

RANCHlife

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Upcoming Events

Rotary Rock n Ribs BBQ Festival, Friday & Saturday, April 18 & 19 . Over 50 teams compete for the best grilling trophies. The benefit is held in Bass Pro parking lot and benefits children's charities including the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. Live entertainment and BBQ samples.

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.

Seeing Boys Succeed

Josh Snyder has had to learn lessons the hard way in his short life of seventeen years. Charged with a crime just before he turned sixteen, he was placed in a community learning center by the Division of Youth Services.

While there, he earned his GED, overcame a substance abuse problem and learned coping skills. When he was ready to move on, there were few options for him to start his life over. That's when he was referred to Footsteps Transitional Living Program - a project of the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch.

Josh spent the next four months in a Footsteps group home located in Springfield, then was transferred to apartments where he began to learn



Footsteps graduate Josh Snyder runs a diagnostic test on a vehicle at Rick's Automotive where he is employed as a technician. Josh landed the job with help from Footsteps staff and plans to one day open his own auto repair business.

how to live independently.

Footsteps taught me how to budget my money, manage a bank account and actually save money, says Josh. He also learned the value of setting short and long term goals which he plans to put into practice as he pursues opening his own business.

He now shares an apartment with a fellow Footsteps

graduate and has been employed as a service technician at Rick's Automotive for the past year.

Josh continues to learn and is enrolled at OTC studying auto technology. I still get advice from the staff at Footsteps. They help me overcome roadblocks along the way. I have learned that if you are true to yourself and the program, you can make it.

Giving a troubled child the opportunity for a better life!

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A CASUAL BUT ELEGANT AFFAIR
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GOOD SAMARITAN BOYS RANCH



THURSDAY, MARCH 27
6:00 P.M.
THE TOWER CLUB

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Making a Difference in 2008

There are many opportunities to help the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch this year. Whether you designating your charitable contributions for the year or simply want to volunteer your time, the young men at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch need support from our community in order to succeed.

Mentors Needed

Do you have a few hours each month to spend mentoring a young man? Some of the residents do not have family who can visit and provide support to them during

their treatment process. Visiting Resource volunteers provide a positive influence in the lives of the residents who call the Ranch home. Just a few hours each month can provide a valuable resource and make a huge difference in a young life.

Join the Legacy Club

You can support the work of the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch by joining the Legacy Club. The club is designed to recognize donors who include the agency in their estate plans or wills. There are a variety of ways to support the Ranch and reap tax benefits as well. Call 376-2238 for more information on volunteering or the Legacy Club.

A Working Ranch

The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch continues to improve the campus located on Highway 13. A new calving barn was built late last year and a new septic system is slated for this spring. Both are projects made possible by donations through the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP).

The new calving barn is a welcome addition to the growing cattle operation at the Ranch. The barn allows residents to care and feed calves until they are ready for pasture. Taking on that responsibility is great learning tool for the residents. Boys assist in the care and feeding of all livestock at the Ranch.



A resident at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch bottle feeds a calf in the new calving barn.

Our Board of Directors and staff continue to look for ways in which we can provide the best quality of care for our residents, says Executive Director Kevin Killian.

Come be a part of the



Charitable Golf Tournament

*Benefitting the
Good Samaritan Boys Ranch*

Monday, March 31, 2008
Millwood Golf & Racquet Club

Lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Tee off at 12:30 p.m.

Entry Fees

\$150 per player
\$600 per team
4 person scramble

Your Entry fee includes:

**B-B-Q Cookout Lunch
Cart & Green Fees
One Super Raffle Ticket
Outstanding Prizes in four flights
Course Refreshments
Light Dinner &
Goody Bag**

*A chance to win two round-trip tickets to
Las Vegas courtesy of Allegiant Air!*

**Call the Boys Ranch at 376-2238
to reserve your team or ask about
other sponsorships.**

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Thank You Friends of the Ranch!

The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch was one of the top ten charities to receive money in the 2007 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr. Pepper. The Ranch joined 41 other charities at the annual Celebration of Sharing Luncheon in November. Many thanks to all volunteers and sponsors who made this event a success especially the staff of the **Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and the John Q. Hammons Foundation.**

Christmas was a special time for the residents at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch thanks to the generous support of businesses and individuals who provided gifts and donations for the holidays. Special thanks to **Bolivar Herald Free Press, 99 Hit FM, Gordmans, Fair Grove Baptist Temple and Archie's Lounge** for sponsoring holiday gift drives for the residents.

The annual Run for the Ranch sponsored by the **Ozark Mountain Ridge Runners** was

held on December 30 and welcomed a record number of runners this year. Over 400 people participated in the event which is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. Proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch along with several other charities.

OakStar Bank staff provided a special treat for the residents at the Ranch by providing a trip to the Dixie Stampede Dinner and Show in Branson. The trip was made possible through an event held at **Tong's Thai Cuisine.**

School supplies for the year have been made possible through the generosity of **Staples** who provided gift cards and supplies as well serving as the drop-off point for a school supply drive.

Keep informed about what is happening at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch via e-mail. Receive our new E-Newsletter by submitting an e-mail address to jconway@ranchlife.org.