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"It never occurred to Cathy and I that this wouldn't work."
- Larry McDaniel, Co-Founder



Blast from the Past – A Historic 1994 Meeting

As most of you know, Mark & Laurene Zimmer donated the property on which Coyote Hill now sits, as well as funding to build The Zimmer Home. Larry tells about the day when he first met the Zimmers in 1994.

"I had been told of Mark & Laurene's interest in using their farm for a children's ministry. When I looked up the number for the little white house, I didn't know that they were rarely there. However, that day they were. They immediately invited me to come over."

"I remember sitting there, at a picnic table in the shade. We talked about our visions for the future regarding ministry to abused and neglected children, and discussed what that could look like going forward. Mark and I really connected and our visions were very similar. He took me on a ride around the farm in an old army jeep."

"Mark and Laurene later came to visit us at the north property, where Coyote Hill all began. That visit went very well and the Zimmers asked us to submit a detailed plan of what Coyote Hill would do with their property to serve children, if they chose to donate it to us. We put together that plan and our board met with Mark and Laurene to submit it. The first portion of the property was donated to build what would become Cathy's Home, and the rest is history!"

Mark & Laurene visited recently and Mark shared this encouragement with our staff:

"People like me appreciate what you do. We NEED you to do what you do. I know how to make money, but you guys do stuff that I have no skill in. Stuff I couldn't dream of doing. Thus, I use my gift to partner with you and help you do what you do. I have the least part. You are doing the greatest part."


Providing a professional, yet traditional family home for abused & neglected children in mid-Missouri since 1991.



**A Safe Place to Be a Child.
A Place to Find Hope.**
25 Years and counting.


A Valentine's Day to Remember

Our Home Parents, especially the dads, go all out for Valentine's Day. Cooking, serving, planning, creating and SURPRISING with all kinds of goodies. Some parents had surprises awaiting their children when they woke up that morning. Others delivered flowers to their girls at school. Another dad, along with the boys in the home, cooked and served a nice meal to the mom and girls of the home.

All the expressions of love were amazing, but the prize for most inventive goes to Home Parent Dad in the Zimmer Home, Al Howell. Mom Rachel Howell explains:



How many pounds of sand make a basement beach?

"It was such a treat to see the boys eagerly serve the ladies by making smoothies (they were delicious) and bringing snacks and drinks. They were true gentlemen. It was a night to be remembered!"

"Similar to last year, Al banned the girls and myself from coming to the basement, so we knew there was scheming going on. We just didn't realize what level of scheming was taking place! When they handed the ladies our tickets, we were greeted by our six year old, punching tickets. When we walked downstairs, the ten year old put leis on us and the nine year old handed us towels. Then we were sprayed with pretend sunscreen. We rounded the corner and after we passed under a blanket we were amazed by what the boys had created. A true beach getaway...IN OUR BASEMENT!!!"



Lying on the "beach," watching an island theme movie

"Al told me later how many trips they took from Coyote Hill's beach to our basement. It ended up being about 150 gallons of sand.... nearly 1,800 pounds! All neatly placed on a huge tarp, and all promptly returned to the lake the following day."

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Over in Overton – Life Lessons

In keeping with Valentine's news, here's some wise words from our Equine Specialist and Barn Manager, Rebecca Buchholz:

"I felt so incredibly thankful this Valentine's Day to be single! Not for the typical reasons, like being free to do as I please. That means nothing to me. Looking at "my" kids at Coyote Hill, I am realizing more and more the poisonous habits that these young girls have been exposed to. So many of them have seen other women hop from boyfriend to boyfriend in a hop-scotch of codependency, with no concern as to whether or not these men are good for them or their children.

"And here I am. I'm in my thirties, with the job I've been longing for since I was fifteen years old and studying what I'm most passionate about...I'm being the person God designed me to be without having to depend on a man to define who I am. My lifestyle is a novelty to these young girls! I am so blessed that my singleness is showing these girls the other options in life they can have; what dependency on Christ looks like. I'm so thankful He's placed me in their lives!"



Rebecca loves to photo document lots of the learning and activity that occurs in Overton Arena.

9th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, May 2
11:30 - 1 PM: Lunch
1 PM: Shotgun Start

Location:
Country Club of Missouri

Cost:
\$150 per Player | \$600 per Team of 4



Email kari@coyotehill.org for details, or visit www.coyotehill.org for details and a printable registration brochure.

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