

COC IN THE FALL



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Coraline helping with the take home lunches for the kids.

A TESTIMONY

Hi, my name is Tara. I joined Pastor Tim Marshick's House of Hope Church in 2021 and was invited to serve at COC on Saturday mornings when he took over as program director early last year. Over the past few months, I have taken over the role of producing the newsletter every month. I'd like to share with you all how being a part of COC has changed my four year old's life. Her name is Coraline. She wasn't in church until she was four. Her mom (me) had a religious past and her father was an unbeliever. That all changed last year when her dad gave his heart to Christ and her

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."
Prov 22:6

mom came back after many years of wandering. Now they all serve the COC children together on Saturday mornings. Coraline loves going to COC on Saturdays. She is learning what it means to serve others and to be a part of the family of Christ. She has two church families: the House of Hope and the Christian Outreach Center. She is blossoming in relationships and love. She prays when someone is in need and today she said she is "Jesus' helper". Over the summer, we had the opportunity to take out two of our COC girls, Sophia and Ariel, on a "fun day" for exhibiting such a great Christ-like attitude on Saturdays. We took all three girls (who are also three only children) out for lunch, a little shopping, and to the Treasure Island Fun Center. At the fun center, Coraline being young, didn't participate in any of the games but really wished she could get a prize. Sophia shared her winnings with Coraline before she picked anything out for herself. She made sure that Coraline got to choose some toys first. The girls bonded and now every Saturday hang out together and play games. They are different ages, come from different backgrounds, and have very different personalities, but they are enjoying being sisters in Christ. The mission of the leaders of COC is building a lasting impression of the love of Christ on young lives, so that no matter what these children will encounter in the world as they grow up, they will remember and hold onto the love and relationships that they made during their years at COC. They will remember that Jesus was and is the foundation of that love, through all the lessons and songs they heard and learned. Through your giving you not only help our COC children and families in need, but you are also affecting the lives of those who serve in this program, and their children's lives. Thank you for the important work that you do by making the important work we do possible. Your giving is the fuel behind bringing the love of Christ to all types of children. Let's keep serving the Lord together. God bless you all in the change of this new glorious season of giving. Lots of love, Tara.



Contact Pastor Tim Marshick, director of COC, to find out how you can support and be apart of this crucial ministry.

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