

\$27,000,000

That's right. \$27,000,000 is the yearly cost to operate Mooseheart. But let's break it down so we can understand it.

Most of us have children, so let's look at what it costs to raise them...Housing, heating and cooling their home. Insurance on the house and taxes. Maintenance on the house, little things like replacing the heat/air filters. Or the light bulbs. The home should be painted every couple years. Replacing the furniture from time to time. When was the last time you replaced a mattress? Roofing may need repair or replacing over the years. I know you do your own lawn care, so we won't count that. But, then remember the cost of a Plumber to fix a leaking pipe or unclog a stopped drain. And, how about just the cost of toilet paper! OMG!

You know **we** have a little baby girl from **Williamsburg, Virginia and one from the Tidewater area** at Mooseheart. We have discussed the housing expenses, so what other expenses do we have...? Clothing for a growing child, plus food, medical and dental, and we all know doctor care costs an arm and a leg. When these children become young ladies, special needs and toiletries might be added to their list of needs. Finally, we send them to school. Books, paper, computers, and other school supplies are needed. And of course, athletic supplies, football, basketball and possibly cheerleader uniforms. Also, Mooseheart has a working farm where they learn about agriculture, they also have the opportunity to learn auto mechanics, hair dressing and in their Junior and Senior year in high school, they are all enrolled in the U.S. Navy ROTC. As you can see, the list can go on and on.

With our help, they learn team work, discipline, and manors, and grow up to become productive members of the community. They get the chance to succeed. A chance they wouldn't have without you and me. And all that is asked of each Moose member is to send two or three dollars each and every month to help pay for their expenses. When we became Moose members we swore we would help the children at Mooseheart. These children count on us. One day we may have to send a child from King William County to Mooseheart, although we hope this doesn't happen, we can feel confident that Mooseheart will, with our help, still be there. A load carried by one is heavy but when carried by many is light.

You can bring your donation/endowment gift to the King William Moose Lodge or you can mail it directly to Moose Charities at Mooseheart. The mailing address is **Moose Charities, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100** or to our address: 15870 King William Road, King William, VA 23086. Please let them know it came from King William Moose. Is two or three dollars going to hurt your finances? Oh, but look how good it makes you feel. Remember, these donations are tax deductible. Moose Charities is a 501(C)(3)

The child you help could be one of our very own.