



The Silver Lining

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From Our Family to Yours

Colton knew a parent's love. He lived at home, as part of a family. His adoptive parents, Ken and Judy Hammett, felt it an honor and privilege to care for this helpless toddler whose prognosis was grim indeed.

Little Big Man, Son and Brother

Instead of dying alone in a cold and sterile hospital environment, Colton passed from this world cradled in his mother's loving arms. Colton "traded his wheelchair for angel's wings," said Mom Judy, "and, we are so proud that he will be helping the Dream House to help other children like him."

Making Life Count, One Child at a Time

You can help other children like Colton find their forever family, as he did with the Hammetts. The cause is worth it.

Heroic efforts, via medical technology, save sick and injured children at any cost, even if it means they have been saved for a life void of a home, a family or a future. Their circumstances will not change in the current economic climate, nor in the future, unless they have a champion.

Dream House is the answer for these kids and their families. The innovative wrap-around, hospital to home Transition Care Program can give families in your community, caring for their medically fragile children at home, hope for a better future. For kids living alone in local hospitals and adult nursing homes, Dream House supporters directly impact their ability to find a home, a family and promise for a future, just as Colton and his adopted siblings Kenya, Kimberley and Shawnee have with the Hammetts.



Colton

March 23, 2006 – December 23, 2008

- ProcureRX associate Marilyn met the Hammett family when delivering Christmas gifts on behalf of her co-workers. Below is an excerpt from Marilyn's note that recaps her visit days prior to Colton's passing...
- December 11, 2008 I had the pleasure of delivering our gifts of diapers, wipes, and clothes to the family with four adopted children/one foster child, who each have health challenges. Their home is filled with all things Disney to make the children feel happy and loved. I was greeted at the door by 12-year-old Shawnee who is learning social skills at school. Little Colton had just returned home from an emergency trip to a local children's hospital and he was having difficulty with his oxygen intake. We bought him outfits large enough to fit over his equipment and tubes. Their 3-month-old foster baby was resting after a long afternoon of doctor visits. Kenya and Kimberley, were in their rooms in bed. At 11, Kimberley cannot turn over by herself, but she looked up and said, "Thanks." Kenya also cannot move very much, but she loves attention and really likes her special school...



L-R: Shawnee, Kenya and Kimberley

- Tomorrow, the Hammetts will load the kids into their aging motor home and take a road trip to Disney World. Our gifts of diapers, wipes and baby food, as well as gift cards, will help them on their way. On behalf of the Hammetts and Dream House, I would like to thank you for your outpouring of support...



Mom Judy feeding Kenya.



Kimberley at a school function.



Shawnee and Dad Ken playing outside.

Learn how you can help kids like Colton by visiting www.DreamHouseForKids.org

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