

RANCHlife

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Upcoming Events

Back-to-School Drive with 99 Hit-FM and Staples will be held through the month of August. Collection barrels will be located at Staples locations in Springfield to gather school supplies for the boys at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Items needed include notebook paper, pens, pencils, glue, markers, rulers, calculators.

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.

Volunteers Bring Hope to Boys

Three years ago, Jeffrey Ziegelmann attended a Christmas party at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch which was hosted by his church. Leaders at Fair Grove Baptist informed him and other church members that there was a need for volunteers to mentor and visit boys at the Ranch who don't have family members.

Jeffrey and his wife Amanda have not yet started a family of their own and wanted to share their spare time making a difference. They were initially matched with two boys from the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. He and his wife now volunteer with three residents. "Once you meet the boys it's infectious," says Jeffrey.

About a dozen of the residents staying at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch at any given time will not have family members who come to visit or call. This can have a negative impact on their recovery according to therapists, especially on "visiting Sunday" - a monthly visiting day when family can visit their child on Ranch or take them for outings. The title of "Visiting Re-

source" has been given to volunteers like Jeffrey and Amanda Ziegelmann who spend quality time with boys who have no family.

"They provide a really important opportunity for our boys to develop social skills and see a positive role model," says Geri Miller, Residential Therapist.

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Graduation from Parkview High was a special day for Adam Mace, a former resident at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and now living at Footsteps Transitional Living. He was joined that day by his Visiting Resources Jeffrey and Amanda Ziegelmann.

Giving a troubled child the opportunity for a better

Volunteers Cont.

Volunteers can visit the boys at the Ranch or take them on outings such as dinner, church or sporting events.

Jeffrey and Amanda have been a Visiting Resource for 18 year-old Adam Mace for the last three years. They have followed him as he progressed through treatment at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and then moved into the Footsteps Transitional Living Facility operated by the Ranch. Adam has no biological family to support him, so the Ziegelmann's try to fill that role.

"We play football, go to church, out to eat and other outings which will give him some real life experiences," says Jeffrey.

Volunteers must complete an application, background checks and provide personal

references. There is currently a waiting list for boys who need a Visiting Resource.

Spending time as a volunteer resource can be a very rewarding experience according to Jeffrey Ziegelmann, who recently accompanied Adam to his high school graduation. "It's very rewarding. When you see someone succeed and you know you have made an impact in their life, that makes it all worth it."

Be a resource for our boys!
If you want to make a difference in the life of a troubled teen and can commit to a minimum of six hours per month call the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch at 376-2238 for more information.

Golfing for a Good Cause

The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch was one of 43 charities participating in the recent Price Charity Championship presented by Dr. Pepper. This year, the Ranch hosted the Celebrity Skins Game for the fifth year and sponsored a new Pro Am for the tournament.

Local celebrities Ethan Forhetz (KY3), Rob Evans (FOX), Daniel Holdge (Springfield 33) and Eric Presley (Presley's Jubilee) joined four representatives from Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and four professional golfers for nine holes of golf. The event raised \$5,000 for the Ranch.



Pro golfer Estoban Toledo chats with Boys Ranch Director Kevin Killian and Raymond Tripp of Bolivar Insulation, before the start of the Celebrity Skins game

Silo Ridge was the site of the first Good Samaritan Boys Ranch Pro Am which drew 18 teams on Saturday, July 21.

Summer at the Ranch

Summer has been a busy time for staff and residents at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. It got off to a busy start in June with the hosting of a national sporting competition, the H'Olympics. Boys from the Ranch took home medals in swimming and track as well as the Mike Danjczek Sportsmanship Award for overall team attitude.

In July, the residents attended a fireworks display in the Fourth of July in Bolivar, played golf with a professional at the Price Cutter Charity Championship and attend the Ozark Empire Fair. All these outings provide a way for the staff to reward progress and good be-

havior from the boys.

Summer also brings a new crew of summer staff who work with the



kids during the day. Work crews stay busy with gardening, lawn care and working with the animals. For the third summer in a row, the Ranch has had the addition of a Foster Grandparent to provide a caring friend for the boys. Grandma Wilma Jackson (photo above) volunteers 24 hours each week. She says she is just like a grandma to the residents and hopes they feel she is someone they can count on. When summer is over, she will return to volunteering at Greenfield Head Start.

New Ways to Support the Ranch

The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch is partnering with OakStar Bank to provide a convenient way to make monthly or yearly donations to the Ranch. Donors can have funds automatically transferred from their checking account to an account at OakStar Bank. There is an authorization form available to download on the website at www.ranchlife.org.

A new IRA Charitable Rollover law creates a one-step option for donors to accomplish three goals at once. By transferring money from an IRA directly to a charity like the Boys Ranch, donors may (1) support the work of the Ranch; (2) help to meet their IRA minimum annual distribu-

tion requirement; (3) exclude the distribution from their taxable income.

Donors must be 70 1/2 or older on the date of the distribution, and the distribution may not exceed \$100,000. Gifts of this type cannot be made after December 31, 2007.

Employees of the State of Missouri can easily support the work of Good Samaritan Boys Ranch by contributing to the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign (MSECC). The Ranch has been approved as a charity for the 2007 - 2008 Campaign and state employees can designate payroll deduction donations to the agency. State employees have donated over \$2 million in the last two years to Missouri charities.

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Thank You Friends of the Ranch!

The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and Boys and Girls Town hosted a national event in Springfield during June. The H'Olympics brought in athletes from around the nation to compete. Thanks to the following donors who helped sponsor the event: **St. John's Regional Health Center, Associated Wholesale Grocer, Ozarks Coca-Cola, Hiland Dairy, Country Flame, Springfield Greene County Park Board, Winners of Wildlife and Alore.**



The equine program at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch received a grant through the **John and Barbara Brooks Fund** at the **Community Foundation of the Ozarks**. The grant will be used to purchase new tack for the riding program.

Thanks to the **Telephone Pioneers** for hosting a BBQ luncheon for the boys on June 26. The group makes an annual visit in the summer and provides lunch as well as bringing gifts for the kids. This year they provided gardening tools and gloves.

Many thanks to **Millwood Golf and Racquet Club** and **Reliable Superstore** for sponsoring the 10th annual Frank Conner Child's Play Children's Charity Classic auction and golf tournament. The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch is one of the beneficiaries of this two day event held on June 10 & 11.

Ozarks Health Advocacy Foundation presented a grant to the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch for \$5,000 which will be used to provide crowns for boys in need of dental services.

Ozarks Council of Campfire Boys and Girls and the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch sponsored the 5th Annual Adventure Race at Graydon Springs. A big thank you to **Ridge Runner Sports** and Campfire volunteers for helping!