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More Improvements Thanks to NAP!



Boys are learning to climb a rock wall installed in the gym at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch this fall. The rock climbing wall is one of several projects made possible by a state tax credit program used by the Ranch.

Driving north on Highway 13, you can't help but notice the improvements made to the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch over the years. A driving force behind these improvements is a state tax credit program that enables the Ranch to raise money.

The Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) is run through the Missouri Department of Economic Development and awards tax credits to non-profits which can be used to raise money for capital improvements or services.

The credits are given to businesses who donate money to the non-profit for the specific projects approved by the state.

A donor can receive a state tax credit equal to 70% of their donation. The credit can be used over a five year period to offset any tax liability the donor incurs. Only businesses are eligible for NAP tax credits.

Over the years, the Ranch has raised \$4.6 million in donations using NAP tax credits. These funds are responsible for all the improve-

ments you see at the Ranch—new school/administration building, dormitory, indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, riding arena and dining hall.

This year, the Ranch has been approved for several projects including a rock climbing wall, pavement of roads, improvements to the septic system, a calving barn and recreation center/laundry facility. All tax credits have been awarded to donors for these upcoming improvements!

Ranchlife is a publication of the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Please mail address changes, questions, or comments about Ranchlife to the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch Development Department P.O. Box 617, Brighton, Missouri 65617.

The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch has provided a home to abandoned, abused, and neglected children since 1959.

Giving a troubled child the opportunity for a better

Focusing on the Family

Therapy is one of the most important services provided to residents at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and is the catalyst which can turn a life around. Boys receive an average of 5-10 hours of therapy each week including individual, group and family therapy. One of the programs offered at the Ranch focuses on healing the entire family in hopes that a young man leaving the Ranch will have a stable and supportive family environment when they return home.

Family Focus is a family-centered approach to treatment the Ranch has been using for the past several years. The intent of family focus is to reduce the amount of time that the youth is placed in residential care and reunite him with his family as soon as possible.

Boys who have adoptive or biological parents can participate in the program. A key component of Family Focus is providing services for the entire family while their son is in their home.

The Ranch contracts with various providers in the area who can provide “wrap around” services to the family. They spend time in the home with the family teaching parenting skills and helping the family solve problems. They also link the family with community resources and other family supports.

While the family is receiving the “wrap around” services, Good Samaritan Boys Ranch keeps a spot available in case the youth needs to return for a short period for more intensive services.

Fifty percent of all families that have participated in Family Focus have completed the program with positive results.

Adopt-A-Kid for Christmas

The holidays are not far away and the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch is already preparing for Christmas. Many of the boys will spend the holidays at the Ranch and with the help of area businesses, they will enjoy a great Christmas.

Radio station 99 Hit FM, Gordman’s department store and the Bolivar Herald-Free Press will sponsor adopt-a-boy drives beginning in November. On-air personalities at 99 Hit FM will announce wish lists for boys during their broadcasts following Thanksgiving. Listeners can call in and adopt a boy. Gifts are then dropped off at Gordman’s in the South Oaks Center in

Springfield. Each boy will also receive a \$25 gift card from Gordman’s.

The Bolivar Herald-Free Press in Bolivar will also be encouraging their readers to purchase gifts and clothing for the residents at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Beginning in November, the paper will feature the first name of a boy and several items on their Christmas wish list. Readers can call the paper and adopt a boy, then drop gifts at the offices of the Bolivar Herald-Free Press.

All gifts should be unwrapped in both the holiday gift drives. For more information or to adopt a boy call 99 Hit FM at 831-0995 or the Bolivar Herald-Free Press at 417-326-7636.

Fall at the Ranch

The leaves are turning beautiful colors, the boys returned to school and we harness the horses to our wagon for hayrides. These are sure signs it is fall at the Ranch and the boys were busy helping at several local events.

Boys from the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch gave free wagon rides during the Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility Annual Fall Craft Festival in Bolivar. The event raised money for the residents at the facility.

A group of ten boys assisted with the annual Sunshine Run hosted by St. John's Health and benefiting several local charities. The guys helped with

set-up, finish line activities and even helped hand out trophies to the winners. Three boys from the Ranch also participated in the Sunshine Run.

Fall would not be complete without pumpkins!

Thanks to local Wal-Mart

stores, the boys each received a pumpkin to carve and decorate. The Ranch also hosted a tour and lunch attended by Wal-Mart District Manager John Waters and 14 area managers.



A Note from the Director

This column is usually an opportunity for me to update you on what is going on at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. I want to devote the space in this issue to introduce to a new feature we will include in future editions of Ranchlife. We plan to add a regular column on planned giving and how you can make a difference in the lives of boys for generations to come.

There are very simple ways to help us create a sound future for the abused and neglected boys who come to the Ranch to turn their lives around. Here are some ideas you can do today to leave a legacy.

1. Prepare a will. Only 40% of those who pass away have one. Without a will you may lose control over the assets you wish to pass along.

2. Include a charitable bequest in your will. Don't forget about charity when you make a will. Work with your lawyer to include a charitable bequest in your will. Your bequest can be an outright gift of money or property, a gift of a percentage of your estate, or a gift of the rest your estate after gifts to your family
3. Use your retirement plan. By filling out a simple change of beneficiary form, you can name the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch or other charities as beneficiary of your IRA or 401(K). A recent change in tax law allows taxpayers to make a direct charitable transfer from their IRA.

I hope you will help us protect the future for the boys who will need us!

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Thank You Friends of the Ranch!

Two local foundations have provided funding for renovations at the transitional living facility operated by the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. **Kraft Foods** made a grant to the makeover project at Footsteps. The money will be used to purchase new appliances and flooring in the kitchen of the home. The **Martin Family Fund** also awarded a grant to help complete the cost of renovating the kitchen at Footsteps. The facility is home to 10 young men who are making the transition to independent living.

The health program at the Ranch received a huge boost when **Missouri Foundation for Health** awarded the Ranch a two-year grant to fund the operational costs of providing health services to residents at the Ranch.

Thank you to the business sponsors for the Fall Harvest Tasting Party held on October 8 at **Clary's Restaurant**. Sponsors included **Banta Foods, Associated Wholesale Grocers, Major Brands** and **Ramey/Price Cutter**. A special thanks to **Manoli's Jewelers** for

donating a lovely piece of jewelry which was given away at the end of the evening. All proceeds from the event went to the Education Fund to help with the educational needs of the boys.

The **National Association of Breeders** hosted several horse shows this summer and all proceeds benefited the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch.

Radio station **99-Hit FM** and **Wal-Mart** collected school supplies for the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and also provided gifts cards so the boys could purchase new clothes for school.

