



the **COVENTRY** reserve
A Community of Discovery

TESTIMONIALS

Participants

"I never thought I could make something this beautiful" – Participant

Family Members

"Because of your investment of your time, your energy, and your driven desire to help others, Denise is sure and steady on her feet, her personality has blossomed and she no longer mumbles her name but proudly and strongly says, De-Nise!" – Cinda, Sister

"She is always happy and smiling when I pick her up... and that speaks volumes" – Parent

"Her reading skills have jumped incredibly thanks to the brain center" – Parent

"God bless you and your staff for being a breath of fresh air in this day and time" – Parent

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"The progress we are seeing from the brain activity center was observable in a matter of weeks... we have seen Andy's level of functioning rebound to a level we thought had been lost forever" – Jeanne and Dale, Parents

"We are seeing improvement in Bryan's speech and his balance. He no longer gets frustrated as easily as he once did. Thank you for all your hard work and the love and care you show Bryan" – Judy and James, Parents

"She is more confident and has less fear in moving around in different environments. These are HUGE differences, recently, there was the surprise of seeing her walk across an unlevel surface standing straight up, with a big smile on her face, instead of leaning over with her face to the ground" – Parent

"When Sheri was 6 years old she was diagnosed with MR and we were told to take her to a state institution because they believed she would never be able to do anything "worthwhile". She will be 50 this year and has achieved and accomplished more than most people ever thought possible – Thank you and God bless you for the hard work, daring innovations and the courage and time you invest in Coventry, YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE, special crowns await you in Heaven! – Helen and Norman, Parents

"Her memory skills are increasing and so are her reading skills. She is constantly reading my to-do list and now I have to be careful what I write!" Tammy, Parent

“Each and every person that sees Mallori recognizes her improvements in every aspect. She is so much more confident in speaking with adding words together, two, three and four at a time. She has never been able to do this in all her 24 years prior to Coventry Reserve. This has truly been a blessing for her to be able to express herself with words and to help alleviate some frustration in her life with the inability to communicate to us and others” – Parents

“She is now able to look us in the eyes, to carry on a conversation, to express her feelings and even opinions. There was so much locked up for so long, Kayleigh could have never achieved this without Coventry Reserve” – Diane and Don, Parents

“We’ve seen a complete change in her self-confidence within 3 months of starting at Coventry. She is more social, outgoing and assertive...Martha is very aware that she has Coventry, just like everyone else in the family has a purpose. She talks about Coventry all the time and if we do the same task at home, she is quick to say, “I do this at Coventry!” –Parent

“Before joining Coventry 3 ½ years ago, Andy had deteriorating skills because of a lack of motivation, stimulation and consistency in his daytime activities which carried over to his attitude at home. After just a month at Coventry, Andy was finally energized. He is extremely happy to go every morning.” – Jeanne and Dale, Parents

He has more self-confidence when out in public. He is speaking to people and hold the door open for them and tells them thank you if they hold the door for him.” – Judy and James, Parents

“Coventry has given Heather purpose and community; something to be proud of that is her own which contributes to her self-worth and self-esteem. She loves to share Coventry with anyone who will listen.” – Keri and Mike, Parents

“Gretta is nonverbal, so you don’t really know what she is feeling, however, the smile on her face as she enters the building and is greeted by dozens of passionate “Hello’s” says it all!” – Carolyn, Parent

“She always talks about the pottery and FOCUS time. Coventry has certainly given her more room to be vocal and expressing her wants and wishes, sometime almost too much!” –Tammy, Parent

“She loves being a part of the Coventry family. She loves the friendships, the acceptance, the pride in her part of making the pottery, the music, the signing!” – Parent

“Ted has grown in the past 4 years to be able to control his behavior and has learned skills of calming himself down when others “bother” him. He talks to others and wants to be a part of the group... He feels he has friends at Coventry, Coventry has been a God send.” – Sarah and Ralph, Parents

“I didn’t know what to expect from Stephanie when it came to day-to-day life (after school ended). Now, she is not only engaging in conversations, but actually starting them!” – Tammy, Parent

Volunteers

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“My day yesterday was filled with such purpose. I’m looking forward to next Monday already. I feel rather selfish; I think I might be getting more out of the experience than I’m giving.” – Judie, Volunteer

“It’s just a place I have to be. I go home exhausted, but it’s a good tired.” – Judy

“This is my first experience working with adults with special needs and it’s been a joy. I have learned so much from the staff at Coventry. One of the things I enjoy most is the one on one interaction with the participants. I look forward to the ‘fun-ness’ of our conversations while working on the pottery.” – Margretha

“Where else can you go where everyone likes you?” – Nell

"I always tell people---You cannot just hear about Coventry---you need to experience Coventry! It is a life changing experience for all, especially the volunteers! I have witnessed remarkable character and life within this group of incredible adults and they've changed my life with their courage and tenacity." – LaVonda, Volunteer

“There is just something about Coventry, from the minute I pull off the road and start down the driveway, I am instantly transformed into a relaxed and 'ready to help' attitude. It's the type of organization that constantly reaffirms that you are right where God intended.” – Brenda, Volunteer

“Coventry is a place where you go and they give so much love.” – Kay

Community

“ The work of Coventry is so close to my heart...and I know close to God’s heart. Singing & sharing there has been a blessed blast, and one of the biggest treats of my life. It’s like coming home, like I was made for such as these. And I know that’s how my good friends who work there feel – You see the joy in their faces, the twinkle in their eyes, as they talk of the work, and the hearts they serve – those Coventry Stars are amazing and a constant reminder of just how big and compassionate our Father really is.

I had the privilege of raising 5 awesome kids. My son, Aaron, who lived to be 18, had Downs and diabetes and was my best bud. His birth, life and death were God’s instruments to teach me about Himself, and myself & about what it means to have a childlike heart. I guess the joy being a dad is why I gravitated to kid’s ministry over the years. And that’s probably why I enjoy visiting Coventry – seeing the Father’s heart shining through their hearts. Shine on, children!“ – Dave Eden, JCUministries.com