

# News from the Hill

September 2015

*A Safe Place to Be a Child*

## Finding Family



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Over a year ago, we shared a front page success story about one of our former residents, Jahrona Banks. A few months ago, after we posted the story on the Coyote Hill blog page, Jahrona got a big surprise.

When he was only seven years old, a family member suddenly moved him to Missouri from another state, without telling anyone where they had moved. Jahrona was with us at Coyote Hill off and on for several years after that relocation, but never received any contact from his out of state family.

That all changed this summer, when Jahrona's brother did a google search and ran across his name on our blog. That was all it took for the brothers to reconnect, and now Jahrona is moving back to be with his long lost family members.

We invited Jahrona to come out for a going away party, and to do a bit of teaching for our teens. Jahrona learned a love for

cooking while he lived here, and he's been mastering those skills in his job at a hotel restaurant the past three years. We thought it'd be great if he could pass on some of his skills to others.

In July, Jahrona came out and prepared dinner for twenty five people as a part of his going away party, which included some of his former Home Parents who came to say good-bye. After showing the youth how to prepare and plate a meal, one young lady from The Atherton Home commented, *"I think it's so cool that we're having dinner made by a real chef. Mandy & Brian's food is good, but this is awesome."*

His very first Home Parents, Barry and Lori Stoll, had this to say after the gathering, *"We have stayed in touch with him through the years, especially during the holidays. We are thankful that we were invited to the going away dinner. We have seen great progress in his ability to live independently the past three years. He has a firm foundation that was given to him by the Christian nurturing at Coyote Hill. We are so thankful for the small role God gave us in his life. He is one of those precious souls that changes you forever."*

Words can't express how blessed all of us at Coyote Hill are to be a part of Jahrona's life. YOU, as a our Coyote Hill family of supporters, have made a huge difference in this young man's life.

It's been a privilege to serve as Jahrona's family, and now we pray that God richly blesses Jahrona with his new found family!



Former Home Parents Barry & Lori Stoll, with son Adam Stoll and Jahrona Banks

### 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.

## The Generosity of Children



Sharing the joy of American Girl dolls

Cindy Hemme, a teacher at Columbia Independent School (CIS) held a raffle for an American Girl Doll to raise money for the kids at Coyote Hill. Her summer school class of kindergartners and first graders raised nearly \$400 in only four days!

One young girl put in multiple tickets, hoping to win the doll so she could give it to a young girl at Coyote Hill. Although she did not end up winning the doll, she still really wanted to be able to give a doll away. With the generosity of her family, they purchased a brand new American Girl Doll and brought it out to Coyote Hill to share with one of our young girls. She brought her own doll along, so the girls could play together awhile.

Our young recipient's Home Parent Dad, Brian Wallace, concludes, "She *LOVES* the doll and sleeps with it nightly. Seeing a child's giving heart - seeing her giving of herself so another with less could be happy - that is true beauty. We had tears of joy!"

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Just a week later, a family brought their young son out to The Atherton Home. He had collected money instead of presents for his birthday, and he wanted to deliver his \$225 collection personally. The poster that he created for his donations was quite informative, so anyone unfamiliar with Coyote Hill would know exactly where their money was going. We may need to hire him when we create our next promotional material!

Children giving generously and selflessly to our kids is such an incredible blessing to us.



## The Generosity of Others

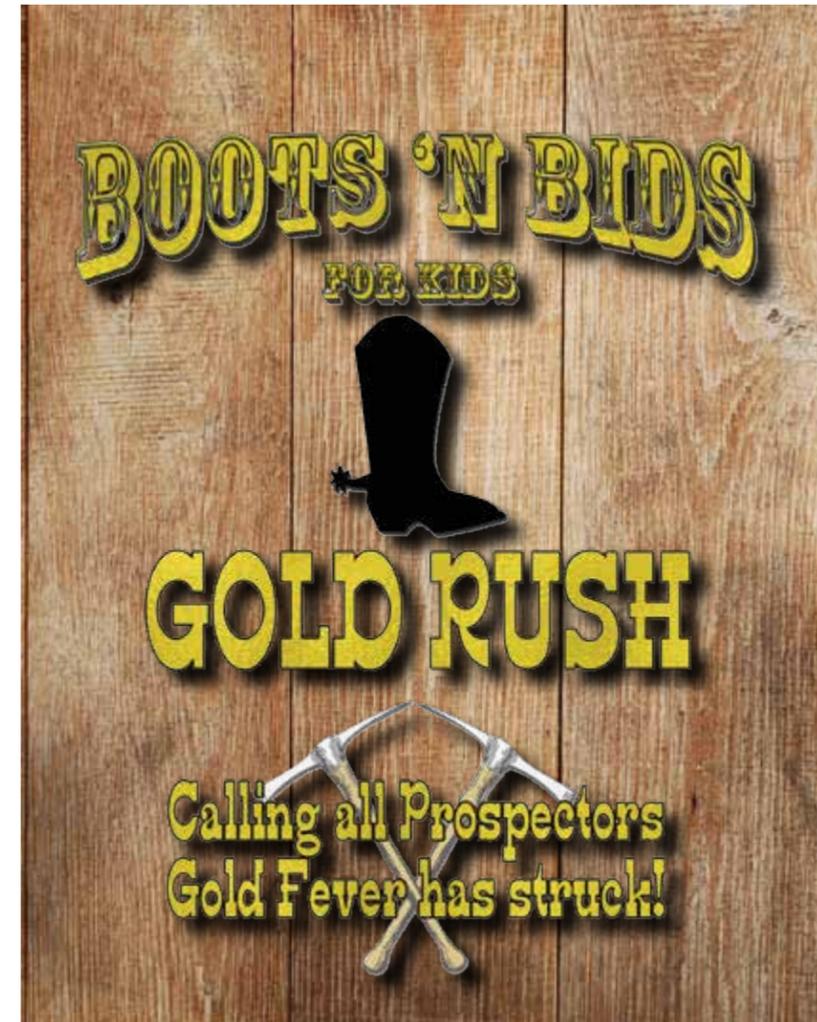


Columbia Northwest Rotary split \$10,000+ proceeds equally between Coyote Hill and Ellis Fischel from a June 20th benefit concert.

Some groups have been giving generously the past few months as well. We don't have room to recognize each and every business, church and individual that gives sacrificially, but please know that we deeply appreciate each and every gift for our kids!



Howard Electric Coop representative Richard Fowler presents a \$1,000 check to Kari Hopkins for Coyote Hill.



Make plans to stake your claim at the **Coyote Hill Gold Rush**. Enjoy amazing food, entertainment and fantastic auction items!

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 15

**WHERE:** Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center  
(2601 S. Providence Road)

**TIME:** Doors Open at 5:30 PM  
Dinner Served at 6:30 PM

To RSVP or for more info, contact Liza Thompson:  
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