

Jill's House Pilot in Colorado Springs Is a Big Hit with Families

Taking a major first step toward our goal to serve children in 20 U.S. cities by the year 2020

In our mission to serve more families around the country, our pilot program with Woodmen Valley Chapel (WVC) in Colorado Springs, Colorado was a tremendous success. Our team equipped leaders and volunteers at WVC to provide a weekend of respite to 13 children. The response from parents was overwhelmingly positive, as demonstrated in the following email received from Amy, the mother of two young children, Quinn and Chloe, who experienced the Jill's House program:

I was out of town while my children were at camp, and when I returned, my kids were totally and completely excited to tell me about their weekend. Neither of them could stop talking, and it was a battle to see who could tell me the next fun thing that happened. We heard about Sugar and Gunnison, the horses. We heard about the pool and games and songs and cabins and buddies and the tooth fairy and so much more! When I asked them their favorite part, Quinn could not tell me because he loved EVERYTHING. Chloe said having a buddy was her favorite part. After all was said and done, Chloe said, "I want to go back there mom...real soon!" She's our homebody, and for her to say that...WOW!

This morning, on the way to school, Chloe started singing "This little light of mine..." We've worked on songs with her for months before school programs and it takes forever for her to learn the words. Must have been something mighty special about this weekend.

Thank you to our families, staff, volunteers and friends at WVC for helping us grow to serve more children. Help us reach our goal to provide services in 20 U.S. cities by the year 2020. We are eager to see how God wants to lead us as we bring more overnight respite to families in need across the country.