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This Month's Blast from the Past

Ben Barber - Then & Now

Many of us were so blessed to hear former resident, Sgt. Ben Barber, speak at our Boots 'n Bids event. We asked his Home Parent Mom, Tammy Atherton, to share a bit about her memories of Ben as a boy in her home:

"Ben was always quiet and very particular. He liked everything a certain way and liked it when everyone followed the rules. Rules were comforting to him. He didn't like chaos. I think the structure and demands of the army really suit him well. Coyote Hill was very beneficial in helping him learn to process conflict and how to approach & communicate with others to resolve that conflict.

It was great to have him and his family stay with us while they were in town for Boots 'n Bids. I loved watching how relaxed and comfortable he was with his children. As a kid anything that rocked the boat was upsetting to him but, as an adult, he manages the spontaneity of a two-year-old very well!"

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December 1998 - Ben at Home #1, Cathy's Home



April 2011 - Sgt. Ben Barber with wife, AmberMae & daughter, Bridget (not pictured, 2 yr. old son, Brennen)

MEET OUR GRADUATES



Jerad and Buddy

Jerad has been with us for almost 2 years. During his stay here, he was able to attend National Youth Roundup in Colorado with his Home Parent Dad, Ben. It's one of his favorite memories. Even though he encountered a tough situation on the trip, he now realizes God wanted him to learn some life lessons, and feels wiser & more prepared for his future. But then *Jerad laughed and said, "I just wish we could download life lessons, rather than having to learn them the hard way."*

After graduation, Jerad will spend the summer completing an internship with his pastor, Trent Schake at Blue Ridge Christian Church. He hopes to learn a lot from Trent, because he'd like to be involved in ministry someday (maybe even come back as a Coyote Hill Home Parent!) But before he can pursue ministry full-time, he'll be participating in another kind of service...service to our country.

Jerad recently joined the Marines and leaves in October for boot camp at Camp Pendleton in California.

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Because of the loving family atmosphere and strong support he's had at Coyote Hill...Jerad has changed his outlook on life. Previously, he always thought he would prefer to be a loner and never have a family when he grew up. Now? He's looking forward to having a wife and children someday & a steady job to support them. **He wants to love & support a family...the kind of loving family he found at Coyote Hill.**

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Shakayla has been at Coyote Hill for two years, and calls it a real blessing in her life. She now feels prepared for life as an adult, having learned patience, love, self-respect and how to build strong relationships.

Shakayla's plans after leaving Coyote Hill involve moving to Lenexa, Kansas to attend Art Institutes International - Kansas City. Her goal is to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in Fashion Marketing. These plans will help her towards some of her ambitions & goals in her life. One of those dreams is to live in New York, own a clothing store; work in the fashion industry doing runway shows and to become a personal stylist.

Shakayla's favorite memories of Coyote Hill involve anytime she's spent with the family. She truly believes that they have already helped her accomplish so much in life. She says she's been able to do things she never thought possible, and her Home Parents have been there through everything. She feels very blessed to have this strong family support.

Shakayla stated, *"I will really miss having such a strong group of people fighting for me every step of the way. Coyote Hill has shown me what a family & a strong marriage can look like, and it's changed my outlook & hopes for my future."*



Andy Upham, Bill Atherton & Denise McDaniel



Dr. Anne Deaton Emcee for the event



Calvin & Krystal Temple



50/50 Raffle was popular... Wear your beads proudly!



Larry & Donna Crockett award winner, Pauline Marienfeld

Boots 'n Bids for Kids Another Bid of Success!

A fantastic & generous sell-out crowd... wonderful, live entertainment...a delicious, catered meal...and so much more all combined to make this 5th annual event one of the most successful ever for our kids!



Pauline with Donna Crockett's brother, Bill Nixon



Deb & Craig McGonagle, with Harley



A proud moment & the highlight of the evening; Sgt. Ben Barber reflects on his life at Coyote Hill.



Lots of wonderful items to bid on!

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