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Happy Joyous New Year!

Shari's Corner

My Dear Friends,

As 2024 comes to a close, may your hearts be filled with joy, hope and love.

Our JOY has been in the "Journey" of serving others with each of you and the extraordinary people we have met along the way. Jesus has genuinely given us so many opportunities to serve those with mental and physical disabilities. Many of the children we serve possess an extraordinary way of communicating through their eyes, hands and facial expressions despite their disabilities. We have adapted to their beautiful ways of communicating and delight in their unique "thank you". We share God's unconditional love through art, gardening, stories, educational crafts, homemade meals and prayer. These experiences have provided unique learning opportunities that stimulate imagination and teach cognitive thinking through creativity.

Throughout the year, we grow deeper connections with the families we serve, deeper love for them, deeper gratitude for the changes they make within us. The children's smiles bring us great joy, we see Jesus through them.

Our HOPE is in our prayers for all those we serve, for their personal goals, for their milestones, and for the close friendships we share.

Our LOVE and gratitude for each of you, for your sincere dedication and support of Colton's Hope. We look forward to journeying together in 2025 in hope, joy and love. May all we do be for the Glory of God.

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

SPIRITUAL CORNER

Let us celebrate St. Elizabeth Ann Seton via video
Feast Day Jan 4th



Gratitude for "Flight of Monarch Butterfly" project success



With heartfelt gratitude for Nik and Vy from St. Dominic Savio Catholic School for making a video storybook which was



Glory to God for the success of "Flight of the Monarch Butterfly project".

uploaded to Dell Children's hospital rooms to bring to life the butterfly mobile craft.

Gratitude for "Finding the Gift" Workshop Sponsored by Shepherd Them All, Colton's Hope shared the fruits of our ministry. This workshop would equip educators with a toolbox to build up the Body of Christ and serve children better with learning differences.



"Angel of Hope" Highlight

This year brought a new opportunity to share the legacy of Julia through her storybook "Julia's Like Me" written by her mother. We were able to share this book with those we serve and teach others through Julia's story. This story gives hope and lessons of love to other families who are living with a child with disabilities. Trisha's joy is indescribable sharing Julia's story.

Gratitude for Dell Children's "Northern Lights" Christmas Event



With Gratitude and Hope as we build relationships with Dell's families, we teach with books and crafts building up their skills with joyful fun!



Walter was the winner of CH
"Basket of Hope and Love"



Ellie and her two beautiful daughters



Jesus, help my hands to do all things
loving, kind, and true. Patricia is
getting Julia to autograph her copy of
Julia's Like Me book.



Jesus, my friend, You are worthy of everything good and glorious. May my life
simply be a reflection of Your Glory.



Father God, may our creativity bring joy and inspiration to others.



Let us use our creative talents for good. Thank you for the gift of creativity.



Amina and her beautiful triplet



The children loved creating their


daughters, Divine, Tess, and Gift; all
named after her "Divine Testimony"

very own unique snowman hat!

GRATITUDE AND HOPE

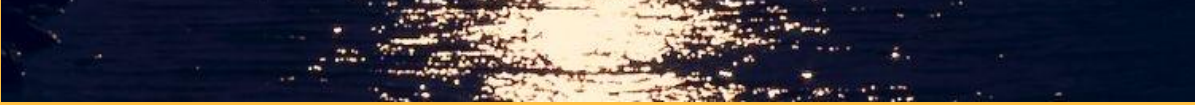
Bringing HOPE in serving "Meals from the Heart" and "Blankets of Love" to Ronald McDonald House guests. Patti C shared her memories from the past when her family stayed at RMCDH and felt so loved and cared for. We are thrilled to Partner with RMCDH in service and prayer.





Joy is prayer; joy is
strength: joy is love; joy
is a net of love by which
you can catch souls.

Mother Theresa



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