

Upcoming Events

OakStar Bank Benefit Dinner, Monday, November 17 @ Tong's Thai Cuisine, 3454 South Campbell. Call OakStar Bank at 447-7923 for tickets.

Christmas Dinner, Tuesday, December 16 6:00 p.m. Boys Ranch Gymnasium, RSVP @ 376-2238

Run for the Ranch, Sunday, December 28 sponsored by Ozark Mountain Ridge Runners, register at www.omrr.org

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.

Learning at the Ranch School

Many people who drive by the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch wonder why they don't see our residents outside more during the day. The answer is that like most other youth in the area, they are attending school on-site at the Ranch School.

The Pleasant Hope R-VI Ranch School is an on-grounds school which serves seventy-six students in residential care at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. The Pleasant Hope R-VI School District provides the school administration, faculty and staff for the students at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch.

The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch provides the buildings, classrooms, a gymnasium and other educational and recreational facilities for the faculty and staff.

Out of the 76 boys at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, each year some students are mainstreamed to Pleasant Hope High School or Middle School. The mainstreamed Ranch students are allowed to ride the school bus daily to Pleasant Hope.

The students range in age from 12 . 18 and are in grade levels from 5 . 12. The students



The staff of Pleasant Hope R-VI Ranch School who provide an education to the 76 boys.

achieve at various levels. Their educational needs are addressed by our team of educators through multi-sensory learning techniques.

They are able to receive an education in a small group setting and a highly structured environment through the concentrated team effort between the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch residential treatment staff and administrators and our educational staff. By working together we are able to help our students achieve academic success.

Our school has a total of ten classrooms, a small library / media center and a computer lab.

Classes are offered to high school students that will enable them to earn credits toward graduation. All of the

faculty have Missouri certification. Many of the teachers hold certification in two or more areas. We provide remediation in Reading and Math during the school day and through an after school tutoring program.

Some of the students that are placed at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch have not been as successful in school as they could have or should have due to varying circumstances in their lives.

In connection with the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, the Pleasant Hope R-VI Ranch educators are able to assist the students in achieving success in education.

Principal Gloria Bailey contributed this article

Giving a troubled child the opportunity for a better life!

Local Support for Boys Outdoor Learning and Activities

Thanks to the generous support from our community, the residents at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch are given many opportunities to learn about our environment and enjoy the outdoors.

An outdoor classroom will soon be part of the campus at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch thanks to the support of the Darr Family Foundation and O'Reilly Auto Parts. Both groups made grants this summer to make the classroom project a reality.

The goal of the outdoor classroom is to provide an outdoor learning environment where teachers and staff can hold classes about conservation, the environment, ecology and other topics. The classroom

will be adjacent to a small lake located on the 180 acre Good Samaritan Boys Ranch campus. It will feature an outdoor pavilion with seating for classes, a trail following the perimeter of the lake, gardens with native plants, birdhouses, squirrel houses and other features which will provide a unique learning experience for our kids.

Volunteers from Chase Card Services have also contributed to the project by spending volunteer time in constructing the pavilion and building trails. The classroom is expected to be completed later this fall.

Ozark Mountain Paddlers member Darrell Jones sponsored a group of seven boys and a staff person to attend a canoe workshop on the James River. The workshop was an introduction to skills and safety in floating. Local outfitters Dynamic Earth and Ozark Adventures have both supported our outdoor recreation program with donations.

Dine and Support the Ranch

OakStar Bank
Presents
Dinner at Tong's
Thai Cuisine
Monday
November 17
Seatings at 5:30
or 8:00 p.m.



\$25 per person

Includes dinner, dessert and a silent auction with all proceeds bringing a joyful Christmas to boys at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Call OakStar Bank at 447-7923 for ticket information.

Skybox Grille

**Monday Night Football Raffle
Donate to the Ranch and Win 2 Tickets
to a Kansas City Chiefs Home Game!**

Watch the game on the big screen at Skybox Grille, enjoy some great game



food and make a donation to the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. That puts you in the running to win 2 tickets to the next Kansas City Chiefs home game. Drawings are each Monday night preceding a home game, but you can make a donation anytime you are in Skybox. Thanks to Matt Blinn and staff for this promotion!

Chase Card Volunteers

The rain didn't stop a group of 45 employees of the local office of Chase Card Services from sharing their time off on a Saturday to help with several projects at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Employees from Chase worked along side staff and residents on a number of projects including building trails, repairing fences, planting flowers and pulling weeds.

The group worked four hours and then enjoyed a BBQ lunch together. The volunteers are a great example to the boys at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch who learned the value of giving back to the community. If your business, church



A employee with Chase Card Services and a resident of the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch work on an outdoor classroom as part of a volunteer day held at the Ranch in September.

or civic organization would like to volunteer at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, call 376-2238 to schedule a project.

Boys Ranch Remembers Long Time Supporter Loren Casey



The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch lost one of its biggest supporters this summer with the passing of

Loren Casey. Loren had an ongoing desire to make the Ranch a place where boys felt safe and cared for. He was always stopping by to visit with the staff but never failed to ask a passing boy how things were going and if there was anything he could do to help.

Loren and his wife Madge were married for almost 71 years and never had any

children of their own. They felt that God gave them 76 boys at a time to treat as their own. They would come early to the annual Christmas dinner and meet with each boy and give them a little something for Christmas, sometimes as much as \$25.00 each.

Loren was the Chairman of the Board of Directors for over 8 years when the Ranch experienced most of its recent growth, and always believed that as long as we were building buildings and remodeling to make the lives of the boys better, we could make it happen somehow. He was always right, we managed to do all those things through the generosity of our supporters. Loren will be missed by everyone whose life he touched and by many who never met him, but will benefit from the generosity he and Madge showed to all they had contact with.

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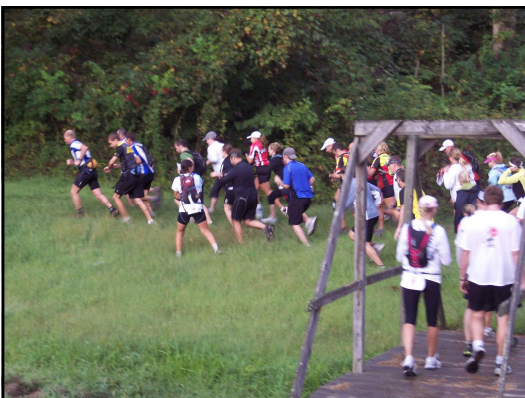
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Thank You Friends of the Ranch!

Rock n' Ribs 2008 enjoyed a record turn-out and once again raised money for area charities including the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. **Springfield Rotary Clubs** presented the Ranch with a check for \$22,000 which will assist in providing treatment for abused and neglected boys.

Runners begin their day (photo below) at the **Good Samaritan Boys Ranch Adventure Race** held at Graydon Springs Camp on September 6. Teams competed for prizes and



raised money for the Ranch.

Thank you to these sponsors for their

support: **Ridge Runner Sports, US Foods, Ozarks-Coca Cola Bottling Company and Hootentown Canoe Rental.**

Thanks to **Springfield Brake Company** for sponsoring the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch in a wagon train which traveled from St. James to Springfield. The train was part of Ozark Mountain Mule and Donkey Days at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds.

A **Back-To-School Supply Drive** was sponsored by **99 Hit FM** and **Mardel Christian and Educational Supply Store**. Listeners of the radio station and shoppers at the store placed school supplies in barrels located in the store. Thanks to all who donated! Many **supporters of the Boys Ranch** also adopted a boy to provide school supplies for the year. Thank you for your generosity!

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A letter from Samuel L., a resident at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch

“Since I came to the Ranch it has helped me to come out of my comfort zone. One way is working with horses, that was a new experiment for me. Another is going canoeing and kayaking. All of these things helped me become a great leader in life. The Ranch taught me there are many other things I could have done without getting in trouble. It even made me a healthier young man. It helped me understand I have a purpose in life.”

Your tax deductible donations will help boys like Samuel who had unfortunate circumstances in life and are looking for a fresh start at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Thank you for your support!

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