

News from the Hill

April 2013

A Safe Place to Be a Child

The Best Day Ever

Memorial Gifts

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Honor Gifts

In Honor of
Chris Beckett
Elton Fay
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Shirley Lee
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In Honor of
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It was just "one of those days" for Lance Rainwater, Coyote Hill's vocational skills instructor and property manager. But 14 year-old Mason*, Lance's sidekick for the day, declared it "the best day ever."

Lance and Mason had set out after a heavy snow in March, with the intention of moving hay to a pasture for a few of our horses. The task normally wouldn't take very long.

"Things went wrong from the start," Lance said, "First, we left the gate open, thinking the horses would stay with the hay." The horses had a mind of their own, however, and before Lance and Mason could stop them, they had taken off through the gate.

"They took off towards the arena where the rest of the horses were," Lance said. "We tried to catch up to them but eventually had to hop in the Gator." However, on their way back to the horses, the Gator got stuck in the snow and the two were forced to find shovels to dig it out.

After the horses were finally back where they belonged, Mason and Lance went back to the tractor to get the second bale of hay. Thinking it would be easier to turn the tractor off while hooking up the large bale, Lance shut off the engine. Upon hooking up the bale, Lance turned the keys to start the tractor - but nothing happened.



Snow is beautiful, but complicating!

After 45 minutes of trying to revive it, Lance called Executive Director Larry McDaniel, hoping he would have some advice. "It took Larry literally five seconds to figure it out," Lance said. "Larry asked us if the PTO was on. It was. All I had to do was turn it off, and the tractor started."

"I had been pretty frustrated up to that point," Lance said. "But when we found out it was simply an operating error, I couldn't help but smile."

Now, a few weeks after the event, Lance just laughs and shakes his head whenever he talks about it. "Mason got to do so much that day that he had never done before...digging things out of the snow, running after the horses. To him - it was a great day!"

We're all proud of Mason's positive outlook and good attitude.

--story by Allissa Fisher, MU Service Learning Student

**name changed for sake of confidentiality*



Madeline tutoring in Education Center

Meet Madeline Jonagan, one of our outstanding volunteers!

I started volunteering with Coyote Hill as a senior at Mizzou. Wanting to pursue a career in social work, but not having any long-term experience in that setting, I signed up for a Service-Learning internship. As I looked up agencies that interested me, I knew I wanted to work with children. Coyote Hill stood out right away - their focus on the whole health and happiness of each child really appealed to me. The more I read, and especially after my visit and the interview with Amy Kingery, I

April is National Volunteer Month!

really began to see the effects of Coyote Hill's mission on the children. Finding a faith-based organization also appealed to me because my desire to work with children in social work is heavily influenced by my faith. I chose to stay involved as a volunteer after my six month internship ended because I formed such close relationships with the staff and children.

The Home Parents and children I've worked with at Coyote Hill have become like my second family. I couldn't imagine living near here and not coming out to visit the children. *I wish my work schedule allowed me to come out every day to volunteer, because I absolutely would, given the chance. The kids have given me much more than I could ever give them.*

One recent, fun story involved a couple of the Jr. High girls at The Hill. I normally help them with math and science, which besides being challenging subjects, are also their least favorite subjects. But one week, I helped the girls with English composition, a subject I am much more enthusiastic about! I taught the girls how to "idea map." The girls had fun drawing and coming up with ideas. After we finished, we made Hershey Kiss cookies in the kitchen of the Education Center. We had a great time and it made me feel as if I was at home baking with my own family. Seeing the girls feel that comfortable with me was really special. I felt honored to be a part of it.

If you'd like to volunteer at The Hill, simply email kari@coyotehill.org!

4th Annual Coyote Hill 5K

Run/Walk Event
Free T-shirt for participants
Prizes for winners
Pet and stroller friendly route
Fun for the entire family

Register TODAY!
www.coyotehill5k.com

Early Race Packet Pick-up:
Friday, April 26, 4-7pm
@ Ultramax Sports (2902 Forum Blvd)

or Pick-up Day of Race:
Registration - 8am
Race Start - 9am



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Race location:
Veterans United Home Loans
2101 Chapel Plaza Ct. #107,
Columbia, MO

6th Annual Coyote Hill Golf Tournament

Monday, May 6
11:30 - 1 PM: Lunch
1 PM: Shotgun Start

Location:
Country Club of Missouri

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



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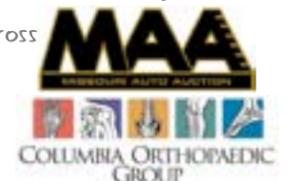


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Easter Highlights



Thanks to the King's Daughters - Donna Crockett Circle, who helped make Easter a special holiday for all of our children!

Easter was an exciting time at The Hill. Besides the fun of Easter eggs and baskets, there were wonderful opportunities to share the message of hope and eternal life through the various homes' church activities.

For instance, the Zimmer Home once again heavily invested in Valley View's "The Lamb: A Passover Perspective." Dad Charlie played the part of Jesus, one of the teen boys acted the part of one of the disciples, and several children played the parts of servants and other roles. It was a great experience for all of them.

Our Pancake Breakfast at Memorial Baptist raised \$4,300 for our Summer Recreation Fund!

Our special thanks to all our musicians, volunteers and Memorial Baptist Church - as well as those of you who came out to show your support. Because of you, our children will be able to participate in summer sports' leagues, camps, family vacations, etc! You are what make us

A Safe Place to Be a Child.

