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## President's Letter

I'm amazed daily by the life changing work our Hoyleton team members do. The mission that God has called us to do is not easy and it has an impact on our team members. I can't help but think about the definition of resiliency; the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties, and how our staff rally to the call each and every day. One of the best parts of my job is the opportunity to get to know the children and families we journey with. In these moments I find the power of the Holy Spirit at work. No matter what traumatic events have happened in their lives there is still a sense of hope for a better future.

In this issue of the Hoyletonian you will read a story about Madison County Adoption Day and learn about several resilient foster families who, despite many challenges, made the decision to adopt children who had no family to return too.

The resiliency does not end with our clients. It takes resilient people to do the work we do every day. In this issue we share a story about what a crisis call looked like for one of our crisis workers. Responding to a person at their most challenging moment requires you to set your own feelings aside and dig deep within yourself to provide the support and care needed to help.

Often times our departments must work together in the midst of a crisis. Recently our Punetes team requested the support of our clinical team to address some mental health issues facing our Hispanic community. Much needed mental health education was provided via zoom and Facebook Live from bilingual therapists in our clinical department.

I am so proud of the work we do at Hoyleton. We make a difference in people's lives every day and we continue to challenge ourselves and the systems in place to ensure we are providing the best care and services possible.

Resiliency is also evident in our history, with our churches and our donors. You don't continue to grow after 127 years if you are not resilient. Our history includes rebuilding after a fire in 1915, navigating many decades of ever-changing unding and legislation in the child welfare system and continually adding services throughout the last twenty years. Our efforts could not be achieved without the ongoing support of our donors. Your continued contributions to our mission allow us to continue to provide the necessary services and support needed to our countless resilent clients. Thank you for believing in us and in them and for supporting our mission.

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### First HYFS Career Assistance Scholarship Awarded To Two Local Women

In an effort to build stronger communities and help individuals reach their full potential, Hoyleton Youth & Family Services is offering the Career Assistance Scholarship, an opportunity for any recipient of Hoyleton Youth and Family Services and Puentes de Esperanza to benefit. Two local women were awarded the scholarship this October and honored with a dinner at Bella Milano.

"This event was a testimony to the impact our services have in our communities. It's important to lift up the life changing work our clinical team is doing every day. Both Jolie and Kylie provided personal insight about how their therapist developed a personal relationship with them and went beyond the call of duty to help them through their darkest days," said Hoyleton President and CEO Chris Cox.



Jolie Terry (left) is studying Graphic Communications and Design at SWIC. Jolie has engaged in individual therapy at Hoyleton since January of 2022 and has made significant progress in overcoming the obstacles she has faced. She has very supportive parents who want the best for her and are thrilled with the progess she has made. Jolie is enjoying her classes and newfound confidence. She remains optimistic and resilient, striving towards personal growth and healing.

Kylie Smith (right) is studying Traditional Nursing at SIUE. Kylie is excep-tionally gifted in her ability to lead, get the job done, and be a team player. She is a mother, wife, and church administrator persevering to push past advertities and find ways to keep her priorities at the fore front to make her dreams a reality.

The Fund Development department was given an opportunity to create something of ongoing significance with a donors' generous contribution to Hoyleton. The Hildebrand family created a fund to in memory of their parents, who were lifelong educators. An additional gift was made in 2019 by the Estate of Laverne A. Doelling to further the education of our clients. Fund Development Director, Alice Drobisch worked with Hoyleton board members on the fund development committee to establish a career assistance scholarship program. The program launched in early 2022, with Jolie and Kylie becoming the first recipients, and is set to provide assistance for years to come.

### Hager House: A New Beginning



The Hoyleton Transitional Living Program for Pregnant and Parenting youth has been converted into a Transitional Living Program (TLP) for developmentally delayed females aged 17.5 to 21. The living arrangements for the clients in this program have also changed. Our clients now live in a duplex in a residential neighborhood with 3 young females living on each side. This home provides a much more comfortable living environment which aids in our client's healing and growth.

The small number of clients in the home allows our staff to build strong relationships with each youth and creates opportunities to be more developmentally focused. While living in the TLP our youth learn how to cook, clean, manage finances, practice personal hygiene, self-care, social skills, and more. When youth leave the TLP they should possess the life skills they need to live in a CILA (Com-munity Integrated Living Arrangement), group home, or in their own place based on their level of independence.

The transition from the previous TLP facility to the new home-like setting hasn't just been beneficial

for the youth, our staff appreciate it too. The Hagar House staff say they now feel more relaxed while at work and find themselves having more fun and engaging in more positive interactions with the youth which leads to stronger connections and better outcomes. Hagar House Program Manager Pandora Harris said, "there have been a few bumps here and there, but everyone is moving towards their goals and we're looking forward to experiencing that success."

Pandora has been the program manager at Hagar House since September 2022. She has been very successful at building special relationships with each of the young women in her program. Pandora embraced the CARE model since the day it was introduced at Hoyleton and utilizes the care principles on a daily basis. Pandora's leadership at Hagar House has also benefited many of her staff who have learned the importance of the CARE principles as well as the ability to stay calm in tense situations from watching Pandora's actions.

Pandora understands the importance of being trauma informed and approaches client and staff challenges with tender words of understanding and a gentle touch to acknowledge them and let them know she is there to help and support them. She has earned the respect of each of the young women living at Hagar House and they all affectionately refer to her as "Mama." Pandora works hard every day at instilling confidence and self-worth in the young women in her care at Hagar House and she makes sure she validates their feelings when they share stories about their lives. Pandora spends a lot of her time giving guidance to the youth at Hagar House about finances, the importance of school, friendships and relationships because most of these young women never had a parent or role model around to discuss these topics with them. Hagar House now looks like a family home on the outside and in many ways feels like one on the inside too.

## Catching Up With Fryday



Many of you may remember Fryday Nelson, the charming young speaker from our 2020 Honors Banquet. Hoyleton staff members have been asked many times over the years how he and his son are doing so we reached out to Fryday to get an update on his life in 2023.

At that banquet back in Febuary 2020 Fryday told his story of being removed from his home and placed in foster care right before he started kindergarten. He shared how he spent his childhood moving in and out of different family members' homes as well as a few foster homes.

When Fryday turned eighteen he aged out of the foster care system but became eligible for Hoyleton's Independent Living Option (ILO) program. It was there, with the support and guidance of his caseworker, Nikki Klienik, that he gained the knowledge and skills he needed to support himself and his young son Zai'den. Fryday and Nikki worked together to establish a plan with priorities and attainable goals. "My caseworker Miss Nikki made me feel like the sky was the limit for me! She was so supportive and always did what she said she was going to do which helped me stay on the right path," Fryday said. Caseworker Nikki, remembers meeting Fryday for the first time because she said there was an instant connection. My first visit with Fryday happened because I was covering for another caseworker who was on vacation but after that first meeting I

knew I wanted to have Fryday on my caseload. We were able to talk so easily about everything he was going through at the time and I could see the potential in him and knew I could help.

Even though his childhood had been full of challenges when he became an adult Fryday was committed to creating a fulfilling life for himself so the ILO program was a perfect fit. With guidance from his caseworker Nikki, Fryday completed high school, moved into an apartment and started attending classes at a trade school. Fryday worked hard to get his life straightened out. He credits his strong faith in the Lord, his love for his son and Hoyleton for helping him fight through the rough times.

Through the resources of the ILO program Fryday got a job in the trucking business. This job helped him make money to secure housing and pay his bills but Fryday did not like the long days on the road because he missed his son and watching sports! He also knew he had a calling to do something more with his life, so in late 2021 Fryday took a leap of faith and applied to the St. Louis Police Academy.

"The physical training for the Police Academy was grueling and the written exam was the longest test I had ever taken but I passed them both," Fryday said with a big smile! In September of 2022, with his case worker Nikki in the crowd, Fryday graduated from the St

Louis Police Academy and is now a night patrolman in the city of St. Louis. He loves his job! When he encounters a troubled youth out on the streets he makes sure they know they have choices and he lets them know there are places to go where people will help them get their life straightened out. Even though Fryday has only been a police officer since September he already has a new goal of becoming an Illinois State Police Officer!

Fryday says he is thankful and feels very blessed to be where he is in life. He is appreciative of the support he received at Hoyleton, especially from his caseworker Miss Nikki, and he believes her support helped him get to where he is today.

Fryday's son Zai'den is now a smart and happy eight-year old boy. He recently moved out of state with his Mom's family. Fryday misses him but knows Zai'den is doing well there. Fryday and Zai'den's Mom have a good relationship so Fryday facetime's with Zai'den often and looks forward to him coming to visit during his summer vacation. Furthermore, Fryday is engaged to a lady who just graduated from nursing school! The future is looking very bright for Fryday and his family. "My faith in God, belief in myself and Hoyleton's support really made a difference in my life!"



Fryday with his case manager, Nikki Klienik



Fryday's son Zai'den

"I'm so proud of him and who he is becoming. I'm so excited about what he is going to show us all." - Nikki Klienik "You guys changed my life and you guys are going to change many more. Thank you!" - Fryday Nelson

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# Madison County Adoption Day 2022

For several Hoyleton families and staff the final days of 2022 were filled with smiles and hugs because Madison County held its annual Adoption Day at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville, IL on Friday, December 30th. Hoyleton Youth and Family Services assisted in the planning of this event and got to witness seven Hoyleton foster children become officially adopted into loving families.

In each case, the adoptive parents, biological parents, other family members, therapists and caseworkers all worked together to determine the best outcome for the child. The journey from foster care to adoption can be long and challenging for all involved but when the end result is a happy home where the child can thrive it is all worth it, which is what makes Adoption Day such an uplifting event. Madison County Adoption Day had been suspended for a few years

due to COVID but everyone, from the judges on the bench to the caseworkers in the gallery, was happy to have it back in person! The courthouse was filled with family members in matching t-shirts, siblings carrying welcome signs, balloon animals and face painters, truly a festive scene for a courthouse!

This year's Adoption Day included a couple becoming the legal parents of their five-year old granddaughter, who was born drug exposed. The loving grandparents have been the primary caregivers for Skylar since the day she was born. They worked with hospital staff and learned how to manage the complex medical issues, including a feeding tube, due to drug exposure as a newborn. As a result of the care and love Skylar received from her grandparents she thrived and overcame most of her medical issues and was able to start kindergarten this year! Hoyleton Foster Care Supervisor, Julie McKay, was the caseworker for this family and got to know Skylar very well saying she loves to show off her latest drawings or talk about what she learned in school. Julie knows the grandparents have worked hard to provide for Skylar so she is grateful for this forever home.







Another forever family was created because of a couple's desire to become foster parents. Colby and Kendra knew they wanted to foster children someday, even before they were married or had their own children. Kendra, who is very familiar with the foster care system because she works for Department of Children and Family Services, reached out to Hoyleton to express her interest in becoming a foster parent and now their lives are forever changed by a charming little girl named Charm.

Kendra said her and her husband had not intended to foster to adopt but that is where Charm's story led them. Charm came into Colby and Kendra's life in 2017 when she was just four years old. Life with Charm was difficult in the beginning because of the trauma Charm had been through in her young life. As foster parents, Colby and Kendra had to comply with Charm's weekly visits with her biological family but they quickly recognized the visits were traumatic for her and resulted in behavioral issues. Kendra said Charm's behavior would improve throughout the week but then regress after each family visit. As Charm got older she decided she did not want to do the visits anymore. It wasn't until those visits completely ended that Charm began to flourish with her foster family. As time went on Charm continued to thrive in her new family environment and Colby and Kendra realized they were moving towards an adoption decision with Charm. The whole family was thrilled to make it official at this year's Adoption Day. Several family and friends were in attendance for the court proceeding with signs that read "Our family got Charmed today." The new adoptive parents are going to celebrate the official event by taking Charm on a Disney cruise next month. Plus, there are plans in the works to bring Charm's little brother into their family too!

In 2022 there were 84 permanecies, 46 reunifications and 37 adoptions/guardianships.



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A single Dad, who also had the desire to foster children, participated in his second Madison County Adoption Day in 2022 by making little three-year-old Asni one of his own. Daniel, single dad of two grown children, two adopted children and two foster children had previously adopted his daughter through Hoyleton back in 2019. Daniel said he always knew he wanted to be a foster parent someday so after completing his years of service in the military he began working with Hoyleton. Daniel has fostered several children over the years and said it is a privilege and honor to do so. Foster Care Supervisor, Becky Rhoden, said Daniel is wonderful to work with because he communicates well with all parties involved and is supportive of the biological parents. Daniel and his family even spent Christmas Eve in East St. Louis celebrating the holiday with his foster children's biological parents this year.

In most cases adoption is not the ultimate goal but when reunification with biological families is not possible and adoption into a new loving home is the best option for the child it is heartwarming to see a happy ending.

# The Impact of Crisis Care

Hoyleton Youth and Family Services has been providing emotional and mental health services in an effort to restore families and aid in youth and family development for over 125 years. Often times the services we provide are not talked about publicly as we are there for our clients during their most challenging and dark moments. The support we provide comes in a variety of ways from therapy or prevention services to training of foster parents or from our newest service, crisis care.

Hoyleton launched mobile crisis services in July 2022 and we have been responding to crisis calls from members of our St Clair County community 24 hours a day ever since. A crisis can be anything that feels overwhelming and out of control. We do not want anyone to face that alone so our competent, caring crisis counselors are waiting to help resolve whatever crisis you experi-ence with in-person, on-site support.



The response to our crisis service has been overwhelming. We knew this type of care was something our communities desperately needed. We have received positive feedback from clients and families we have helped and it means so much to know we made a difference in someone's life as a result. Alice Drobisch, Director of Philanthropy, recently attended a holiday event and was able to hear first-hand how one of our crisis counselors got involved and changed a life. Alice was making small talk with a lady who was taken back when Alice said she worked at Hoyleton, and this is where the real conversation and recognition began.

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"You work at Hoyleton?" was the lady's response. "Hoyleton just saved my daughter's life!" she added. Alice then listened as this stranger shared her struggles with her 12-year-old daughter who identifies as they. She confided in Alice that she and her husband had moved their troubled daughter from school to school recently due to behavioral issues and were overwhelmed because nothing they tried was helping. This mother candidly shared that her daughter had become both homicidal and suicidal while at school recently so the school counselor reached out for crisis support via the CARES number and Davaughn, a member of our crisis team, responded. Davaughn took down the information the school counselor provided and then went to meet this child in crisis. Davaughn connected with the youth, made them feel safe and comfortable and encouraged them to take the necessary steps to do what was needed for their mental health. As a result of Davaughn's compassion, ability to connect with this young person in crisis and knowledge of what was needed the youth was taken to the hospital and admitted so they could get the continued care, education and attention they needed. Davaughn continues to follow up on this youth's progress and mental health plan.

This mother was so grateful for Hoyleton's role in helping her daughter. She said she never thought she would go through something like this. She also told Alice it was the first time she had ever shared something so personal with a total stranger but explained she felt a comfort level there as soon as Alice said the word Hoyleton.

Davaughn has been part of our mobile crisis team since before the launch back in July. "God brought me here, it was the right time," she said. Davaughn is thankful she could be there for this family and plans to do the same to help many more.

Since the launch in July 2022, Hoyleton's Crisis Care Department has responded to over 525 calls.

# LifeSet client gains the skills and support needed to live independently because of the LifeSet program at Hoyleton



"Since I was little, I've wanted to do social work," Hannah said. "The ones I can help, they will know they can talk to me. For many years, I had no one who would listen to what I wanted or needed. No one was there to advocate for me."

Hannah entered foster care at 4 years old along with her brothers. They all bounced around in the system, together and separately, to and from foster homes until she was twelve. At 12, Hannah was placed with a foster family who went on to adopt her at age 14. Although her adopted family had the financial means to support her, they were not giving her what she really needed or acknowledging her previous life. Her adoptive family did not understand that she still missed her brothers. They didn't understand why she wanted to stay connected with her biological siblings. Plus, Hannah knew she was being treated differently than the biological children in the family. These issues

resulted in Hannah re-entering foster care at the age of 17. By that time Hannah's goal was to live independently, which is what led her to the Hoyleton LifeSet program.

In the beginning Hannah wasn't sure the Lifeset program would be a fit for her because, by this time, she had been promised too many things that didn't happen. Nonetheless, she started working with Lifeset Supervisor, Marvin Childs, to map out her needs, goals and responsibilities and quickly realized the Lifeset team really does what they say they are going to do. She also felt like they listened to her when she talked about what she wanted in life and believed she could be successful.

"Actions speak louder than words," Hannah said. "It's not something that's handed to you. You have to earn it. They showed me where my focus and responsibility needed to be, and from that point on, I've been moving forward." Hannah's move toward the future also includes her infant son, Krew, who just turned a year old. It has been hard work to get established on her own but she is proof it can be done.



Bayleigh Dunham, another Lifeset Casework who worked with Hannah said, "one word comes to mind when I think of Hannah and that word is determined!" While working with Hannah I never had to question her ability to meet her goals as I knew she would do anything she could to reach them. Week after week Hannah never failed to amaze me with her determination to enroll in college and move right past anyone who doubted her.

Hannah is now working, raising her son and attending classes in social work at Aurora University. She plans to use her own lived experience in foster care to help others like her find the right path.

The Hoyleton LifeSet program aims to provide youth, moving into adulthood, with the best possible foundation by walking beside them to ensure they have the necessary tools to achieve success once they are out of foster care. A review of a 3-year pilot program was recently conducted and the LifeSet program at Hoyleton was deemed very successful. We are excited to continue this program and assist more young adults in their transition out of state care.

"It's just nice knowing I have people that actually care about me and are rooting for me." - Hannah

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# **Campus Construction Project**

As the old saying goes, 'Out with the old, in with the new' and when you are referring to some of the buildings on the Hoyleton campus we mean OLD! Our administration building was built in 1916 after the original Hoyleton Orphans Home was destroyed by fire. Many of the cottages on the Hoyleton campus, which are home to youth in our residential treatment program were built as temporary housing for natural gas workers more than 50 years ago. These houses were built for a workforce who was crossing the country drilling and laying pipeline from Dallas and Chicago. Once the pipeline in a particular region was completed the workers moved on, leaving vacant houses behind. Initially, it was serendipitous to have ready-made cottages for Hoyleton children, but over time and countless repairs it was clear why these buildings were only for temporary use. These are the homes our children still live in today. They are outdated, and unfit for our children. Hoyleton children deserve better.

Hoyleton is the largest service provider in southern Illinois for children in foster care, who also suffer from a developmental or intellectual disability. We are the only provider in the state of Illinois that is certified in providing CARE (Children And Residential Experiences: Creating Conditions for Change), an evidence based, trauma informed practice model developed by Cornell Universi-ty. The model calls for the creation of a proper living environment that supports healing from trauma.

Why now? The child welfare system in Illinois is in crisis, with children in foster care being kept in hospitals for months because of the lack of stable homes available for children who are deemed "hard to place." Our new campus will offer a therapeutic environment for children who are vulnerable, with appropriate sensory atmospheres, room for privacy, and the delivery of trauma-informed care.

A new campus has been a dream for years, but plans to make the dream a reality has been in the works for months now. During this current planning phase, the focus has been on site plan development, licensing, building permits, city and state regulations, land easements and other financial issues that must be addressed before construction begins. We have made progress with this phase of the process and are excited to share a snapshot of the plans as we move closer to breaking ground in the spring!



The plans for the new campus include six cottages (each capable of housing six youth at a time), an administrative/support building, outdoor activity areas, a small warehouse for maintenance equipment and cottage storage, and renovation to the existing gym all within a fenced area for safety.

Each cottage will be designed specifically for trauma recovery. Special considerations will be given to lighting, noise-levels, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, shared space, personal space and sensory appropriate areas so that we can provide the most therapeutic living environment. The location and position of each building on campus has been arranged to allow for plenty of outdoor space for recreational activities.

As plans developed, we communicated with members of the Hoyleton community concerning the new campus. A town hall meeting was held last summer to share our vision and address any concerns. Our administration building is a historical landmark so it will be preserved but use of the building is still being evaluated. The Chapel will remain too as a space to hold celebrations, meetings, and other events. Main Street cottage will undergo necessary renovations and will then be sold as a single-family home. The clock tower, which is not historically protected, has long been considered a landmark in the Hoyleton community used by farmers when they were out in the field. A new, replicated clock tower will be built in courtyard of the new Hoyleton campus.

Another commemoration in the campus plans is to lay pathways around the campus and courtyard with bricks from the current buildings. The cornerstone on the current administration building will be transferred as well, with a new dedication joining the previous ones carved in German.

Our new model of therapeutic residential care, delivered in the appropriate setting, will allow children of trauma to shorten their stay with us so that they may: 1) be reunited with family at home; 2) be prepared to live in a foster home with foster parents; 3) successfully age out of the foster care system with essential live skills.

This construction project is estimated to take around 14 months to complete and will cost approximately \$16 million. Funding from federal and state will combine with donations from the community. The governor's office has contacted us and relayed that Gov. Pritzker would like to be present when we break ground. More information will be shared as the timeline becomes finalized in early Spring.

Please be a part of the historic moment. We look forward to engaging with you about this monumental project, to explore ways you might like to be part of history. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the construction plans and the upcoming capital campaign please reach out to Alice Drobisch, Director of Philanthropy at 618-688-7094 or adrobisch@hoyleton.org

# The Ho-Ho-Holidays

For the youth and families we serve, the holidays can be difficult. Hope for the Holidays takes some stress out of the season and provides much needed hope and cheer to the clients we serve each day. Spreading cheer and giving to others is the true spirit of the season. Knowing that you're in someone's thoughts and feeling like you have the support you need can make all the difference in difficult situations.



This year we received a total of 2,256 gifts and they were all sorted, wrapped, and delivered by our amazing volunteers! The Triad Leo's, disguised as Santa's elves, helped deliver presents during our Puentes Drive-thru Christmas event. A Place of Grace and the Junior Service Club of St. Clair County helped assemble gift bags we passed out to clients.

#### **Coming Together**

Each year at Christmas time, our foster and residential youth make wish lists of what they would like to get for Christmas. Those lists are distributed to our volunteers looking for an opportunity to help others in need. This year, our team received such an overwhelming amount of volunteer support that we ran out of things to do! One local woman quilted 96 blankets in her spare time. "I'm working on another 12 at home," she shared during drop off.

For many involved in Hope for the Holidays, the excitement was contagious. While wrapping presents, phrases like "this is *exactly* what they wanted," and "they're going to be over the moon when they see this" were heard through the halls. Sharing that happiness is proof of what a strong supportive community can accomplish when we open our hearts and come together with a purpose.

#### **Christmas in Care**

Holidays can be a tumultuous time for youth in care. Processing complex feelings and working through behaviors is stressful. Our staff work tirelessly to ensure that our youth have strong support systems in place to help them work through their emotions and trauma. Our youth come from a wide variety of backgrounds, which come with a host of traditions, from baking cookies, going to a holiday church service, or watching a special movie on Christmas Eve. The Hoyleton staff takes the time to do these activities with youth and share special moments that make the season a little bit brighter.

On Christmas Day, youth in our residential program, gather together in their cottage to open their gifts. In one cottage, a youth received an Apple tablet as a present. Residential staff member, Joanne Maines, described it as if she was watching someone win a million dollars! "Seeing his joy made my day even more special," Joanne said. Residents of Hagar and Lehre houses had a jolly time opening gifts together. They spent the morning eating some of their favorite food, listening to music and playing game. One game challenged them to unravel a ball full of prizes wrapped in plastic wrap while wearing oven mitts! As each layer of plastic wrap came off a prize would fall out.

The Hoyleton Foster Care department hosted a Christmas party for all our foster families. This event is held in the gym at St Paul United Church of Christ in Belleville. Activities included a bounce house, craft projects, eating pizza, a cake walk and of course getting a picture with Santa. Everyone had a wonderful time.

#### Wrapping Up

No matter the circumstances, coming together as a team and a community is what truly makes a difference in the lives of our youth and families. We'd like to thank everyone who helped make Hope for the Holidays, Puentes Drive-thru Christmas, the foster care party and other Hoyleton holiday events possible.

If you would like to volunteer your time or offer financial support please reach out to our development team at philanthropy@hoyleton.org or visit https://hoyleton.org/ to learn more about upcoming events or volunteer opportunities.



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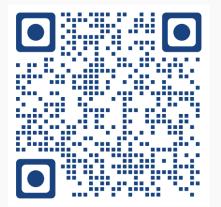
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