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Colton's Hope

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Shari's Corner

A warmhearted welcome to our second quarter Colton's Hope newsletter. On April 30, Colton's Hope served the children and families of Dell Children's CC and The Rosedale school. The girls created delicate flower crowns and the boys jeweled crowns. They felt like little princesses and princes as they proudly wore them. "You will be a crown of splendor in the hand of the Lord." (Isaiah 62:3) We had an opportunity to pray together with the moms and listen to their extraordinary stories. Our volunteers carried the Eucharistic presence of Jesus and many new friendships were formed. The joy shared was indescribable and the unique beauty of each child was a gift from God. All Glory and Honor to God!

On May 3, Colton's Hope hosted our first "Pray, Plant and Grow in love" event in our gardens for Shepherd Them All students, teacher and parents. The students led the May crowning of Mary by singing Immaculate Mary, reciting poetry and praying. We toured the gardens together with joyful amazement.

Seeing nature through their eyes was a rare and precious experience. Each child received a toteable garden bag to take home. We assisted them in planting their herb gardens and taught them how to care and water them. The day ended with prayer, refreshment, a raffle and the presentation of their Miraculous Medals enrollments. Their teacher, Jennifer, reminded us that the children's prayers "counted twice". We look forward to making this an annual event and watching them grow up in God's love and grace.

With much love and gratitude,
Shari

SPIRITUAL CORNER

It is a beautiful thing to see God in those we serve, and we wanted to share how a family was "blessed" by a special daughter. At the Spring Fling we had the honor to meet a very special family. An amazing mom, Trisha, radiated the "Joy" of Our Lord, told us how she was blessed with two beautiful, unique young girls, Julia and Olivia. She was approached by the "Make a Wish" foundation to do something special for her daughter Julia who was born with Trisomy 18. The family could have chose to travel to Disney, or meet a famous person; however, they truly wanted to create a legacy for Julia which will help many others just like her. An inspiring book was created to hang out with Julia for a day to discover all the things children have in common. Shari, with the help of William, read "Julia's Like Me" to the students from Shepherd Them All.

Meet a Girl with Trisomy 18

Julia's Like Me

Words by
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SPRING FLING @ ROSEDALE SCHOOL



Colton's Crafts for the Spring Fling included flower crowns adorned by butterflies and paper jeweled crowns where the children could pick and choose their favorite items. The children loved their personally crafted crowns! The

above Scripture tissues were added to the Sunshine Bags for the Moms and every bag delivered hope to the families at Dell Children's Comprehensive Care.



PRAY, PLANT AND GROW IN LOVE with Shepherd Them All students



A special May crowning where Jack led us singing all three verses of Immaculate Mary!



Jack and Lucas shared the honor of crowning Mary.



The Love for Our Lady shined brightly.

Shari's Magical Garden was a fun learning adventure for all!





Special seeds of love for gardening were planted in the students hearts and their enthusiasm was awesome.



Jennifer, their incredible teacher, is beside Shari above. She is an inspiration and all the children love her.

Volunteers Kim, Laurie, Shari and Patrice below....



"The woman is the heart of the home. Let us pray that we realize the reason for our existence: to love and be loved and through this love become instruments of peace in the world".

St. Mother Teresa

Coltonshope.org Mission Statement

Through the infinite power of prayer, create an atmosphere of love, hope, reverence

and total acceptance of our brothers and sisters, both in and out of the womb, who are living with a chromosome or gene disorder; serving their emotional, social and spiritual needs.

- Serving those who are in need of prayer to bring them to their fullest potential in life.
- Teaching lessons of merciful love by offering comfort, counsel and prayer
- Striving to make a world of difference through one prayer at a time
- Advocating and creating awareness for those living with a chromosome or gene disorder.

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