourne's appointment. Paul Cannon, Chair of the Board, shared, "With Erin you have experience, professionalism, integrity, faith, and enthusiasm all rolled into one amazing person. We could not be more fortunate than to have Erin as our next President and CEO."

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Bibhasha Tripathi

Bibhasha (Biba) Tripathi is spending her summer interning at Hendrick Home for Children. Biba is from Abilene and wanted to return home for the summer. As a University of Texas-Austin student, she applied for the Home to Texas (H2TX) Internship. This program allows first year students to intern back in their hometown. While interning, they get the chance to learn more about their community in research. The Program gives students the opportunity to interview individuals to uncover more about their hometown. Biba was selected from over 600 applicants and around 60 were accepted. Every day she does something unique, from working with data to planning events. She is learning about a rich history unfamiliar to her. "This experience is valuable as I have been able to get a glimpse at what working full-time is like," says Biba. "I am proud to contribute to the initiatives done here that impact the community in a positive way."



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