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-- Larry McDaniel, Founder



Help Us Build Another Safe Place to Be a Child

The site is cleared and ready for building, but we can't begin until all needed funds are raised! We have over \$300,000 still available in 50% YOP Missouri state tax credits. Make a significant impact in the lives of youth at Coyote Hill while receiving an incredible tax break. **Minimum donation to take advantage of credits is \$1000.**

Contact kelly@coyotehill.org, call 573.874.0179, enclose your donation in the envelope provided or visit our donate page at: coyotehill.org

YOP Tax Benefit Example

Donation Amount	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
Missouri Tax Credit (50% of Gift)	\$500	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
Federal Income Tax Deduction (35%)	\$350	\$875	\$1,750	\$3,500
State Income Tax Deduction (6%)	\$60	\$150	\$300	\$600
Total Savings	\$910	\$2,275	\$4,550	\$9,100
Your Out-of-Pocket Cost (estimated)	\$90	\$225	\$450	\$900
Total Benefit to Coyote Hill	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000

Example based on a Donor in the 35% tax bracket.

A Day in the Life...

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.

In honor of Mother's Day, we wanted to give you a glimpse into a day in the life of a Coyote Hill Home Parent. Mom of The Atherton Home, Mandy Wallace, shares about a typical school day:

6:30 AM or earlier: Time to get up! 8-10 children waking up, getting dressed and making sure everyone is dressed appropriately, picking up their room (some struggle,) doing their morning chore (more struggles,) eating breakfast, participating in morning devotions, cleaning up breakfast (you guessed it...struggles,) gathering up school items and loading up the 15 passenger van.

8:00 AM: All the kids are at school! (if we had a good morning) Now it's time to check e-mail - usually a dozen or more needing immediate responses. Calendar? Are there any doctor, dentist, psychiatrist or optometrist visits today? A court date? A team, therapist or caseworker meeting scheduled for any of the kids? How's the home look - is anyone coming for a tour today? Are we needing items from the store or pharmacy? Let's not forget paperwork...daily logs; reports on incidents, fire drills, tornado drills, earthquake drills; psychiatric care forms; IEP assessments; intake packets; discharge paperwork and quarterly assessments. The unexpected yet always important emergency placement can happen at any time of day or night. It's all a part of the

work that must be done as needed during any given day.

2:00 PM: IF it's been a quiet day, we may have this hour to relax before it's time for children to return home. :)

3:20 PM: Time to head to school to pick up our van load of children.

4:00 PM: Snack time; chatting with children about how their day went at school. Then it's homework hour...which often takes more than an hour. Sometimes a volunteer arrives to help. Often there are...struggles.

4:30 or 5 PM: Begin making supper, while helping with homework and being constantly interrupted by all the wonderful things that happen when caring for 8 to 10 children. "Ms. Mandy, I hurt my finger!" "He's yelling at me!" "Can we play the Wii?" "She won't leave me alone!" "Can I go outside?" There is also a child or two that will need delivered/picked up from the arena and/or an after school activity or practice. CONSTANT activity.

6 to 6:30 PM: We sit down for supper. Mealtimes are the calmest moments of my day...when everyone is together in one place, doing the same activity.

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A Safe Place to Be a Child

The First Lady Visits!

Coyote Hill welcomed Missouri's first lady, Sheena Greitens, for a visit on Friday, April 14. Mrs. Greitens graciously brought Easter gifts for all the children, then visited for over an hour. She met and chatted with staff, and toured The Atherton Home and Overton Arena.

Mrs. Greitens' adopted sister has inspired the first lady to become an advocate for adoption services and foster care in the state of Missouri. While visiting with Development Director Kelly Myers, Mrs. Greitens explained that she hopes to hold a roundtable discussion on those topics in the near future, and wondered how we thought the state of Missouri could be of assistance to Coyote Hill and others providing foster care services.

Mrs. Greitens also mentioned that she enjoyed horses as a child. Thus, her visit concluded with a visit to Overton Arena. Equine Specialist Rebecca Buchholz gave her some snacks to feed to one of the horses, while explaining how the horses are a wonderful therapy tool for the children at Coyote Hill.



l to r: Vice Chairman of our board Clint Miller, Development Director Kelly Myers, Founder Larry McDaniel, Board member Cindy Mutrux, First lady Sheena Greitens, Site & Program Director Bill Atherton

We greatly appreciated the time Mrs. Greitens spent with us, and the genuine care and concern she showed. We look forward to seeing how Governor and Mrs. Greitens work to better the future of the foster children of Missouri.



Save the Dates

Two upcoming events that you won't want to miss - mark your calendars!



Sunday, September 10

Open House - 1 to 4 PM

This is your annual opportunity to spend an afternoon on our property, experiencing all the wonderful ways your support creates

"A Safe Place to Be a Child"

Thursday, October 12

11th Annual Boots 'n Bids for Kids

Our biggest fund-raiser of the year, at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center. Make plans to join us for an evening of fantastic food, entertainment and auction items...all for our kids.



Memorial Gifts



In Loving Memory of **Wayne Alexander**
Contributed by **Sue Alexander**
Chuck Baker
Dr. R.M. & Brenda Thornsberry

In Loving Memory of **Betty Ball**
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In Loving Memory of **Gary Leeker**
Contributed by **Tom & Winona Lankow**

In Loving Memory of **Amanda McDaniel**
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In Loving Memory of **Dan Porter**
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In Loving Memory of **Paul Reid**
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In Loving Memory of **Dennis Tipton**
Contributed by **Gerald & Margaret Ubl**

In Loving Memory of **Mitzi Witt**
Contributed by **Chuck Baker**
Cornerstone Baptist Church

In Loving Memory of **Curtis Wood**
Contributed by **Robert & Susan Dawson**

Honor Gifts

In Honor of **Coyote Hill Staff**
Contributed by **Howell Wheaton**

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In Loving Memory of **Steven W. Wise**
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A Day in the Life...continued from page 1

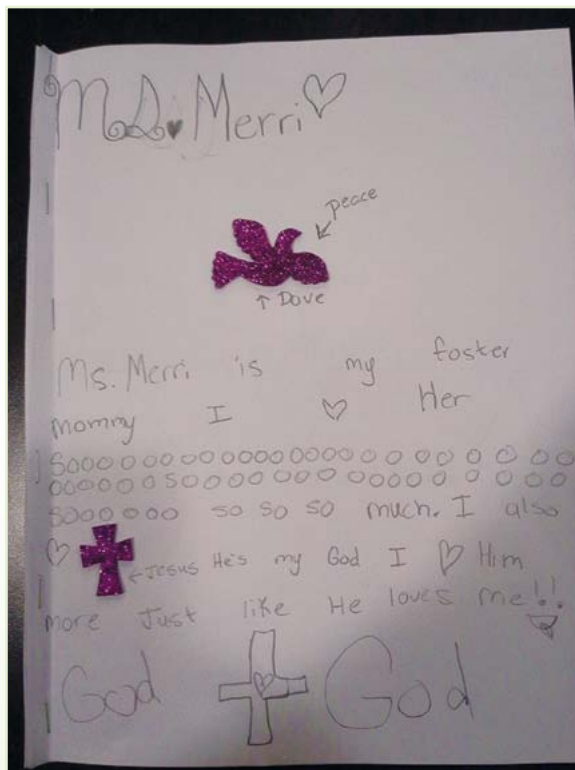
7 PM and after: Time to start supper clean up, evening chores, showers and bedtime routines. A continuous stream of questions and conflicts, and then the peacefulness of sleeping children, safely tucked in for another night.

Mandy concludes, "Yes - I used the word 'struggle' several times. Our kids all come from different backgrounds. Chores can be a completely new concept for them. Many of them wore whatever they wanted to school but now someone is telling them their choice is not appropriate, like shorts when it's only 35 degrees outside. For some of them it's about control. So much of their lives seem like they are not in control, so refusing to get dressed or not doing a chore is something they can control."

The truth is no day here is really 'normal.' Most of the opportunities we have to really make a difference in our kids' lives are during those times of struggle, when we show patience and help them discover other ways to handle their pain and frustrations. Those moments usually take up the biggest chunk of our time and throw our schedules out the window, but they make the biggest impact.

We can never thank our Home Parents enough for all they sacrifice to bring healing to hurting children.

A blessed and happy Mother's Day to our moms, and to all the moms who work and give behind the scenes to bless the lives around you!



ALL of our moms are loved soooooo much!