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# Caring For the Forgotten Child Campaign Update

May 2006

*We wanted  
you to be  
the first to  
know....*

## Campaign goal reached!



Dick and Anne Booth's most recent gift helped to push us "over the top"!



Jim Smouse, pictured with Myrna Shope, left, and Quakerdale Executive Director Michelle Herman, recently presented a significant gift to the Promise Home.

Thanks to the generosity of each and every donor to the *Caring For The Forgotten Child* campaign, the \$4.25 million goal has been reached!

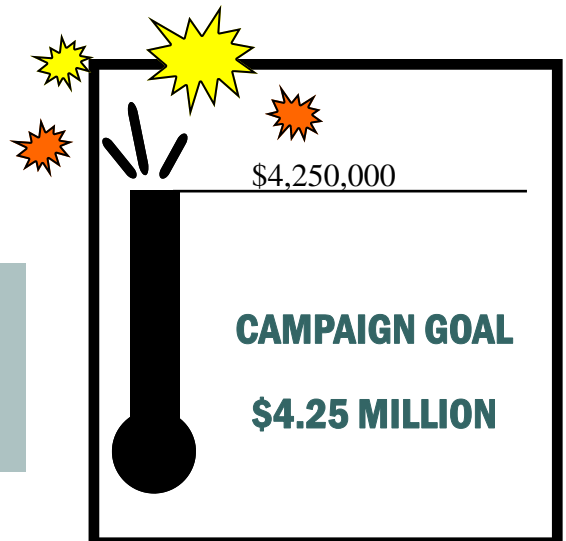
Recent major gifts from Jim Smouse of Marshalltown and Dick and Anne Booth of Hot Springs, Arkansas took us to the goal and beyond. "We are so excited about the success of the campaign, the largest in Quakerdale's history," remarks Michelle Herman, Executive Director. "It was a lofty goal, one that was established on the faith that others would understand the need and join in the effort."

Thank you for caring about young people who are falling through the cracks of Iowa's child welfare system and whose parent or guardian understands the importance of stability and education, but is not able to offer one or both due to life circumstances.

"We are so grateful for each donor and volunteer! This home is a reality because of you. On behalf of the Rena Van Orman Promise Home staff, the young people and their families, **thank you** all for sharing your gifts and your time!" says Director of Development, Donna Lawler.

To keep you informed about the Promise Home, we will be transitioning this campaign newsletter to a one that highlights the children's activities. Watch your mail for the first issue!

There are still a couple openings for residents so if you know of a child who needs the structure and stability of the Promise Home, please contact Jason or Amy by visiting [www.promiseprogram.org](http://www.promiseprogram.org) or by calling 641-752-3912.



*Last January, the Promise Home opened its doors to youth ages 10 through high school graduation, and now is nearing capacity. Boys and girls from around the state have come to Marshalltown to be a part of this new program, Iowa's first privately-funded, voluntary, long-term, group living opportunity.*

*"The Promise Home has changed my life by giving me more ideas for coping with difficult situations and taught me that I wanted to graduate, and get good grades, and be more involved in school activities," said one of the Promise Program's first residents. "I am more mature than I was before I came here."*

*The Promise Program and Promise Home are a result of the Caring for the Forgotten Child Campaign which has a goal of \$4.25 million. Approximately \$104,000 of that goal is left to be raised.*