

Jonah's Joy: Home for Children

Vision Statement:

To change generational cycles of abuse and neglect by educating, training, and holding accountable children and their families.

Mission Statement:

A faith-based residential treatment home providing quality mental health services to abused, neglected and troubled children and their families.

The Program

Jonah's Joy is a home-like environment where adolescents from ages 12 to 17 have an opportunity to learn how to rebuild broken family systems through the use of a faith-based character-building level system, psycho-education, traditional therapies of individual, family and group, and nontraditional therapeutic approaches of farming and horsemanship.

Structured activities teach the adolescent about the need for responsibility and how to work with excellence. The staff embraces each adolescent's strengths and works to incorporate it into the daily living milieu. The tasks of personal hygiene, domestic chores, education, therapy, and recreation keep a mind and body focused on an overall healthy lifestyle.

Using animals to teach how to build relationships can be instrumental in repairing broken family systems. The transitional relationship of having complete dependency on another for basic living needs is a tool that can reconstruct previous poor role-modeling. The love that the adolescents obtain from their animals is refreshing while the work put into the relationship is ultimately rewarding.

The Future Home

Jonah's Joy: Home for Children is implementing multiple fundraisers to begin the acquisition phase of the home and property. When sufficient funds can be secured or property is donated Jonah's Joy will begin provision of care to those in Cumberland County and abroad who need its services.

Jonah's Joy is looking for the right location in Cumberland County that can provide some of the "wish list" items below and so much more...

- Appropriately sized home to house the children and meet the needs of office spaces
- Farm property to include barn with horse stalls and fields for horses and other animals
- Hay fields to supply the animals
- Area for vegetable gardening
- Stocked pond for fishing and/or boating
- Play area of the children