



A safe refuge for children who are in need of a home.

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## A Note From The Executive Director:

The longer I work with Covenant Children's Home the more convinced I become that God has blessed and helped us during each step of our journey. So many warm hearted individuals, churches, organizations and businesses have stepped in to make this ministry to foster children succeed.

What I personally most desire is your prayer support. Pray for our children, our staff and our board of directors. For us Covenant Children's Home is not a business, it is a wonderful ministry to some very precious children.

Thank you, may God bless you this day and always!

Ken Habedank

### **Covenant Children's Home celebrates the completion of the "Hope House" roof!**

We are filled with joy and hope as we watch the construction of "Hope House" progress. Completion of this home will enable us to help six additional precious children. This will realize the fruition of a dream we have long been awaiting.

Yes, the completion and furnishing of this home will require help from not only our faithful but also new donors. But we are stepping out in faith because of the time it will take to complete this home, and because of the tremendous need for Christian foster homes capable of really helping children during a very difficult season of their young lives.

We have been blessed by an anonymous donor who offered to match the next \$50,000 donated to the building fund. We hope you will prayerfully consider helping us match this gift. We also hope that you will help us spread the word about Covenant Children's home by sharing with friends and neighbors. So few in our community know we exist and fewer still realize the quality care we provide for foster children.



## How does your garden grow

As we watch the construction of Hope House, we also watch the kids enjoy their garden. For most, it is their first garden and they are excited about every facet — especially the picking and eating.



The challenges of COVID-19 have been placed squarely on the shoulders of our house parents. In talking to the children, they say they prefer being home schooled by the house parents in conjunction with the virtual education received from their school teachers. With this academic set up the children receive more focused attention and they have more time to work and play outside. Each child has his/her own computer thus enabling each to work and study efficiently. Our internet capacity is such that it allows four simultaneous Zoom video conferences with their school teachers. Another blessing has been our volunteer tutors who help the children with their academic progress. In today's world, education is one of the important keys to doing well and we work hard on this developmental aspect.



You will note that there is an insert in this newsletter which provides a historical view of Covenant Children's Home. This year is our 10th Anniversary of helping foster children in the "Faith House". We compiled some thoughts from Pastor Keeth and some of the executive directors we have had during this time.

We would like to share with you an experience, a God moment, from our ministry. It is spring here and we are busy working in our garden area tending some of our vegetables. Suddenly one of our little ones proclaims, “*Mr. Curt , when I grow up, I want a grow a garden just like you!*” It makes the heart joyful to hear that. Everything we do is to teach each one of the kids things that will positively affect their lives in years to come. Like the seeds we planted earlier this spring, working diligently with each pot, making certain to care and maintain the plants, these teaching moments are growing into mighty oaks for the glory of God. Later during prayer time, a young man prays, “God, please help our garden grow because we know that You are the One that makes all of the good things grow. Thank you for seeds and gardens and vegetables.”

This is a perfect example of what Covenant Children’s Home is about. At CCH we live to demonstrate God’s Love to each of the little ones He would bring our way. When we see their faces Light up with understanding, it is worth everything.

Curt Simmons  
Houseparent



**At that time the disciples came to Jesus saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” and calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones.”      Matthew 18:1-2, 10 ESV**

When Jesus was asked to define greatness, He brought out a child.

As Christians we are called to follow the example of Christ and that means we must value what He values. The scriptures tell us that what He values is children. They are, in fact, the priority of God the Father.

That Children have guardian angels is more than just a sweet bedtime story platitude. It is biblical truth. Not only do children have their own “guardian angels” - the scripture says that in heaven their angels ALWAYS see the face of the Father! This beautiful fact is at once both weighty and freeing. The angels who watch over the children in my care are ever the presence of the Father, so I must walk wisely. On the other hand, the needs of children will never go unnoticed, so on the hard days, and the days when I am weary or frustrated or feeling at the end of my rope. I can be encouraged to know that I am not alone in this work because the angels who watch over the children in my care are ever in the presence of the Father. What better support system could I possibly ask for?

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