

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Coyote Hill Fall Open House Event
 "Release Your Inner Child"

September 13th, from 1 to 5 PM

For directions to our property, go to www.coyotehill.org/about/location/

Events include: Tours of the Zimmer Home, lunch, games for children (including a bounce house!), hayrides, and a 4 PM horse show where our kids will show off skills they've learned in our Equestrian Learning Program!
Please make plans to join us!

Eat at Hemingway's September 14-20
 and help support Coyote Hill!

Hemingway's, located at 3910 Peachtree Drive in Columbia, has designated the week of Sept. 14-20 as a time to help support Coyote Hill.

Order any entrée during that week, mention "Coyote Hill" to your server, and Hemingway's will donate \$3.00 of the cost of your entrée to Coyote Hill!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **all** of the many volunteers who have been a part of making life a little richer for us over the past several weeks.

There have been so many of you volunteering to do various service and fund-raising projects that we don't have room for all of the pictures!

If you or your group want to know how you can help, call the office at (573) 874-0179.



Summer Fun at the Hill



From gardening to kung fu and loads of other stuff in between, we do our best to ensure our youth have a fun and exciting summer vacation!



Minimizing the Trauma of Adjusting

We all appreciate familiarity, like a child who prefers his frayed and stained security blanket to a brand new one. Like it or not, however, life often forces us to deal with changes and new things.



A child who is placed at Coyote Hill faces newness and adjustments in ways that most of us could never imagine. It is a major event here at Coyote Hill when new children arrive, and all of us (including our farm animals) want this new home to quickly become as comforting and familiar as possible for each child.

One of our new staff members, Kari Salmon, had this to say after her first opportunity to watch new placements beginning to adjust to life at Coyote Hill:

"Two new faces joined the Hill this past week, and on their first day they were already feeling right at home. After exploring their new homes, the boys traveled up the road to the barn, where they were given a full tour of the grounds. They fed the horses, petted the goats, and searched for frogs in the small pond. It's always a new experience for the kids to be surrounded by such animals, but the fearlessness of young boys made it a quick adaptation. I've never seen two brighter smiles, while we searched for the hiding frogs. Seeing that joy on their faces, made me truly realize the beauty of our facility."

Thanks for the part you play in making Coyote Hill a comforting "Place to be a Child."

Coyote Hill ~~ A Place to Be a Child
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Tour, Anyone?



To schedule a tour, call our
Development Representative, Kari Salmon
at (573) 823-7941



On a recent visit to one of our homes, I was warmly greeted by a young boy riding his bicycle. He stopped long enough to make sure that I knew all of the names of the dogs who were lolling lazily about the yard. Moments later, an older teenage boy walked up. With fishing gear in hand, he offered another friendly welcome, and then promptly offered to change the oil in my car. (After having learned a new life skill, he was anxious to get some practice at it!) Once I finally made it inside of the home, another teenage boy showed me several wads of (fake) money in his possession, and laughingly asked, "Do you need some cash?" Last but not least, a sweet baby girl reached out to me, begging to be held with actions that spoke much louder than words. Who could resist?

Similarly, you should not resist the opportunity to come and take a tour of our facility. I can't promise you that your visit will replicate my recent experience, but I can promise you that you will meet children eager to give you lots of smiles and friendly greetings, and you will walk away with a better understanding of why Coyote Hill is such a great

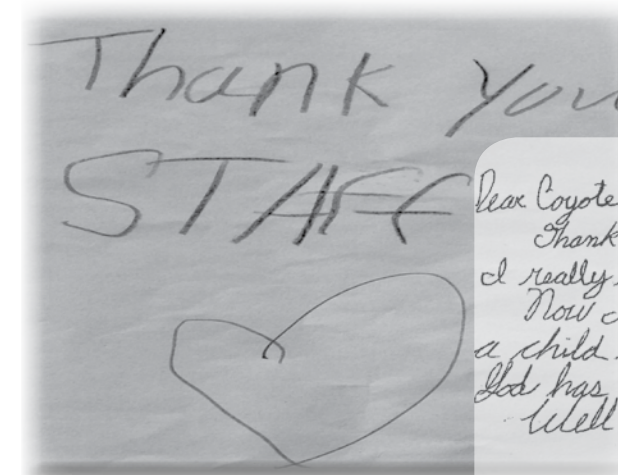
...Place to Be a Child.

Remember ... our newsletter is quarterly now instead of monthly.

In between the newsletter mailings, you can keep up with all that is going on at Coyote Hill by signing up for our free weekly email update.

Just send your email address to: lori@coyotehill.org **OR** sign up at our website at: www.coyotehill.org

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Why we do
what we do...

Dear Coyote Hill staff,
Thank you so much for everything.
I really had a blast being a child.
Now I know what it feels like
a child at coyote hill homes
Dad has called me to leave.
Well I Thank you.

Dad Bless
Coyote Hill Staff
Robert Baldwin

PO Box 1



Robert, a young man placed in our care a few years ago, graduated high school in May. Since that time, he has taken it upon himself to write some thank you notes for the staff at Coyote Hill. All of them short, sweet, and slightly wrinkled; yet priceless.

This month, as Robert is moving on to the next phase of his life and a new home, we wanted to take a moment to honor him. His home parent dad, Ben Johnson, had this to say about Robert's transition:

"(After visiting the home where he would be moving to) Robert did not want to leave, and the staff there loved him as well. The decision was made and now the time has come for Robert to move on. He is very excited, but also sad to be going. We, as his foster parents, will miss Robert greatly. Robert is a servant at heart and he will always be welcome to come back here to visit.

Robert has many friends in the Columbia area. Richard Iles and Parkade Baptist church love Robert and want to help him in the future with any needs he may have, as well as Chuck Crews from Cost Cutters. Chuck bought Robert fishing gear for graduation and took Robert fishing one day. They have a great relationship. We wish Robert the best of luck and urge him to remember to keep Christ first in everything he does. We love you Robert and will be praying for you!

With Love, Dad (Ben) and Mom (Christine)



Thank YOU Robert - it's been a blessing knowing you!