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"There is no magic wand that can resolve our problems. The solution rests with our work and discipline."
-- Jose Eduardo dos Santo



Blast From the Past – Beginning a New Home in 1995

As we anticipate the construction of our sixth home for children in 2017, we thought you might enjoy a look back to 1995, when we were anticipating the construction of our very first home, Cathy's Home. Founder and Executive Director Larry McDaniel wrote:

"We're continuing to do everything we can to reach out to more neglected and abused children just needing a chance to start over. It's what we're all about. At the time of this writing, we have almost \$45,000 in the building fund account! We expect to begin building a new home this year (1995)...a home sitting at the edge of the woods, literally and figuratively speaking. A home to take in children who have been lost in the dense forest of life, through no fault of their own, and provide them with a safe place to be a child."

*"There will be more of a reason for you to help. When you do, please know that as you are helping to provide the essential but temporal things of life, we are using the opportunity you afford us to address the more important, eternal issues. We'll be able to help many more children throughout the years needing a safe place to learn about having a life that is truly full and complete. **This is the most important part of our vision:** not just to be another place of maintenance, but to truly minister to the whole person. Not just to meet the physical needs, but also the emotional, social, spiritual and academic needs as well."*

"Be a part of the solution. This is a team effort, and the more players we have, the more children we can reach. The more children who are reached, the more lives that are changed. And that's really what it's all about, isn't it? Changed lives."


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.**
26 Years and counting.


Expanding Their Perspective: To Ecuador

In December, our children were blessed with an "it is more blessed to give than to receive" opportunity. Relief Home Parent Dad, Jordan Douce, and his wife Violeta from Ecuador came up with the idea. Violeta explains:

"Thanks to our donors, our Coyote Hill children receive amazing presents at Christmas! We wanted to expand their perspective and help them be a part of something bigger than themselves. Choosing a gift to give and writing a Christmas card to a child in need in Ecuador helped them realize that Christmas is for everyone. It also gave our kids the blessing of giving."

"Our Development Director, Kari Hopkins, coordinated collecting small gifts that would fit in one suitcase... Hot Wheels, Play Doh, Legos, balls, etc. The children of Coyote Hill chose a gift for a child in Ecuador, and then made a card to go with their gift. Two of our Parent Aides, Chris McCoy and Tully Douce (Jordan's younger brother) then delivered the suitcase to Ecuador during their Christmas break, while on a visit to Jordan and Tully's parents."

"My father-in-law, Phil Douce, directs a discipleship program in Ecuador for boys who formerly lived on the street, while his wife, Debbie, directs a safe house and discipleship program for girls

who have been trafficked. Both the girls and boys are from 16 to 25 years old, but many of them have children of their own, or nieces and nephews that frequent the ministry sites. Thus, the gifts were a blessing to these needy families."

Tully Douce concludes, *"Each child reacted differently when we presented them with the cards and gifts and explained where they came from. It was so rich to see their puzzled faces turn to tears of joy when reading the card and opening the gift. The fact that other children from a different country wanted to give THEM gifts seemed incomprehensible...but that's the beauty of giving rather than just receiving."*



Jordan & Violeta helped children write cards in Spanish

A Safe Place to Be a Child

We've been approved by the Missouri Department of Economic Development to receive \$400,000 toward the Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) tax credits. Donations of \$1,000 or more are eligible for a 50% Missouri state tax credit. All donations will be used to build a new 5,500 sq. ft. home for children - The Petersheim Home.

This will be the 6th home Coyote Hill has constructed over 25 years. Larry McDaniel states, "Daily we are turning away placement phone calls, because of the lack of space. The need to give sibling groups in foster care a safe place to live continues to grow in mid-Missouri. This is very rewarding, eternal work that we can all be a part of."

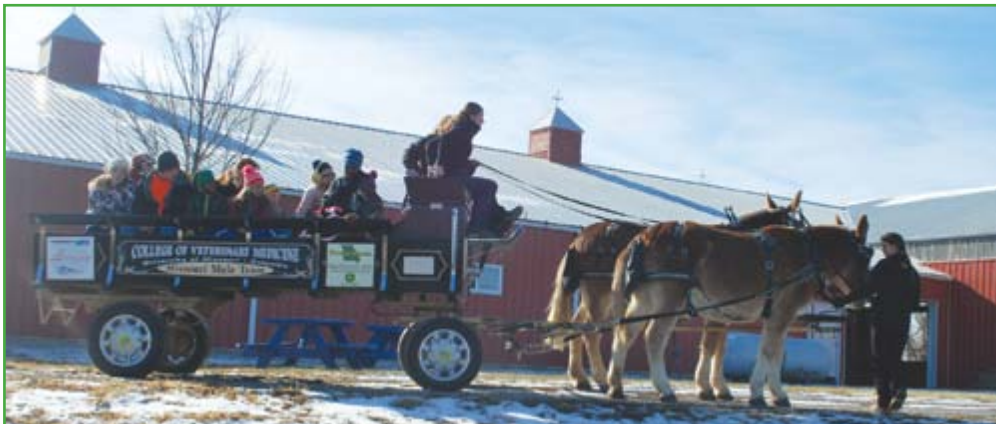
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YOP helps not-for-profit organizations raise private-sector funds by providing partial state tax credits to individuals and businesses that make contributions to approved projects. These projects develop or broaden initiatives that foster positive development for youth in our community.

To reserve YOP Credits, or if you would like more information on the project, contact Kari Hopkins, kari@coyotehill.org or 573-874-0179.

MU Vet School – A Wonderful Partner



Besides the educational field trip, MU's Missouri Mule Team of the College of Veterinary Medicine came out in December to treat our kids to wagon rides.

Kids demonstrating outstanding behavior in the arena were rewarded with a field trip to MU's Veterinary Hospital. Doug Tindall did a great job sparking the kids' curiosity during the tour. They learned about the care given to animals at the hospital, and ways the germs are kept from spreading to different areas (blue "smurf boots!")

Their favorite part was watching two of our equine vets; seeing how they do their job in a broader context. They saw equine surgery equipment and how complicated the equine body really is. The kids loved the outing.



Pancake Breakfast



Join us for this event that's been a part of Coyote Hill since 1997; 20 years of Pancake Breakfasts! Help us celebrate by attending our longest standing tradition.

Saturday, March 11
7 AM to 12 PM
Memorial Baptist Church

(1634 Paris Rd, Columbia)

Adults: \$5
Ages 3 to 12: \$3
Under Age 3: FREE

All proceeds benefit the Recreation Fund for our homes. This fund allows our kids to play sports in the summer, take family vacations, attend concerts, go to camp & more!

Be watching www.coyotehill.org for a listing of the morning's live entertainment. Contact caroline@coyotehill.org if you have questions.



Memorial Gifts *contributors names in italics

In Loving Memory of **David Baumann Jr.**
*Don & Lucinda Baumann**
Ethel Baumann
Austin & Kimberly White

In Loving Memory of **Norm Dueweke**
Mary Kuligowski

In Loving Memory of **David Hunter**
John & Linda Coats
Shirley Wegener

In Loving Memory of **Susanne Baskett**
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In Loving Memory of **Montie Mountjoy**
Jeff Wilcoxson
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Mary Dykhuizen
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In Loving Memory of **William Porter**
Eddie & Brenda Porter

In Loving Memory of **Dan & Gloria Seabaugh**
Jim & Mary Foutz

In Loving Memory of **Kyle Sprouse**
Evelyn Smith

In Loving Memory of **Wayne Taylor**
Keith & Mary Botkins

In Loving Memory of **Debbie Upham**
Joe & Debbie Seiling

Honor Gifts



In Honor of **Brian Bernskoetter**
His Children

In Honor of **Ira Hubbell**
R.L. Matthias
Greg Sickal

In Honor of **Paul & Susan James Family**
David & Marilyn Jobe Family
Denny & Judy Musgraves Family
Jim and Mary Foutz

In Honor of **Brian & Mary Lloyd**
Joe & Margy Mangini

In Honor of **Louise Martin**
Nancy Nickolaus

In Honor of **Bill & Melanie Pohlman**
Mel & Anne Wagner

In Honor of **Ann & Jim Youce**
Mary Lou Spradling

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