

News from the Hill

December 2014

A Safe Place to Be a Child

Home for the Holidays

Memorial Gifts

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



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Each year, Coyote Hill serves about 50 children. Our homes provide long term stability for children and sibling groups until children can find permanent placements, either through reunification with their biological parents or adoption.

Reunification is the ideal goal if it is possible. Sometimes it might take years, but it is always worth it. This Christmas, we have two sisters who have been with us since 2011, who now get to go home.

When the children arrived they were scared and unsure of us. Behaviors were unusual. Many days brought tears, and stretched Home Parents to their limits. It has been a long journey, but Home Parents and staff continually worked towards the day the girls could return home.

Home Parent Mom in The Wright Home, Merri Heberlein, explains, "Watching them grow in strength, beauty, grace, and spiritual understanding is what has made the journey amazing and worth the hard days. As we stare at the mounds of photos we have of them, and look through the wonderful memories, we are reminded of why God chose them to be here. Watching the girls smile and giggle, sharing the experience with them as they each chose Jesus as Lord and Savior, and snuggling them close at night as we prayed for their parent are among some of the sweetest memories. We had family vacations, did school projects, and worked hard as they triumphed over difficult gymnastics moves. And now the

greatest part of the story is that they are being reunified with their parent. We are so thankful that we were able to support this family as they worked towards making reunification a reality.

This year the sisters will have their Christmas wish. Their Coyote Hill family will hug them tight, shed tears, pray with them, and send them home just in time for Christmas. God has truly blessed us all. Watching the process along the way has not been smooth, but most of the growth happened on those bumpy, hard days, and it's been a beautiful thing. We are blessed for having gone through the experience of watching this family grow in faith, trust, and forgiveness."

Thank you for providing this safe place. Being at Coyote Hill allowed them to be protected and provided for while they and their parent grew. Their lives are truly changed forever.





Merry Christmas...

One of the real joys of our Christmas Season is the opportunity to say thank you and to wish you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

...and Happy New Year!



A Sampling of 2014 Successes

As a part of our Christmas greetings to you, our Coyote Hill family, we'd like to share a few snippets of 2014. Our success as a ministry and our children's successes are YOUR victories.



- Several children accepted Christ and were baptized
- Our 5th home, The Atherton Home, is open and allowing us to serve more abused and neglected children
- Many children have improved reading levels and better attitudes about schoolwork because of the individual tutoring in our Education Center
- Many children pursued interests via gymnastics lessons, music lessons, hunting, baseball, football & other sports, etc.
- We received the National Congressional "Angels in Adoption" award
- Two of our boys participated and placed in Mid Missouri's Soap Box Derby
- Three siblings are finding love, support and healing after the death of a biological parent
- LOTS of wonderful "firsts" experienced by our children: going to a concert, attending camp, going to the beach, riding a horse, a father/son survivalist camp out, a family vacation, attending a professional sporting event, and so many more!
- Three of our kids completed nearly 40 skills with the horses, in order to achieve our highest rank of "Coyote Hill Cowboy"
- A teen in The Zimmer Home passed the test and got her driving permit on her first try
- A multitude of life-skills were taught, from filling out job applications to doing wood-working
- Five children were adopted or are in the process



THANK YOU for being a part of their success stories!

Learning Trust and Confidence

Some success stories can't be summed up in a simple bullet point. Take for instance this one, from Home Parents Al and Rachel Howell:

Our 11 year old arrived here in August, and two days later, we went to Six Flags. We didn't know much about him, but while at Six Flags we quickly learned his aversion and fear of trying anything new. He had to be strongly encouraged to try a new ride, or to try any of the rides for that matter. He would get on and laugh and smile on the ride and get off and say it was the most terrible thing he'd ever done. We observed that theme daily for him in the coming weeks. He needed to be heavily persuaded to do anything new or different. As he's settled in the past few months, we've seen him become comfortable and at times, he's not only willingly tried new things, but he's asked to try new things! There are still times when he flat out refuses, but to know that ultimately, he now trusts us in our recommendations is really neat to see.



The Zimmer Home trying out some rock climbing at The Pinnacles

Would you please continue these success stories in 2015, our 24th year of ministry, by giving a year-end, tax-deductible gift? Here are some options:



1. Make a one-time gift using the enclosed envelope or visit www.coyotehill.org and click "donate." Visit our website or call us to see how you can take advantage of our Tax Credits!
2. Commit to becoming a Parent Partner (monthly donor) for 2015. Visit our website, click "donate" and choose the "Recurring Gift" option. Or, call our office (573.874.0179) & we'll set up ACH debits.
3. Protect the heart of our ministry for generations to come; consider our Planned Giving options: www.coyotehill.org/donate/giving-options

Reduce Your 2014 Taxes

With an IRA Gift

Once again in 2014, the fiscal cliff law permits individuals who are age 70 1/2 or older to roll over up to \$100,000 from their traditional or ROTH IRA to a charity like Coyote Hill, free from federal income tax. Better yet, an IRA rollover gift qualifies for your 2014 required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your income and taxes for this year while helping the children of Coyote Hill.

Call our office at 573.874.0179 to learn more about how you can redirect needed IRA income to Coyote Hill.



UPDATE: We apologize for the confusion this may have caused last month. "H.R.4619 - Permanent IRA Charitable Contribution Act of 2014" has not actually passed yet; but is expected to soon.