

# Colton's Hope

## 2nd Quarter Newsletter 2025

*"LOVE is a fruit in season at all times, and  
within reach of every HAND"  
Mother Teresa*

### Shari's Corner

**My Dearest Friends,**

**Many times in our ministry we meet families or individuals who give us rare “glimpses of heaven” through their stories, sacrificial love and unique presence.**

**We met Grandma Jean and her husband at Ronald McDonald House in April of 2025. Colton's Hope was cooking meals for the families. We noticed a couple in the kitchen looking through the refrigerator. We thought they might be hungry and invited them to stay and eat. Little did we know that encounter would lead us all to a deeper sharing together.**

**Jean and her husband were staying at RMH so they could visit their precious granddaughter Miya. Jean shared with us that she had stage four cancer and Miya her granddaughter had a rare chromosome disorder called “Cool Kids”.**

**Jean spent her nights sleeping on the couch in Miyas hospital room instead of sleeping in her comfortable bed at Ronald McDonald House. She constantly prayed by Miya's bedside knowing her prayers would be eternal and perpetual throughout Miyas lifetime.**

**In the kitchen we encircled Jean in prayer and love. Kim selflessly took off her own Miraculous Medal and lovingly placed it in the palm of Jeans hand. God and his angels surrounded us in one holy moment of hope, joy and peace. “For nothing shall be impossible with God” Luke 1:37**

**Below is a beautiful letter of gratitude from the family;**

*“Thank for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Hope you know how very much it was appreciated and what a difference you all made.*

*On behalf of my family and I, to include my Princess Miya Jean (Grand) we thank “Colton's Hope” for the beautiful card and gifts that came along with*

*your care package. May our Heavenly Father continue to Bless you all in all that you do and for sharing your Love&Kindness, for all those who are greatly in need and for your prayers. Miya Jean enjoyed her Beautiful Angel. Thank you again so much.”*  
*Love Always and Forever in our Hearts,*  
*The Gray and Fromm Family*

**In his light and love,  
Shari**



**Our Beloved Prayer Angel of Hope**

**Audrey Brady**

She will be missed but never forgotten.  
May she Rest in Peace and Eternal Love.

Farewell to an Angel Sherry Mitchell. Sherry was our family liaison at Dell Children's CC and The Rosedale School. Her legacy of loving care for the most vulnerable children and their families will live on in our hearts. God bless Sherry and Jon and their beautiful family in their new Arkansas home.



## SPIRITUAL CORNER

### ST. TERESA AVILA CULTIVATING THE GARDEN OF OUR SOULS:

#### The First Stage

When we first begin, it feels laborious to discipline ourselves to spend time in prayer each day—it feels like harder work than we think it should be.

St. Teresa likens this first stage to watering the garden using a bucket to draw water out of a well. If we were watering a garden with a bucket and well, we would have to dip the bucket into the well, draw the heavy bucket up with the rope, carry it to the garden and water the plants. Then, we would walk back over to the well, let down the bucket, draw it up again, walk back to the garden and pour it on the plants. Over and over we would make that trip to give the garden all the water it needs. Similarly, when we first begin the spiritual journey and changing our habit, it can feel like an awkward and difficult task. It is only the first stage. Do not let such an inconvenience keep you from the rich and gracious life our good Lord has for your soul.

#### The Second Stage

After some time in this first stage, we will find that the journey is becoming a little easier and we can experience some times when we feel quite connected to God and blessed by this time alone with our Lord. St. Teresa likens it to now being able to fill our bucket from a water wheel where we have a little less work to do. The water wheel fills the bucket for us and we do not experience

as much labor as when we filled it ourselves from the well.

### The Third Stage

When our Gracious God continues to enlighten our soul and help us tame our will, our intellect and our memories so they are more aligned with the will of our soul, we may be drawn into the third stage of spiritual development. Here it feels like we are doing very little work and that God is the one “watering the garden” of our soul.

### The Fourth Stage

Some dear souls will continue on the journey and the Holy Spirit may choose to invite them into the fourth way of “watering the garden.” Here, we have no work to do—the “garden” of our soul is watered by God’s “rain” and we are passive receivers of this great gift. It is living the truth of Jesus’ statement, “but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

"Lavender and Love"  
with  
Abigail Keller Foundation









Gratitude for "Pray, Plant and Grow in Love 2025"  
with  
Shepherd Them All





**What an awesome day with Shepherd Them All students sharing a prayerful May crowning of Mary in Shari's garden. Maryanne, Nicole and Liza were instrumental with instructing, praying, reading and showing the love of Jesus to all the students! They also assisted with planting flowers in their very own Marian garden box to take home. Big Gratitude to Maryanne, Nicole and Liza!!!**





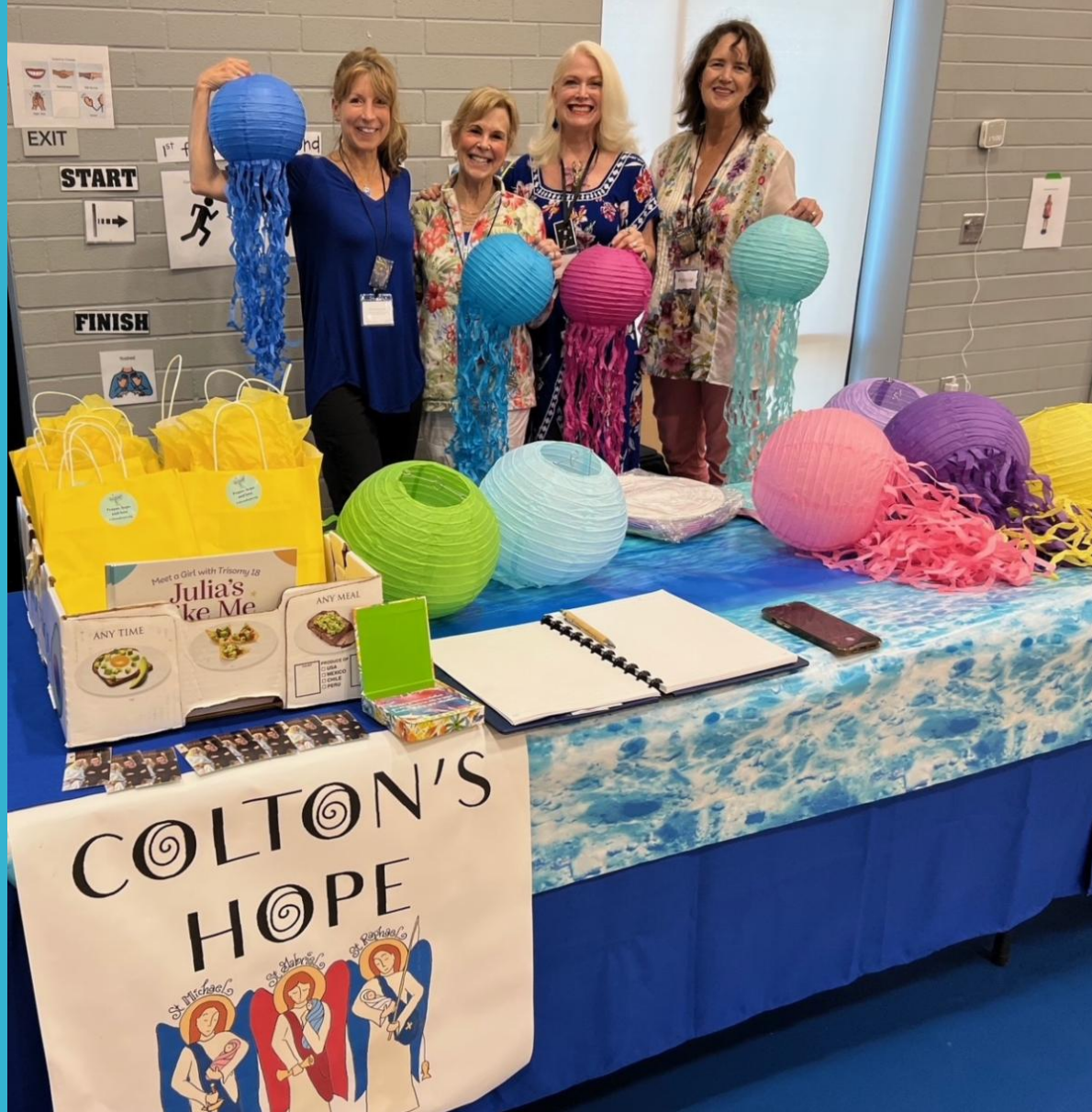
## "Angel of Hope" Highlight

Peter, Susanna's son from Shepherd Them All, read the Gospel reading so beautifully for our crowning of Mary in Shari's amazing garden. After his reading, he shared with all of us that his dream was to become a priest. During our prayers of the faithful, Maryanne prayed for that intention. Peter is very shy and it took great courage to share his personal dream to become a priest with the group. May the Holy Spirit be with Peter to follow his dream.





**Gratitude for Colton's Hope serving at the 2025 Dell Children's and Rosedale School "Summer Safety & Splash". Kim, Jenni, Shari and Patricia prepare Colton's table for creating jellyfish fun decor!**



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!







Jenni assists Maddie on her craft.

Maddie smile shows it all!



Liam smile is heartwarmign and he shares his creativity with his parents Rosa & Eric.



Jesus, help my hands to do all things loving, kind, and true.



Solana loves all Colton's Crafts and enjoys making things for her sister Solice and mom Ellie! She is crazily crafty!



The Chojolan Family always bring a "Splash" of joy to each Dell event.

### Sweetheart Sisters!

The Kam sisters were so excited to win the 'grand prize' raffle donated by Colton's Hope and couldn't wait to dig in to the big basket of "Splash Summer Safety and Fun" goodies!



### Mission Statement

Through the infinite power of prayer, education and community outreach, Colton's Hope strives to serve children with a chromosome disorder, born and unborn, and their families. This support will be given with hope, reverence and love.

**It is an honor and a privilege to share our newsletter with you.**

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