

Current Needs List

We often get phone calls from our partners in ministry wanting to know how they can provide help in a tangible way. Many of you want to know what items specifically you can purchase for our programs. So we have compiled a list of our current basic needs.

There are general needs for both Hope Hill Children's Home and Triple L Youth Ranch as well as needs specific to the programs at Hope Hill Children's Home. These items are used directly for or by the youth in our care.

If you have any questions please feel free to call 859-498-5230 or e-mail info@familyconnectioninc.com.

You can also make an on-line donation through our website www.familyconnectioninc.com by clicking on the "Donate Now" button on our home page.

Thank you for your faithful support which is helping us continue to serve youth in crisis.



Hope Hill Children's Home & Triple L Youth Ranch General Needs

Medical Supplies:

Tylenol
Cough drops
Midol
Ibuprofen
Surgical tape & gauze pads
Antibiotic ointment

Linen Supplies:

Pillows
Twin size sheets
Plastic mattress covers
Blankets
Towels
Wash cloths

Miscellaneous:

Disposable cameras
Stationary
Stuffed animals
Postage stamps

Clothing:

Socks
Slippers(S, M, LG)
Pj's
Underwear
Flip flops

Hygiene Supplies:

Vaseline
Body lotion
Body wash
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Maxi pads (regular and overnight)
Hand sanitizer
Toothpaste
Veet hair removal
African-American perms
Pantene Pro-V Women of Color
Conditioner
Pantene Pro-V Women of Color
Shampoo
Body powder

Needs Specific to Hope Hill

School Supplies:

Plastic page protectors
Composition books (no spiral bound)
Journals
Notebook paper
Notebook binders – 1"
Markers
Crayons
Poster board
Post-it notes
Copier paper
File folders
8 tab dividers
Construction paper
Binder clips all sizes
Kleenex tissues
Paper towels

Craft Supplies:

Paint by number kits
Individual craft projects
Scrapbook kits
Stickers
Colored pens
Puzzles
Word search books
Bead making kits
Craft paint
Craft pain brushes

Chapel Needs:

Pull down screen
Teen Bibles
TV w/ DVD player

Equine Needs:

Sponsors for girls - \$250/month
Bleachers for horse ring - \$3500
Horse trailer - \$4000
4 Wheel drive truck

Clothing:

Used prom dresses



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Foster Care Program Success Leads to Decreased Census

Nine adoptions to take place this year

Foster Care Director Kim Pulliam is pleased that her youth census has dropped. The program which had been averaging about 22 to 24 children in foster care homes has decreased by nine. This year nine children from the foster care program will be adopted by their foster families. Pulliam who has been with Hope Hill Children's Home for four and half years says she has only seen one other child adopted during her tenure with the agency.

"Most foster care agencies would be disappointed to lose so many youth in one year but when you consider that they are being adopted into loving homes, how can you be anything but thrilled for them," says Pulliam, "Of the nine youth being adopted, five of them are teenagers, which is very unusual. It is difficult to find good homes for teenagers; most people want to adopt babies or little kids."

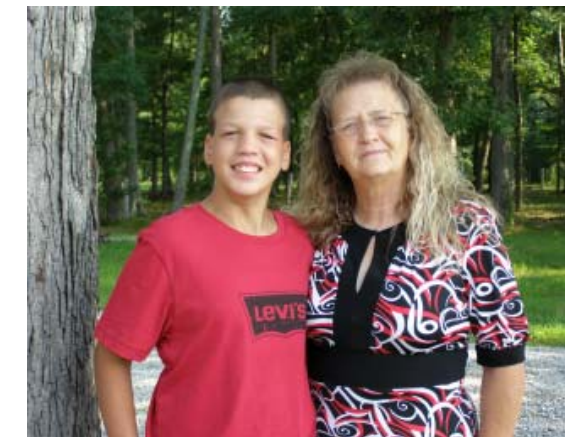
Most of the families who are adopting have grown children of their own and have been doing foster care for some time. There are four families going through the adoption process, with one of those families adopting five young children. The five children are siblings

from two family groups that the foster parents wanted to make sure did not get split up.

Another family has already adopted one

teenage girl and is in the process of adopting another. The third family is adopting a four year old girl whose mother lost her parental rights when she failed to provide adequate care for her daughter. The fourth family had adopted one adolescent boy many years ago and is now adopting another small boy who is diagnosed as mental disabled. "He came to my home as a foster child and I knew after two weeks that I wanted to adopt him," says foster mother Ellen McCarty.

With such a rise in the adoption rate for the Foster Care program you have to wonder what could be influencing the decisions. When asked what she thought was contributing to the increase, Pulliam had this to say, "I



Ellen McCarty & adopted son Rocky

think it comes down to making a good match from the beginning. We have very dedicated foster families who care deeply for the youth they take in. By making

sure there is a good fit between the youth and the family we help reduce the chance of the youth being moved to yet another placement."

For children who have experienced such horrible situations at their young ages, it is wonderful to see the healing that begins to take place when they find a home and a family where they feel loved.



If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Foster Parent please call Program Director Kim Pulliam at 859-498-0370.

New Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program Opens

Hope Hill Children's Home is excited to announce the start of a new program. Hope Hill is now offering an Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program under the direction of Scott Ross a Licensed Professional Certified Counselor and Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor.

This program will consist of four twelve week groups. Each group is designed to address either a mental health diagnosis or a substance abuse diagnosis. The program will utilize individual, group and family counseling as well as equine assisted therapy to enable our residents and their families to have a greater chance at recovery from problems that a co-occurring diagnosis can cause.

The groups provided in the program will deal with issues of addiction, mental health, recovery and how to live without the use of substances. The program will also encourage the youth to have a relationship with God rather than with drugs and alcohol. It is expected that through providing this treatment we will give residents a better chance at a life after discharge.

A major obstacle that our youth face upon discharge is returning to an atmosphere where they were unsuccessful in the past. By giving them the tools that they need to lessen the chance of abuse or addiction, they can live a more productive life, thereby changing the lives of others in the future.



Youth in the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program will learn what addiction is and how it affects the entire family. They will learn how to write a relapse prevention plan and learn the short and long term effects of alcohol and drugs on the body.

Through counseling sessions they will also learn how different mental health diagnoses are exaggerated by the use of alcohol and drugs.

By the end of treatment they will have a working knowledge of how recovery works and how they can remain drug and alcohol free and enjoy their lives.

Hope Hill Children's Home Memorial Garden

Family Connection Inc. doing Ministry as Hope Hill Children's Home and Triple L Youth Ranch relies on the critical support of our donors to our Annual Fund.

The highest priority of our Annual Fund is to fulfill our Mission Statement: "To partner with our communities by providing caring services to hurting children, youth and families, in helping them reach wholeness of body, mind and soul".

The impact of supporting the kids in our care through the Annual Fund gives new meaning to the Scripture "when you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me".



Perhaps your gift to the Annual Fund this year could honor someone special in your life.

Memorial and tribute gifts allow you to thoughtfully remember family members and friends who have been such a vital part of your life.

This year donors who make a gift of \$100.00 or more to the memorial fund will be honored by having a brick engraved with their name or the name of a loved one placed in the

Memorial Garden at Hope Hill Children's Home.

When sending your gift, please give us the correct spelling of the name of the person to be honored.

Quilted with Love

Several years ago a woman from the Mitchell First Church of God sat in her WCG meeting reading a list of the programs sponsored by the group. As she read about Hope Hill Children's Home, a strong feeling came over her and she had to know more. She got several people together and made the four hour drive down to Hope, KY. They were greeted by enthusiastic hosts Smokey and Susie Presseau. The group had the opportunity to meet the dedicated staff and even met some of the girls living on the campus. They fell in love with the place and knew they had to do more to help those girls.

Driving home on that beautiful August day, the woman got a vision to make quilts for the girls to brighten their rooms. The others she was with were surprised at the idea but agreed to do it! Family and friends gathered to help them make 29 quilts for the 29 girls for Christmas.

knows that God does! One of the final preparations is tying the quilts together. They have a Quilt Tacking Party at the Mitchell Church of God with ladies from Huron, Donica and Bedford Churches of God. It is a great time of working, laughing, eating and uniting. They make these quilts because they want to give these girls love from God through a tangible gift. And, in doing so, it brightens their world, too.



To all the dedicated women who spend so many hours on these beautiful quilts, Thank you. Your gift of time and love is a blessing to the girls and our staff.

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- *Percentage of your estate*
- *Specific asset*
- *Residue of your estate*

For more information on how to create a lasting legacy through a bequest, please contact us or log on to our web site at www.familyconnectioninc.com

We look forward to helping you !



Now, four years later, they still return to Hope Hill every 6 months with quilts. As each lady makes a quilt, she prays for the girl who will be the recipient. She doesn't know her, but