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Over in Overton: Improving Attitudes



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

We love to share success stories from Overton Arena, where daily our children can be found working, learning and improving themselves while enjoying time with their four-legged friends.

does her obligatory chore and then goes to help other people with their chores. She's also the first to get excited when others succeed while working through their own challenges.

Equine Program and Barn Manager, Rebecca Buchholz, recently shared some positive improvements she's seen in one particular young girl, Alaina*.

"Alaina is doing really, really well now. I couldn't be more proud of her, and I know a lot of it is because of the amazing work her Home Parents are doing in her life."

"When Alaina first came to work in the arena, she didn't want to do anything that was remotely difficult. On several occasions during those beginning weeks, I talked with her about the importance of challenging herself, but she informed me that she never wanted to do anything hard or challenging.

The improvements don't stop in Overton. Recently at school, Alaina received her class's "Responsibility Award." Her teacher says she's turning her work in on time and taking responsibility for her actions.

Thanks for your continued support, that helps make Alaina's success possible!

"Recently, however, she was having a hard time working with Cinnamon, one of our newer horses. She stuck with it and worked through it! The week before that, I watched her work through three different challenging situations without giving up: a tangled halter, a horse who didn't want his hoof picked, and a horse that was being difficult to ride. It did frustrate her, but she did not quit and did everything 100% by herself.

"I've also noticed that she is now the first person to offer to help others with their horses or chores. (The horse that was not wanting his hoof picked wasn't even the one she was going to ride!) She always



*name changed for sake of confidentiality

A Safe Place to Be a Child



"It isn't easy to do, but it is the nature of the ministry. We HAVE to do it."
-- Larry McDaniel, Founder



Blast From the Past - First Pancake Breakfast, 1997

It's not often that we share excerpts from old board of directors' minutes, but this seems to be the only record we have of our very first Pancake Breakfast. Since we just celebrated our 20th Pancake Breakfast on March 11, we thought you might enjoy this glance back at our first one.

Wayne Walker presented a summary of the Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser held at Memorial Baptist Church on May 10, 1997. 220 people were served at the breakfast. Wayne pointed out that the total expenses resulted because of planning for 600 people, but many businesses accepted returns on unused items, and some individual donations above and beyond the cost for breakfast were made. Thus, the amount raised by the breakfast was \$878.00

Thank you notes are being sent to all those who donated items to the breakfast. Remaining sausage packages are being sold for \$10 per package and are available from Wayne Walker. Wayne stated that the Pancake Breakfast went smoothly and the facility at Memorial Baptist worked wonderfully.

Thank you Wayne for all your hard work!

20 years later, as Coyote Hill has continued to grow, so has our Pancake Breakfast. This year we raised over four times as many funds as we did in 1997. That equals \$,1000 in each of our homes' 2017 summer recreation budget, enough to provide an abundance of family memories. Thank you for your continued support!

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





Columbia Police Officer Andria Heese, with Anna McDaniel

Pancake Breakfast

Thanks to over 750 of you who attended our 20th Pancake Breakfast, we raised over \$4,000 for our kids' summer recreation fund.

Larry McDaniel said, "We had another great year at our annual Pancake Breakfast. I look forward to this event every year, as there are people who love Coyote Hill that I only get to see once a year, and this is the day. We had some great entertainment from local musicians, especially from several of the Coyote Hill staff and children. It was fun to see."

"I want to give a special thanks to Caroline Curran, our Community Engagement Coordinator, for doing an outstanding job of making this day a success story!"

Thanks to all of our staff and volunteers who worked so hard to help the event succeed.

Visit coyotehill.org to view more photos from the morning.



Jordan & Tully Douce help Larry McDaniel sing Happy Birthday to his grandson, Grayson.



Elise Myers enjoys yummy toppings on her pancakes!



Bill Atherton, with board member Calvin Temple

New Developments

Kari Hopkins has been our Development Director since 2009, helping to raise the funds that keep Coyote Hill a safe place to be a child. Kari and her husband Dan enjoy bringing their son Sam out to The Hill, and by the time you read this, they will have welcomed their daughter Lucy into the Coyote Hill family!

With that growth comes some new and exciting "developments!" Don't worry, Kari will continue to be a part of the Coyote Hill family. She will return part-time in May, working as our Special Projects Director.

In March, Coyote Hill welcomed Kelly Myers into the Development Director position. "She's someone I know will help us grow as a community," said Kari. "It's reassuring to know that the development wing is in good hands."

Kelly is excited to introduce herself to you. She can't wait to encourage you to continue to contribute to this unbelievable mission that has impacted more than 400 abused and neglected children.

"Larry and Bill have such a powerful vision," Kari said. "A vision that I am honored to work towards. I look forward to continuing to achieve our goals of caring for children in the best possible way."

Let's all work together to continue to make Coyote Hill a blessing to those who need a safe place to be a child.



Development Director Kelly Myers and family



Special Projects Director Kari Hopkins and family

10th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, May 8
11:30 - 1 PM: Lunch
1 PM: Shotgun Start

Location:
Country Club of Missouri

Cost:
\$600 per Team of 4 | \$275 Hole Sponsor



Email Kelly Myers, kelly@coyotehill.org for details, or visit coyotehill.org/golfforkids for more info and a printable registration brochure.



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Larry & Anna Gross



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Help us build our sixth home for abused and neglected children! \$400,000 is needed, and 50% YOP Missouri state tax credits are available. All donations are appreciated, but the minimum donation to take advantage of the tax credits is \$1,000. Tax credits are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To request YOP credits, or if you would like more information on the project, visit: coyotehill.org/newhome or contact Kelly Myers: kelly@coyotehill.org or 573-874-0179.



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