



A Place to Be a Child

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A VIEW FROM THE HILL

## Are You Making a Difference?

“When I think of Michael, I think of a fun-loving young man, dedicated to his younger brothers. I’m sure Michael was not thrilled to be in foster care and in the care of very young Home Parents. However, he knew it was the right decision. He always said, ‘I’m not worried about myself, I’m just worried about my brothers.’

Michael jumped in and got super-excited about Jesus his first year with us. In fact, he was a great asset to a Mexico mission trip. He really had a heart for serving others. He got his driver’s license and a job at a local business. He also found a car and a girlfriend. Michael’s boss always had positive things to say about him and his work ethic.

Michael applied and was accepted to a local college and made plans to rent a small house in the community. He was determined to be as independent as possible. We celebrated as he graduated and helped him stock his new home. We cherished the times he would come over to do laundry and visit with his brothers. He usually would end up snoozing on the couch for awhile! Michael completed a semester of college and decided it wasn’t the right time to continue his education.

Recently, Michael has married and purchased a home with his wife. He has maintained a job that he enjoys

and gets to do some fun traveling as a result. We had the privilege of attending his wedding. While there Michael said, “You know, I may not have always made the right decisions, *but I always knew the right things to do. The morals you guys taught made the difference.*”



Amy Kingery, with Michael and his wife, Tiffany

Michael is currently working on maintaining a website as a support for kids currently in foster care or who are aging out of foster care. Michael remembers how difficult and confusing that time in his life was and wants to offer extra support and hope. *What a blessing it is to know that Michael still has a compassionate heart and desires to help make a difference.*”

*Written by: Former Home Parent, Amy Kingery. As we reflect on our 20th anniversary, sometimes we wonder, “Have we made a lasting difference?” Amy attests first-hand that we have.*

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Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to You!

As our 20th year comes to an end, please consider giving a generous, tax-deductible gift to help us into 2012.

**Become a Parent Partner**  
Your monthly donation can:

-  Purchase a new winter coat for a young boy who just arrived with no warm clothing
-  Provide basketball shoes for a child who just made the team for the first time in her life
-  Help a child dream again by providing monthly music lessons
-  Purchase quality art supplies for a young, budding artist
-  Ensure that healthy snacks are available for a child who may have arrived malnourished

Won't you help him & many others in 2012?



1. Make a one-time gift using the enclosed envelope or visit [www.coyotehill.org](http://www.coyotehill.org) and click "donate."
2. Commit to becoming a Parent Partner (monthly donor) for 2012. Simply visit our website, click "donate" and choose the "Recurring Gift" option. Or, call our office (573.874.0179) & we'll set up ACH debits.

**Benefits of becoming a Parent Partner:**

- Provide "A Place to Be a Child" for over 40 children in 2012
- Know YOU are changing the future by breaking cycles of abuse
- Receive stories about the children YOU are supporting, via newsletters & emails.
- Receive an annual statement of contributions for tax deductions

Daniel and I have been at Coyote Hill for almost two years as Home Parents in Cathy's Home. We have had the pleasure of influencing over 25 children and continue to be blessed in the process.

Shortly after our marriage in 2008, Daniel and I began volunteering at Coyote Hill. We loved the ministry. I then began working for Coyote Hill as a Parent Aide - I just loved working with the kids and helping the Home Parents in any way possible. When Cathy's Home became in need of Home Parents, Daniel and I decided to apply, after much prayer and thought. We were excited to provide love and care to neglected and abused children, yet scared at the same time. It would be challenging, but we knew with the strength of God on our side, we could help these children.

Coyote Hill has a calling all of its own. It brings people from all over the country to minister to "God's children." Currently, Daniel is the only Home Parent from Missouri. Once a person comes out to Coyote Hill, they are drawn in.

Daniel and I continue as Home Parents because we love to see

**Meet the Martels**

children who have felt unloved and neglected experience the love of a real family. **We enjoy teaching the kids to love one another like Jesus loves them and show them what that is supposed to look like.** It amazes me to see how much children can change in such a short time. We only hope and pray that they will remember that they are loved and cherished.

One of our children recently has started to open up, after a year and a half of avoiding talking about personal issues. She broke down the other night and finally told us that she has never been wanted and that is why she acts the way she does. We are working on those feelings and teaching her that she definitely is wanted, loved and cherished. We are proud of her for opening up and finally starting to work through her feelings. Another child has joined the basketball team and is excited about the future. He is learning the true meaning of a dollar by working and earning some money on the property, while starting a bank account to save for the future.

We look at our kids as just that, **our kids.** When they come into our



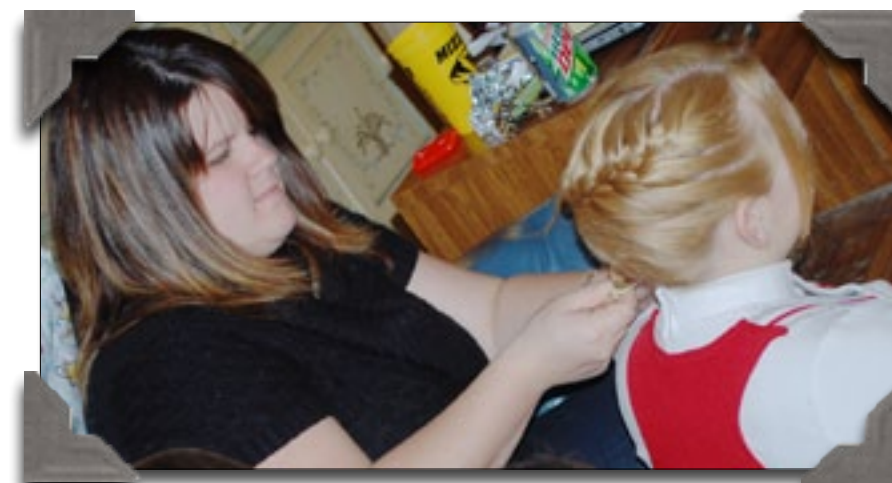
Daniel and Amy, with son David

home they are not only in our care, but in our hearts. We are not saying that there are not struggles that try every thread of our patience, but at the end of the day, we are *so glad that we are a part of these kids' lives and that they are a part of ours.* They become part of our family so much so that they call our parents "grandma and grandpa."

Daniel and I fully believe in the ministry of Coyote Hill and are proud to call it home. We look forward to many more years of ministry and serving in whatever capacity that God allows. We have many hopes and dreams for our home, including watching children graduate and seeing children find a permanent home through adoption or reunification. We want our kids to learn the love of Christ and to be able to share that with others.

We are so grateful for the ministry that Coyote Hill has provided to these children!

--Amy Martel



Amy helps her teen girl who recently made the cheerleading squad get ready for a basketball game.

Thanks for helping us through our 20th year of ministry!