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Murphy-Harpst to Dedicate Recreation Area for Judge Winn

CEDARTOWN, GA (25 October 2023) -- Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers will dedicate its new recreation area on the Cedartown campus in honor and memory of the late Judge Dan Peace Winn on November 2. The Winn Courtyard and Recreation Area houses a basketball court as part of the Hope Hall complex for male residents and was made possible through a gift from his family.

Judge Winn, a native of Douglasville and longtime resident of Cedartown, died in 2016 at the age of 94. An esteemed jurist, he retired in 1988 after more than two decades as a Judge of the Superior Court of Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit of Georgia, after which he served as a Senior Judge for the State of Georgia until his death. Judge Winn was interred at Arlington National Cemetery, having been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medals for service in the U.S. Marine Air Corps in the Marianas Islands and Guam during World War II. He later obtained the rank of Major in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Early in his career Judge Winn served as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Georgia and was elected for several terms as Polk County Solicitor and Solicitor General for the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit. He also served as President of the World Jurist Association.

Judge Winn's commitment to the education and well-being of the youth of Georgia is noted on the Courtyard's memorial plaque, which will be revealed at the dedication, and reads in part, "This recreation area is dedicated in his memory so that children may thrive."

"We are grateful for the generosity of Judge Winn's family that made this addition to our campus possible, allowing the youth that we serve more opportunity to move from trauma toward healing and flourishing," said M. Scott Merrit, president and CEO of Murphy-Harpst.

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Murphy-Harpst works with abused and neglected children, providing educational, spiritual, clinical, and therapeutic care, including the residential program on the Cedartown campus, as well as specialized foster-care training and placement. The campus houses adolescents placed by the State of Georgia, and through philanthropic gifts is able to provide equine and recreational therapy, education, and counseling services, with the goal of moving youth into healthy foster-care settings or reuniting the teens with family members. The campus also hosts a Transitional Living Program that prepares older youth for independent living.

An independent non-profit agency, Murphy-Harpst will celebrate its Centennial next year. It is historically affiliated with the United Women of Faith of The United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations, having been established in 1924 by the then Methodist Episcopal Church South's Woman's Board of Home Missions through the work and vision of Ethel Harpst. In 1984 the Ethel Harpst Children's Home merged with Cedartown's Sarah Divinia Murphy Home, which had been built in 1935 to serve the Black community by Sarah McLendon Murphy, the child of enslaved persons and a graduate of Spelman College.

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visit.murphyharpst.org](https://visit.murphyharpst.org).

Press planning to attend the 11 a.m. dedication ceremony are asked to contact MHCC in advance to gain access to the grounds and to plan to arrive by 10:30.