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Executive Director Letter for June 23, 2025

The Covenant Children's Home has partnered with Kid's Central Inc. to license one of our two homes, Hope House, with 5 foster kids. The licensed foster parents are Curt and Bunny Simmons.

Hope House is now at full capacity with 5 kids.

God must be laughing as we became fully operational the week before school finished! Five beautiful young faces are now looking at us 24/7 wondering what's for breakfast, snack, lunch, snack, dinner, dessert, snack! Oh the energy!

We do have needs.

- 1. Prayers for guidance and stamina are number one.
- 2. July will be Paper Goods Donation month. Click HERE for more information.
- 3. Our primary need is for part-time and full-time respite parents. Click HERE for more information.
- 4. We have life jackets for all the kids. Anyone brave enough to take Curt and the kids boating, please contact Curt Simmons at: hopehouse@covenantchildrenshome.org. The three boys (ages 7, 10 and 13) have fishing poles and love to fish.
- 5. Food prep assistance or delivered meals is always appreciated. Our only requests are nothing too spicy and no spaghetti (as that's an easy meal for us to prepare).

Now that we have Hope House up and operational, we have two needs for Faith House.

- 1. Get Faith House Fully Functional.
 - We have a budget but would appreciate help shopping for items on our lists. The kitchen, for one, needs to be re-populated with pots/pans/utensils/...
 - We will need a thorough house cleaning in a month or so.
 - Furniture needs moving/removing. Some strong backs would be appreciated. We have a king size bedroom set to be picked up and setup.
 - Furniture and electronic Items will need to be taken to the dump.
 - Curtains need to be purchased and hung.
 - Outdoor playset(s) will need to be assembled.

2. Staff for both houses.

- Be on the lookout for single women and/or couples who are willing to be vetted for a role as respite parents. The more respite parents we have between the two houses, the more flexible the hours will be. We currently have one set of respite parents who come and live on site EVERY Thursday and Friday to give the Simmons a break. Respite parents will need to pass background checks and do some training, TBD.
- We are in search for full time foster parents for Faith House. They will need to be fully licensable foster parents by Kid's Central before being given a final job offer by the Covenant Children's Home. Until that time, once they finish training, they could do respite care for Hope House.

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