Covenant Children's Home

A safe refuge for children who are in need of a home. **SUMMER 2018**

From the Executive Director;

Sometimes the director and the “Misses” get the opportunity to be houseparent's for a week-end, just so our regular parents can get some well-deserved time off. Such was the case for this past weekend. It’s good to re-connect with the kids and to be reminded what an important and hard job our houseparent’s have. So, while they are floating down the lazy river at their hotel resort this week-end, Deb and myself are tackling the never ending role of house Mom and Dad.

Now, in case you happen to be near my age and have forgotten, let me take you back to the days of “brush your teeth”, “go pick up your socks, “ “I Need someone to take out the trash” “no, Johnny you may not put the frog in the refrigerator” and last but not least, “please don’t let the dog eat your peas!”

Okay, so now you know what the last two days of living the “dream” life of a director includes! How do we survive at our age? I’m glad you asked, the answer is really quite simple. Triple Fudge Rocky Road ice-cream with caramel syrup. You fix a big bowl for yourself and a not so big one for the kids. Sit every-one down at the big table and then start telling not so truthful stories about your own personal youthful escapades.

Every eye is glued upon you, every ear opened wide and every “lie” is swallowed up just as though it were the Gospel, because all the kids know that Mr. Jody would never tell a “fib”. He really did catch a fifty pound trout using only his “bare Hands”. Kids are so gullible!.

By now, every bowl and spoon have been licked clean, there are sticky milk mustaches on all faces. Time to brush teeth and get ready for bed.

It has been a crazy day and as I sit here waiting for the sand-man to do his magic on the kids, I notice how spooky quiet the house has now become and it finally dawns on me that these really are the great-est times in my life. Thank you , Jesus for giving me this!

Now, it’s time for one more quiet sneak down the hallway, peek into the bedroom’s, all is still! I go clean the dishes, put the ice-cream back in the freezer and wonder “how in the world did that brat sneak Mr. Frog into the ice-box without me noticing?

“Just you wait ’till he gets up in the morning!.

God is good!

Jody Davis,
Executive Director.

COME HELP US CELEBRATE OUR NEXT STEP

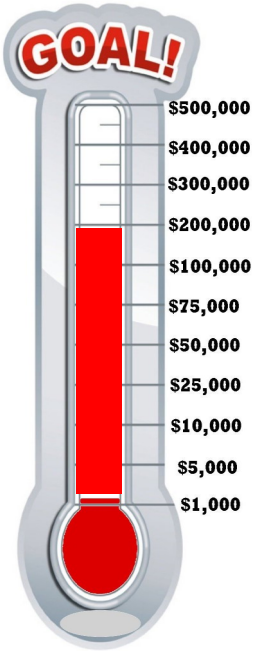
Covenant Children's Home cordially invites you to help celebrate the dedication and ground breaking for our second home., "The Hope House." Thursday July 19th at 9:00 am.

We have been working and praying for the opportunity to " make a difference" for more children in need. With your help we can make it happen.

Thank you for supporting Covenant Children's Home.

Sincerely,

Jody Davis
Covenant Children's Home



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GIFT *TO "**THE HOPE HOUSE**" BUILDING FUND , PLEASE MARK "**BUILDING FUND**" ON* YOUR DONATION.
THANK **YOU**

"It is easier to build strong children, than to repair broken men."

Frederick Douglas

COVENANT CHILDREN'S HOME PRESENTS THE

2nd Annual "Fore the Kids" Golf Scramble

Golf Scramble

September 15, 2018

Juliette Falls
6933 SW 179th AVE
Dunnellon, FL 34432

Registration starts at 7:00 AM
$55 dollars per golfer or $220 per team (Max 116 players)
Each golfer will receive a complimentary Gift Bag, Continental Breakfast and lunch.
We encourage your team to reserve their spot early!

RAFFLE ITEMS

50-50
Mulligans—$ 5.00 (limit 3)

Special "Hole in One" Raffle for a chance to win

One Million Dollars

For more information about becoming a sponsor or to sign up for the scramble, please visit our Website cchfl.org and follow the link.

Volunteer opportunity

If you would like to learn about becoming a volunteer please call Debbie Davis at (352) 489-2565.

You might be surprised by how much you gain

Other ways to Help

If you use Amazon to shop, please join **Amazon Smiles**.

Amazon donates a percent of each sell to Covenant Children's Home.

HOUSEPARENT PERSPECTIVE

I often question what kind of difference we are actually making. The kids that have come through our doors are often abused, neglected and ignored. In some cases, it is all three in one. When we started living at CCH full time, we had six kids plus our daughter. We were with those same six kids for seven months before four of them were reunited with their mother. We could list about five specific differences we made in each of those four girls, and in the two children that remained with us. We quickly learned that not all kids that come through our door, will leave any different. Sometimes you will have them for a week or two before they move on to another step in their journey and sometimes, you have them for years.

Our job title is House Parent but what does that really mean? Well, for us, it means that it is our job to love, nurture and grow with these children. No matter the length of time that we have them, they always find a way to make an imprint on our hearts. We serve 3 meals a day with countless snacks in between, we teach them the proper way to clean up after themselves, to do their own laundry and try our hardest to encourage them to feel safe. We play games with them, take them to places most have never been before and try to give them positive experiences to look back on in the future. Our favorite part of the job is watching the children grow spiritually. Most begin their spiritual walk when they come to us as they have never been given the opportunity to know God. Sometimes, you end up watching the kids and their reactions more than you do the actual service and often, we find ourselves watching the same service again, on Sunday night to hear what we missed. Seeing the kids change from week to week, watching their hearts open to the Lord, has been the most rewarding part of this life we have chosen.

Since school is out, we have a lot of free time to spend even more quality time with these wonderful children. We will take trips to the beach, museums, the movies, swimming and anything else we can think of to fill the days and minds of our children. We welcome all visitors to come and get to know these beautiful souls as they have touched our lives and I ensure you, they will touch yours too.

Angel and Rebecca Casiano

A word from our Board

Six years ago if someone were to tell me that I would be working with foster children, I would have thought they were crazy. It was nowhere on my list of things to do. Between the Navy and GTE corporate, we had been away from Florida since the early 80's. After retiring from both entities, I became actively involved in the Fort Worth community in many areas.

Then, what was supposed to be a simple heart catheterization in April of 2013 turned into a triple by pass. While in recovery, I said to my wife something to the effect that, " the big guy does not want me yet and that there was something else for me to do." I resigned from everything and we decided to go back home to Florida ,but not St. Petersburg as they have paved everything and we were looking for a slower lifestyle. We moved to Citrus County Florida in October of 2013 and I was asked to join the board of Covenant Children's Home.

It never ceases to amaze how God works in your life. I believe I'm doing what He wants me to be doing at this point in my life

Gary Mock

Employment Opportunity

We are currently recruiting for a married couple to provide respite for our house-parents'.

This is a paid positions, Three weekends a month from Friday midday until Sunday evening.

Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent

A Valid FL Driver's license

Pass a DCF background screen-ing.

Please submit a resume to cch02@bellsouth.net or fax it to 352-489-2331.

If you have any questions, please call Jody Davis at 352-489-2565

Special Thanks to Arden Ellis, for choosing Covenant Children's Home for his Eagle Scott Project.

The kids really enjoy their new playground!

Before

After

Citrus Springs VFW 4864 Auxiliary Post presented us with a flag and pole

"Let Old Glory Wave."

Thank you PDQ of Ocala.

Thank You to Pattie Potter and Crystal River Eagle Riders

We're going to miss you Ms. Kip. Good luck in Kentucky.

THANK YOUR FOR SUPPORTING COVENANT CHILDREN'S HOME

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For more information.

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