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Colton's Hope

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Shari's Corner

"In His Presence there is fullness of joy." Psalm 16

Thank you dear Lord for guiding Colton's Hope to Dell Children's and the Rosedale School. There we find the joy and beauty of Your Presence in the children who are physically and mentally handicapped. May all that we do be for God's honor and glory.

Before each event, we pray St. Mother Teresa's Radiating Christ prayer so that those we serve will see only Jesus and not us. We bring the Eucharist presence of Jesus and the tender love of His beautiful Blessed Mother. I believe this is the real presence and the joyful hope and love they need most. We adopt each child and family in prayer, lifting our hearts with faith, hope and trust in God's plan...this is the HOPE of Colton's Hope. When you look into the eyes of the children, you behold God's beauty and an extraordinary, unique one-of-a-kind personality. You see in their eyes their beautiful souls and the exquisite masterpieces God had created in each child.

Many of the children are totally dependent on the care of their parents and have endured multiple, serious surgeries. We first met Baby Ray, who endured many surgeries, wearing a red cowboy hat smiling happily surrounded by his loving parents and grandmother. The whole family beamed with hope and joy that Baby Ray would live and be made well. They asked for prayers for better genetic research so other babies could survive and live longer. We witness the compassion of siblings as they help care for their loved ones. All the children love Colton's Hope craft projects and they often use the craft supplies to make unique gifts for each member of their family.

During each event, we experience what truly matters most in life serving these beautiful children. The children are uniquely themselves without pretenses or expectations exuding pure joy and an inexpressible desire to be loved and accepted for who they are. They transform our innermost spirits and their gifts are something the world cannot give to us. We are truly grateful for how these children move and mold our hearts.

Lord Jesus, please give us all new eyes to "see You more clearly, love You more dearly and follow You more nearly." May we never focus on anyone's disability or differences, only the miraculous gifts of what You can give them if You will it. Amen.

"We are not just a number...a sister, a brother, is more than just a number. Each person is wanted and loved by God." St. Mother Teresa

**With much love, gratitude and grace,
Shari**

SPIRITUAL CORNER

The 10th National Eucharistic Assembly was a historic outpouring of grace. Mother Olga was so inspirational in her wonderful speech, which begins with the song we often sing at Schoenstatt Shrine before receiving the Holy Eucharist, we wanted to share it with our prayer angels.

Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart's Inspiring Speech



ROSEDALE BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT





Colton's Hope has built beautiful relationships with the families of Dell Children Comprehensive Care. Ellie is a dynamic, single mom of two beautiful girls, Solana and Solice who is attending college classes for her Bachelor's degree.



Cheers to the first time Maddie won Colton's Hope "Blanket of Love" from the raffle! She was so happy to receive the Colton's Hope donated beautiful soft kitten blanket, gardening water can and hat.

The children were so excited to make their own personalized backpack keychains! Many made one for their siblings and Mom too!



"IN THE GARDEN" with the LTLOC Benevolence Team



Gardens are God's places of beauty and harmony.



My prayerful theory is that God is asking us to live our lives like gardeners, embracing the seasons to till the soil, the seasons to grow, the seasons to wait, and the seasons to enjoy the harvest.



Shari swings with joy on this perfect spring day with flowers in full bloom and butterflies all around!



Joji's smile says it all!!!!

Gardening requires patience, attentiveness, diligence, self-control, all traits that bring us closer to God.



God teaches me gently through gardening, planting, harvesting and sometimes failing.

"To do God's work you need a few things. We need health of mind and body. We need the ability to learn. We need plenty of common sense and a cheerful disposition. I think common sense and cheerfulness are very necessary if we are to bring God's love to as many people as possible."

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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