



Colton's Hope 4th Quarter Newsletter 2025

*Joy is Prayer;
Joy is Strength;
Joy is Love;
Joy is a net of love
you can catch souls!*
Mother Teresa

Shari's Corner

My Beloved Friends of Colton's Hope,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14. May his unimaginable gifts of blessing, good health, and prosperity be poured out upon you in 2026.

With deep and humble gratitude, heartfelt thanks are offered for the generosity of our treasured donors. Your kindness in 2025 has allowed Colton's Hope to continue its mission of hope, prayer, and sharing God's love with the children and families of Ronald McDonald House, Dell Children's Critical Care, The Rosedale School, Lake Travis Library West, and Texas Children's Hospital North Austin.

May all of us continue to do His Will with great love!

There have been so many new opportunities to serve, and each one is received as a blessed privilege. In this beautiful community, Jesus is found hidden in so many different faces, each one precious and unique. Every encounter gently transforms the heart and teaches again the deepest lessons of life: "To love and to be loved in return".

Many one-on-one creative activities are shared with the children and their families, and time after time something rare and beautiful appears, something that can only be seen through their eyes and heart. They truly delight in these moments of creating together. Yet, at the center of this mission, it is not about art projects or any tangible

gift. It is about the priceless and irreplaceable gift of one another.

In a world where true presence is slowly being lost, there is the grace to sit face to face, to listen openly to their stories, and to see the world as they see it. Hands are joined in a circle of prayer, tears and laughter are shared as friends, and hearts are lifted together before God.

We do not have all the answers to their medical complexities but God knows everything, and he alone knows how best to answer their prayers and heal their fragile bodies. The gift of prayer is eternal and will continue to give blessings long after everyone here is gone. "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you." Colossians 1:3

May God tenderly bless Colton's Prayer Angels of Hope, our board members, donors and volunteers and teach every heart to pray for others as Jesus did.

With love, compassion, and prayers,

Shari



In Honor of Our Beautiful Prayer Angel Bernadette who went to be with Our Lord

Bernadette's life was a living example of love, faith, prayer and friendship. Colton's Hope has been inspired by her witness. We thank God for the extraordinary gift of knowing and walking with Bernadette in prayer, faith and love. May Eternal Light Shine upon our Prayer Angel and may she Rest in Heavenly Peace.

Spiritual Corner

Daily Surrender to God's Will as a New Year Resolution

I've been reflecting upon New Years resolutions and a quest to grow in holiness, and plan to start each new day with a daily surrender prayer to God. "Jesus, I love You, I trust You, and I need Your help today". Hallow introduced me to the Surrender Novena during Lent last year, which includes the words, "Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything." This prayer is perfect for all circumstances, I frequently whisper specific intentions throughout my day inspired by this prayer. It's become my "Jesus, fix it!" prayer.

Every offering of my self counts. Today and each day, I commend myself to the Lord. Jesus, I surrender myself into Your hands, take care of everything. Take care of me as I face challenges. Take care of my relationships. Take care of my loved ones. Into Your hands, I place my plans; align them to Your will. Into Your hands, Lord . . . I give You everything. The words of Psalm 31:3 "For You are my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me". "Into your hands I commend my spirit" we too can freely surrender to God's will, commending our spirits to Him each day. "Jesus, fix it!"

Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Warmhearted gratitude for LT Ladies of Charity generous donation which allows Colton's Hope to build a children's library at the new Ronald McDonald House at Texas Children's Hospital North Austin. God bless LTLOC.





Warmhearted gratitude to Marilyn and her team from Angels Wings who created 100 "lovey angels" for the Dell CC/Rosedale School children to take with them to all doctor appointments so they always know how much God loves and cares for them. Angels Wings also made 100 beautiful journals for the moms made from donated wedding gowns. Thank you Angels Wings!!!!



Lake Travis Library "Crafts and Cupcakes"



Colton's Hope enjoyed a day at the library working with children on creating unique turkey art for Thanksgiving! Patricia and Shari helped the children with the crafts and served them cupcakes!

Magical Miniature World Succulent Gardens

at Ronald McDonald House



David enjoyed creating his own special succulent garden



Hanna could not wait to put her garden in her bedroom.

Making & Baking Lunches of Love at Ronald McDonald House

We served 35 families homemade Mac and Cheese, “Love & Cookies” and decorated each table with fresh flower arrangements. It was a very special day ❤️





**Punch your ticket on the Polar Express
A Special Christmas Event for Dell CC
at Rosedale School**

The children created necklaces with wooden beads and bells





**Delivering 35 arts & crafts bags
to Ronald McDonald House**



The children created various crafts from their bags, made their own gingerbread houses and visited with Santa Claus...ho, ho, ho it was a very Merry Christmas!



"Angel of Hope" Highlight

Meet our young friend Tara and her parents, Wendy and Harlon!

Tara is a beautiful girl who brings joyful hope and a sweet smile to everyone she meets. She teaches us that it's not the speed you put into doing something but the love you put into doing little things. When we invited her to be our "Angel of Hope" she gently cried tears of joy and felt loved and cherished by the friends of Colton's Hope.



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.

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