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Coyote Hill ~ A Place to Be a Child
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--Dr. Jerry Priddy

Memorial Gifts
In Loving Memory of
Dixie Speer
Contributed by
Irene Alexander

In Loving Memory of
Amanda McDaniel
Contributed by
Miles & Lisa McCoy Family

In Loving Memory of
Jim Clatworthy
Contributed by
Dale & Maureen Graham

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Troy Stotler
Contributed by
Brenda Wilson

In Loving Memory of
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In Loving Memory of
Carlene Lewis
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Earlene St. Clair

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Betty Wilson
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In Loving Memory of
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In Loving Memory of
Diane Christenson
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Fred & Bette Austin

In Loving Memory of
Mabel Ballenger Powell
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In Loving Memory of
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Jerry & Maggie Ubl

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Debbie Upham
Contributed by
Ken & Nancy Welty

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Honor Gifts
In Honor of
Sass & Yvonne Tracy
Contributed by
Arthur & Frances Rikli

In Honor of
Spence & Judy Mumford
Contributed by
Carter & Sandy Ward

In Honor of
Great Nieces and Nephews
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Boots ‘n Bids for/Kids
Thursday, April 14
Stoney Creek Inn
Dinner & Silent/Live Auction
Doors Open 5:30 PM
Great Food * Great Music * Great Items
What do you do in your boots?

Help be a part of our biggest fund-raiser of the year!
Contact Kari Salmon (kari@coyotehill.org) if you have top-notch items to donate, or to purchase tickets.
Reserve Your Tickets TODAY: $40/person  | $75/couple  | $300/table

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Sometime during the early 1980’s, I drove through the town of Harrisburg and wondered, “Would this be a good place to raise a family?” During the past 20 years, the school system, businesses & individuals of Harrisburg have proven that it most definitely is a great place not only for raising families, but also for growing a ministry. There have been so many individuals help us, in so many different ways, I could not possibly list them all. I will say we are certainly thankful for everyone who has participated.

Local Harrisburg businesses have been an important part of our success. The Pudenz family’s Harrisburg Service Center treat us & our vehicles tremendously. Also there is C&S Grocery (previously Price’s). We love you guys. Lonnie Ray’s and previous owners, have been supportive and helpful as well. Junior, Kent and John Carter have always been there for us...thanks guys! And I couldn’t leave out the Harrisburg Lion’s Club. They feed us very well sometimes. 😊

There are also two churches on the main road through Harrisburg & others in the rural Harrisburg area that are very important to Coyote Hill. They add value to who we are and the work we do, reaching out to our staff and the children & families we serve. We are very appreciative.

In closing, it takes a very special town to be the home of a place like Coyote Hill. Harrisburg is a large part of our 20 year success in working with children and families in crisis. As a community, they add great value to who we are, and to the children and youth in our care. Harrisburg is indeed a wonderful place to raise a family ... one of the very best in my opinion. It is a most wonderful place for Coyote Hill to be. Thank you, Harrisburg, for all you do and the wonderful family environment that helps Coyote Hill achieve our mission ... A Place to Be a Child.

--Larry McDaniel, Founder & Executive Director

Harrisburg reminded me of how communities used to work together to raise their children. People informed us of behaviors we needed to deal with, but also told us positive aspects so we could praise & encourage. It all truly helps make a difference in a child’s life.

--Tannym Allerton, Home Parent for 10 years

Having spent time in each of the homes at Coyote Hill, I can speak first-hand of what happens to your heart when you walk through those front doors. Knowing the children who live there have been rescued from sometimes unimaginable situations might make you wonder what you will find. What you find, however, is the blessing of happy children & families living in a HOME with real parents, a houseful of siblings, and love.

--Chris Canota, Interim Pastor, Harrisburg Baptist Church

I am often saddened by the brokenness of families in our community & state. For the last 7 years, I’ve watched the staff of Coyote Hill bring a light to this dark situation. Step by step they point children and families to the path of healing and healthy relationships with one another & with God. I have seen the difference they are making. I thank God for Coyote Hill.

--John Gillman, Pastor, Harrisburg Christian Church

We’ve always been impressed with Coyote Hill – the experienced staff & their faith foundation that builds self confidence in the children for facing the future. Coyote Hill is an important part of the Harrisburg Community.

--Larry & Nancy Wilcoxson

I have a unique position...I am the first to meet & enroll each new student. I try very hard to form a bond with each child, and thus am blessed with hugs before, during and after school from many of the Coyote Hill kids. I love to see their eyes sparkle & smiles come to their faces once they realize how much our faculty care about each of them. They learn quickly that our staff cares deeply about them and they feel safe and loved.

--Sharon McCallister, Elementary Secretary for 9 years

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Larry & the staff of Coyote Hill were a wonderful blessing to the children of Harrisburg Public Schools. What incredible people we have been blessed to work with through the years. As you would expect, sometimes our children come with additional challenges, and it takes extra effort and dedicated people to help. That’s why we are also thankful that Harrisburg Public Schools receive an average of over $20,000 each year from the State because Coyote Hill is in the district.

--Larry McDaniel

We have a 100% graduation rate of all the seniors who have been in our homes. They’ve entered the work force or continued their education in one way or another. Through a community working together, our children are able to achieve their goals.

--Amy Kingery, Home Parent for 4 years

Harrisburg Baptist Church

Thank you, Harrisburg!

--Larry McDaniel

“A Tribute to Harrisburg”

“A Supportive Community for 20 Years”

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Our Village That Raises the Child

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