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Coyote Herald

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A VIEW FROM THE HILL

20 Years is Reason to Celebrate!



OPEN HOUSE 2011



Come celebrate with us the opening of our 4th home, The Wright Home, as well as our 20th year of ministry!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
1 TO 4 PM**

There will be fun for the whole family, including:

- BBQ
- Games
- Bounce House
- Giveaways
- Live Music

Best of all - it's all FREE!

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A "Blast from the Past" from our Executive Director

Twenty years isn't a very long time when looking at it in the rearview mirror. Even though there were times when it seemed to last much too long, from the vantage point I have now, it has been a short time indeed.

It reminds me of a conversation with my grandma many years ago, when I was commenting on how fast my children had grown and that it seemed like only yesterday when my oldest child was born. "In fact," I continued, "It seems like only yesterday when I myself was a young boy."

My grandma smiled and said, "Larry, I'm 82 years old, and it still seems like only yesterday that I was a little girl." So it is, and shall be, for all of us.



It was a little over 20 years ago when we decided to start Coyote Hill. I am often asked, "What on Earth were you thinking?" The honest answer, for the most part, is that we

only thought about caring for the children in our home at the time, one day at a time.



I remember thinking about the expense of cereal and being very thankful for all the people who helped in different ways to help Coyote Hill care for the children and youth in our home. I remember a food drive that somehow brought us so many cans of peas that I sometimes resorted to serving them in a bowl of melted cheese, just to get the kids to eat them once again. I remember not having an air conditioner in the home because we didn't want the kids staying indoors



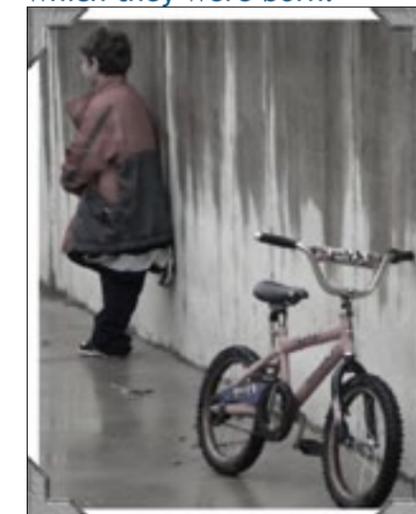
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all summer, and we enforced "outside" time for one and all. I remember cutting wood to heat the home, and how much some of the kids enjoyed being a part of that. I remember making a swimming pool out of a cattle tank, a snow blade out of wood, and ice-skating on frozen ponds. I remember shooting skeet off the front porch, listening to the whippoorwills at night, growing a big garden, using 4-wheelers to pull sleds in the snow with the neighbors, participating in church Easter plays...and so much more. In those early years, we really did take one day at a time. We didn't even know how to make a newsletter or mail it out using bulk mail. We kept track of each donation by hand, on index cards and stored in a recipe box. We didn't know anything about computers, websites, or cell phones. The TV in our home maybe got three channels and was rarely watched. We were always busy - there was always something to do - one day at a time.



It's over 20 years later now. Although there are certainly things that have changed and we now serve many more children and families, there are also many things that have remained the same. One of the most important things that has not changed is the fact that from the very beginning of Coyote Hill, we purposed to make this a place of professional ministry that would truly live up to the phrase, *A Place to Be a Child*. There has always been a firm belief that everything invested into the life of a child today will be further invested into generations of

tomorrow. This is why we have always believed and been mindful of the charge to break the vicious cycles of abuse and neglect and build in their place cycles of success. "A Place to Be a Child" is a place where lives are changed and futures are made more secure. There is room at the top for children who have been abused, neglected and oppressed. They just need the chance, the opportunity, the support...someone who really believes in them and tells them it's okay for them to succeed. They don't have to fail. They don't have to live under the oppression into which they were born.



From the very beginning we have had to tell children and youth in our care that we can't go back in time and get them a new beginning. But we can, and will, work with them any way we can to get them a new ending. A new ending that is the result of living a life that is full and complete. And it all starts with "A Place to Be a Child."



Coyote Hill was *A Place to Be a Child* 20 years ago, and it remains that way today. If we could have but one goal for 20 more years in the future, my choice would remain the same... **Coyote Hill - A Place to Be a Child.**

--Larry McDaniel