

What if...

Earlier this week, I brought my 8-year-old granddaughter to work with me. When she saw our Collins Home kids on the playground, she asked if she could go play with them. With her being unusually shy, I walked her to the playground and asked the girls sitting Indian style on the trampoline if she could join them. As all the girls chimed, "Yes!" in unison, she was already unzipping her boots and climbing on. Without a backwards glance at me, she joined the girls and spent the next hour or so forming new friendships and having a blast. It was that easy.

In today's world (wow, when did I start sounding like my mom?), it is so easy to get caught up in political divides and social media drama and completely lose sight of treating each other with love and understanding. Wouldn't life be a lot simpler if we could see the world through the eyes of a child? A child sees the world with pure honesty, blamelessness and harmlessness with the totality of purity of thought. Even though some of our kids have reasons to distrust many of the people in their lives, it is such a blessing to watch our kids with their foster siblings and other kids. They set a perfect example for us through their sweet inclusion and love.

What if...rather than letting our differences divide us, we take a lesson from our kids and find joy in showing kindness to one another, despite our differences. I love the saying, "We can disagree, without being disagreeable."

What if...rather than standing our ground, we take a moment each day to say this prayer, "God, help me be the light in the darkness. Help me love with my words and actions. Amen."

Attention: Golfers and Event Sponsors.... Our 15th Annual Stancil Cooley Estep & Stamey Golf Tournament at Cross Creek Plantation has been scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2017. Mark your calendars for a fun day of golfing and a delicious dinner reception. Contact me at 864-882-0893 or apelfrey@collinschildrenshome.org for details if you would like to participate as a golfer and/or sponsor for this vital fundraiser. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.