



Colton's Hope

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Mother Teresa described the Rosary as a powerful weapon and a long chain linking heaven and earth. "To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His Mother."

Shari's Corner

My Dearest Friends,

The angels are watching over you, and our grandmothers' prayers still wrap us in their gentle protection. On September 29, 2025, we celebrated the feast of the Archangels—St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. Colton's Hope is consecrated to these heavenly guardians, who protect our ministry of prayer, our works of charity, and the precious lives of unborn babies. Our logo was lovingly designed to reflect their special purpose and mission over Colton's Hope. You'll see it at the bottom of this newsletter.

I first met Bernadette in 2022 at the funeral of Diane Hussey. I remember so vividly the peace she carried and the warmth of her beautiful smile. She has been a treasure in my life ever since. Bernadette introduced us to Baby Josie—the very first baby we were called to serve. Josie was born with Turner's Syndrome and is now a thriving three-year-old, full of joy, intelligence, and grace. She shines in her ballet class, twirling with angelic delight, and she runs into Grandma Bebe's arms with the tender question, "How is your cancer today?"

The love Bernadette gives Josie is deep, unconditional, and life-changing—just like the love my own grandmother gave me. It was her prayers that carried me through life's storms, and I believe with all my heart that the prayers of grandmother's echo into eternity. Josie's life will always be shaped by Bernadette's prayers and her selfless love, a gift straight from our Heavenly Father.

In April 2024, Bernadette was diagnosed with kidney cancer that had spread to her spine and brain. She has walked through

chemotherapy at MD Anderson with a radiant, peaceful faith that has never wavered. Even while facing her own illness, she lovingly cared for her father, Richard, until his passing at age 95 in June 2025. She continues to tenderly care for her mother, Delores, now 93, who deeply worries for her daughter. Bernadette never asks for much for herself—her heart is always turned outward, praying instead for peace, comfort, and happiness for her mother.

Her life is a living example of faith, prayer, and friendship. Colton's Hope has been inspired by her witness. We don't strive to be known for how "big" we are, but for the friends we walk alongside and serve along the way. We don't chase social media recognition; instead, we listen for the quiet whisper of the Holy Spirit, choosing always to "do little things with great love," as St. Mother Teresa taught us.

We thank God for the extraordinary gift of knowing and loving Him through this family. In His name, we ask for blessings, healing, and peace for Bernadette, Josie, and Delores. May their legacy of love and prayer continue for generations to come.

Amen

With love, prayers, and compassion,

Shari



Colton's Gift

Colton donated his artwork to the Abigail Keller Foundation Gala Fundraiser. This unique piece embodies the spirit that of creativity and community. We are so proud of you Colton!

Spiritual Corner

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary



We gathered to pray for all those impacted by the Texas floods.

Our rosary prayers brought peace, comfort and hope to so many souls and their families. Each person was enrolled in the Perpetual Prayers of the Miraculous Medal Association and will never be forgotten! May they rest in peace and eternal love.

- *"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of*

God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary" —Pope Saint Pius X.

- *"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying". Pope Leo XIII*
- *"To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother" Pope Saint John Paul II.*
- *"Pray the Holy Rosary to unite life with Christ" Pope Francis*



"Dell CC/Rosedale School"

Pack up your Backpack Event!

All the children loved making their own personalized keychains which we attached to their backpacks!





**"Flight of the Monarch Butterfly"
at Ronald McDonald House**



Monarch butterflies flew into the hearts of the children, families and staff at RMH. Colton's Hope decorated with over 300 Monarch butterflies, bringing love and big smiles to the children and their families. This event will coincide with the Monarch Migration through Austin to Mexico in October 2025. The book Monarch Butterflies by Ann Hobbie was donated to the RMH Children Library.

(pictured above left Stacey, Family Life social worker, Sharie and Patrice)



"Angel of Hope" Highlight

Solana entered Everyday Life Foundation's Rare Artist contest. It is a nationwide contest for artists with disabilities. Solana has made the top 20 finalists and she is the only finalist in Texas!!!! The art she submitted was inspired by her sister Solice!

When Solana wins, she will be invited to Rare Disease week in DC, and she will have the opportunity to speak directly with our Texas state lawmakers about Medicaid and disability supports / services in our state. Congrats Solana, we love you!



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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