



A Place to Be a Child

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A VIEW FROM THE HILL

Enthusiasm, Anyone?

Webster's defines enthusiasm as "strong excitement of feeling." That works, but we prefer to *show* you the definition.

It all began with an e-mail from a young Rock Bridge High School student named Rachael Starr. Here's a portion of her note, so you can truly see what enthusiasm is all about:

While working at Coyote Hill during The Crossing's workday, I fell madly in love with everyone out there. I knew I had to come back!

Throughout this next year I would love to extend a helping hand in any way possible. Whether that would be singing a Celine Dion song while dancing my heart out in order to entertain the kids, or preparing a feast fit for kings for all of the incredible individuals out there, I am your girl. I would love to help you out in any way possible because what you are doing out there is incredible to me! The love that radiates to and from those children and the other individuals out there is inspirational and I would love nothing more than to have the gift of being around this.

As you might imagine, we contacted her ASAP and decided she would make an amazing mentor.

Rachael has been mentoring Amy* for nearly two months. It's working wonderfully for both of them.

Rachael says, "Amy has changed my life, along with the rest of the kids and their Home Parents, Charlie and Jaimee. They've all brought so much more joy into my life! I'm so grateful to be able to have the opportunity and privilege to help."

She concludes, "I know I'm Amy's mentor, but she's teaching me all sorts of lessons too. I love that girl!"



Whether or not you can match young Rachael's enthusiasm, we'd love to have you volunteer at The Hill. Contact Kari Salmon at kari@coyotehill.org today.

*name changed for sake of confidentiality

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Memorial and honor gifts must be received by the 12th of the month in order to be included in the next newsletter.

From Coyote Hill to Coyote "HOME"

Coyote Hill could not exist without our amazing staff, and we'd like to begin introducing you to some of them. This month, we present our Home Parents at the Hubbell Home, Lorenzo and Jolanda Scott, through Lorenzo's own words...

"Coyote Hill has been so much more than a job to Jolanda and I. It did not take long for Coyote Hill to become our home. My wife and I went from parenting two children to eight children, seemingly overnight...caring for a total of twenty-seven children during our two and a half years of parenting.

The Home Parent position has seen many highs and lows, but the rewards have been well worth it. Children have entered our home believing that no one really cared about them, and they left knowing they are loved. A momentous parenting moment occurred when a sixteen year old who found it difficult to say "I love you" to his biological family pulled me aside to talk after having some trouble. Hearing him say "I'm sorry for what I've done, I will try to do better,

and I love you!" as he allowed himself to be vulnerable and cry in front of me broke down all of my defenses. It was a moment that I think on often and will cherish always.

My wife, otherwise known as "Mama Jo," does wonders with all of the kids, but especially the teen girls. Given enough time, each one clings to her as a mother-figure, as a friend and as a mentor. Her words of wisdom and guidance in the midst of hectic times amaze me. Some wise words were spoken to us recently, reminding us that we are on the "front lines" in the battle for children's futures. God could not have blessed me with a better companion with which to wage war. The kids choosing to keep us in their lives well after they leave is the icing on the cake. That is when I think to myself "We really did make a difference!"

Sadly, our stay at Coyote Hill has run its course, so my wife and I are excited to find our next adventure in life. We hope to continue working with children and families in any capacity that God opens up for us. We are also blessed with the opportunity to bring along one of our Coyote Hill kids. With God and his mother's approval, Jolanda and I choose to continue loving on and molding him through very important years in his development as a part of our family. Prayers are much appreciated. We love Coyote Hill, and we can only hope to have given back a small portion of what this ministry has given to us."

--Lorenzo Scott



Christmas for Kids - Just Around the Corner!

You only have 70 days to get your gifts to us! Ways you can help:

- ★ Sponsor part or all of a child's wish list
- ★ Donate gift bags for gifts
- ★ Make a donation for Coyote Hill to purchase gifts
- ★ Sponsor part or all of a Home's wish list
- ★ Spread holiday cheer by volunteering at The Hill

Visit our website or contact Kari (kari@coyotehill.org) for info.



Our children gave pony rides to our guests



Senator Kurt Schaefer visits with Mark Zimmer

What a Celebration!

September 11, 2011

Our Open House event turned out to be an incredible day, full of memorable moments. Seeing 400 flags waving in the wind, honoring Bentley and the Wright family, enjoying the fellowship of 350 supporters...and so much more all combined to turn this year's celebration into one of our best to date.



Thank you, Bentley Wright and family!



Everyone loves a hayride!



New Home Parent Charlie Marshman & son Asher enjoyed the event



Caleb Walker liked the cotton candy



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Wonderful, live music provided by the Canote's