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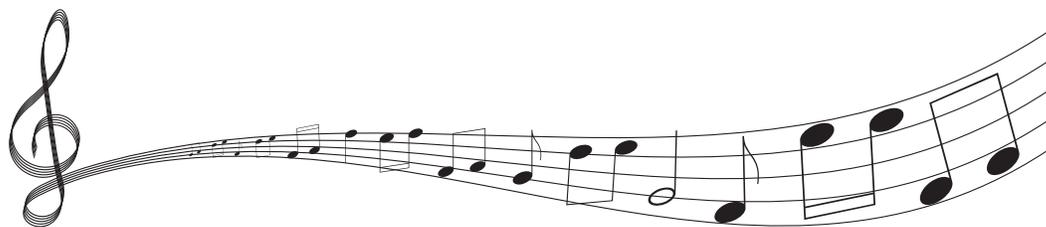
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Je-sus loves me! this I know, For the Bi-ble tells me so;

I don't know for sure, but I strongly suspect that this was the very first church song I learned as a small child. My mother or one of my sisters probably taught it to me. What I do know is that my earliest childhood memories include this song. What a legacy to leave a child...the knowledge and certainty that Jesus loves me! HE LOVES ME!!! When I am faithful. When I am wandering in the desert. When I am questioning. When I fail. Jesus' unconditional love is always with me.

Our mission at Texas Boys Ranch is "SHARING JESUS, HEALING HEARTS, TRANSFORMING LIVES," and my staff and I are serious about the ministry that is supported by these six words. We serve children who frequently had never heard this song until they came to Texas Boys Ranch. We care for children who only heard the name "GOD" as the first part of a curse word. Most come to TBR without the heartfelt understanding that the creator of the universe loves them without limits. So, sharing Jesus is

Please help our children learn the undeniable truth that Jesus Loves Them!

what we do. How do we do this?

- We strive to model Christ in everything we do: comfort, devotionals, discipline, love, cooking, cleaning, playing...
- We take our children to Sunday School and to worship, and tell them Bible stories at home.
- We sing and listen to songs of praise and worship at home, in our cottages, and while traveling.
- We seek forgiveness when we wrong someone and forgive when we are wronged.
- We seek and show grace and mercy. We love second chances and "do-overs."
- We expose our children to wholesome activities such as youth retreats, Christian concerts, and church camp.

Wholesome activities, such as church camp, provide an essential opportunity to enable our children and youth to experience Jesus, as well as develop lasting relationships. Every year we send our children to camp and every year we seek your help to send them. We are serving more children than ever before,

and we want every child to have that church camp experience that can change their lives.

Will you help?

John Sigle
President

FOSTER FOCUS



ANGELA SKORICK

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I recently saw this statement on a foster care blog: “You simply cannot bring brokenness into your home and not be broken by it. It changes you – for the better.”

HOW TRUE THIS IS! So many people believe they could never foster a child because, in their opinion, it would hurt too much to share their home, their time, and their lives with a child, only to have that child eventually leave.

Families who foster share a different perspective. They understand that fostering is not about them, but about the child. The child needs compassionate adults to care for them, keep them safe, and show them love. Do foster parents feel broken when a child leaves? Certainly! Nevertheless, they realize their heartache was worth it for that young child – even if it was for only a brief moment in the child’s life.

Do not let your own fear of getting attached to a child in need prevent you from meeting that need. Picture a child going through life, especially the formative years, without a loving home environment. Allow that image to motivate you to make a difference and consider the possibility of fostering a child. It is not as difficult to qualify as you might think. And the rewards are indescribable!



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Think about it. Talk about it. Pray about it. Then contact Karleigh Porterfield at 806-747-3187 or kporterfield@texasboysranch.org for more information.

Campus Corner



ROGER MAHAN, CAMPUS
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Summer is just around the corner and our house parents and staff are already making BIG plans for a summer to remember! A Texas Boys Ranch summer requires a great team exerting tremendous effort while being mindful of the limited resources at hand. We do our absolute best to keep the kids busy as possible. It can be exhausting! We do not use busy-ness for the sake of busy-ness. There is a method to the madness. The busy-ness helps keep these kiddos from dwelling on the situation in which they find themselves. Another part of busy-ness comes from a saying that is frequently heard on our campus: “Help the kids to be kids!” Too many of them have come from circumstances that required them to act much older than their age, so we design our summers at the Ranch to be full of “kid time.”

Summer activities on campus range from water balloon fights to academic activities designed to help our students retain what they have learned in the last school year. We involve the kids in outdoor activities like visiting local parks, amusement parks, museums, and the library. Older kids have the opportunity to earn some spending money by working for our ranch foreman with the horses, on the campus, in the Art and Jody Cook Recreation Center, or in our commissary. An assortment of other activities and opportunities fill the time when the kids are on the campus as well.

In past years, we have been blessed with the ability to send every child to summer camp. Most kids eagerly look forward to it, but the teens

frequently say they would rather stay in their comfort zone (in bed or on the couch). With a little prompting we manage to convince them to go. Even if they did not initially want to attend, when they return, they are full of exciting stories of new friends, experiences shared, and lessons learned.

Summer is also about cottage vacations. Most of us have memories, fond or otherwise, of family vacations. Some of them may have been “staycations,” but they are memories we look back on and know that those experiences with family helped shape who we are. In that spirit, our staff frequently go the extra mile and plan week-long vacations to places like SeaWorld, Six Flags, Schlitterbahn, the Grand Canyon, the Alamo, the State Capital, and other fun and informative destinations. Part of their planning includes raising the funds for those trips.

When the summer is over, our house parents may cry from exhaustion or cheer as the school bus drives the kids to school for the first day. However, deep down they will all admit the effort of summer is worth the positive memories that have been etched in a child’s heart as they were able to enjoy a summer just being a kid.



Shelter Spotlight



KAYLEE HENDRIEX

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The holiday season is supposed to be a fun time of year for children. What if you never had a Christmas? What if Santa never came to your house on Christmas Eve? Unfortunately, this is a sad reality for a number of kids at our shelter. We get girls and boys around this time every year who do not understand our excitement about Christmas. We work diligently to provide them a place where they feel safe and can begin healing. We also hope their caregivers do what they need to do in order for them to be reunited with their children and become a family again. I pray that we are able to shine some light into the lives of these kiddos while they are with us. I also hope we are able to show them who Jesus is and why He is the reason for the season.

This year at the shelter we have assisted almost 100 youngsters. We have served both boys and girls of all ages. We need your help this year to replace all of the bedding and towels at the shelter. It would be amazing to start off the New Year with new stuff for our kids! We also need things for our shelter dog, Bella. She eats Beneful food and loves toys. She is a key part of our team and makes this house feel like a home.

May this year be one of peace, joy, and blessing for you and for the girls and boys in our care at Texas Boys Ranch.

We could not serve these children without you!



Shelter Dog, Bella

Some ongoing needs we have are:

- Boys and Girls Twin Size Bedding
- Towels
- Hygiene products
- Birthday gift cards
- Dinner gift cards

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Business Expo



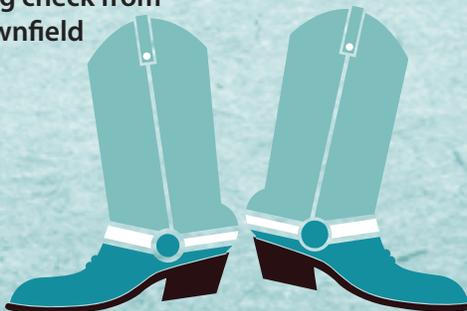
TBR Herd



Traci and Michael receiving check from
Calvary Baptist Brownfield



Kids at Harlem Globetrotters





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YWCA Leadership Camp



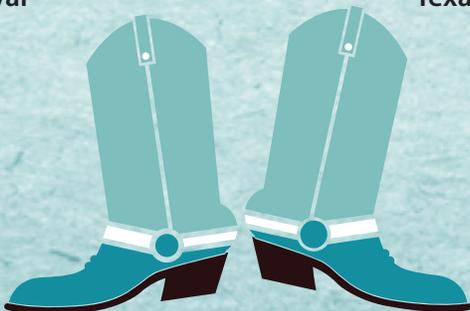
Kapp Alpha T-Shirt Donation



Lubbock Lions Pancake Festival



Texas Tech Activity Fair



TOP BUNK RECOLLECTIONS



Hours after the flagpole devotional had ended and campers had finished their showers and gone to bed, Jonathan lay wide awake on his top bunk in Cabin #3. A strange whistling sound came from the bunk below, where his new friend, Tommy, slept. Mr. Clarence, his counselor, snored loudly near the cabin door. This had been one of the best weeks of his life. He wished camp could last forever. His mind replayed the highlights of the entire week of camp – his first such experience.

The drive from Texas Boys Ranch to camp seemed so long ago. Those who had attended camp before shared stories of the fun they had, the things they learned, and the activities they enjoyed. He remembered feeling a bit anxious about spending a week in a strange place with a bunch of people he didn't know. And what is this rule about no video games or other electronics???



He met a lot of nice people when they arrived. Mr. Clarence talked the entire time while walking him to his cabin. “Are you ready to have the time of your life?” He hardly gave Jonathan time to answer before he started jabbering again. “If you need anything, or have any questions, just let ol’ Clarence know and I’ll do what I can to help you out.” Jonathan truly believed him, too.

Each day followed a busy routine that seemed to pass by quickly. An early breakfast was followed by cabin and campground cleanup. Several Bible classes and a group activity took place before lunch. The schedule called for a brief rest time before afternoon swimming, sports, and crafts. Campers then ate supper followed by an evening filled with worship time and a special social activity. The night concluded with a devotional and prayer time around the flagpole, and ended with bedtime.

Jonathan had learned so much this week – about people, about God, and about himself. When it came to people, he grew in his ability to trust and forgive. With regard to God, he came to accept His unconditional love and committed to follow Him. Most of all, Jonathan learned that the only thing he can really control is himself – his attitude,

his behavior, and his reactions. He came to realize that God is in control, that He allows individuals to make choices, and that every choice has consequences. Of course Jonathan already knew some of this, but camp reinforced what he had been learning the past few months at Texas Boys Ranch.

As Jonathan’s eyes grew heavy, he thanked the Lord for allowing him to experience this week of camp. He expressed appreciation for his newfound knowledge, his new friends, and his new outlook on life. \$180 will enable a child from Texas Boys Ranch to enjoy this same type of life-changing camp experience. Just mail your donation in the enclosed envelope or give online at www.texasboysranch.org. Thank you for making a week at camp possible for our children!



CARVE YOUR NAME IN GRANITE

Leaving a legacy



BY ERIC CREEL

Have you ever seen a name or initials carved into an aspen tree? Perhaps you've even done that yourself! As a child, I enjoyed seeing those carvings as I hiked along the mountain trails. I would imagine "A.T." with his Old Timer blade professing his love in '69 and wonder if he and "R.L." ever got married.

One summer, as we made our way to Yellowstone, we stopped at Red Rock in central Wyoming. In that ancient, red-granite monolith, rising 12 stories above the wind-swept sea of grass, I read the names and dates of other travelers, like Jean-Pierre de Smet, chiseled many years earlier. In the following three decades after de Smet, nearly half a million pioneers passed by that key landmark on the Oregon Trail as they made their way to their new frontier homes, many adding their own indelible mark.

Endowment funds are like that mass of granite. They last. One way you can extend your influence into the future is by carving your name in a Texas Boys Ranch Foundation endowment fund. Generations from now, the leadership and staff at Texas Boys Ranch, as well as the children they serve, will benefit from your foresight and generosity.

They will see your name on your endowment and know that you once walked this earth and that you cared enough to support the ongoing mission of the Ranch.

Now, you can create an endowment in your own name, or you can memorialize a loved one or someone else who made a strong impact on your life. By establishing an endowment now at the TBR Foundation, you will have the satisfaction of watching it grow over time, as well as seeing the fund benefit children who desperately need healing now.

Your endowment can be funded with almost anything of value, not just cash. In fact, in many cases you can create a bigger impact, as well as receive certain tax benefits, by using stocks, real estate, or other assets. Many of our friends encourage their family members and friends to get involved, too, which amplifies the effect for the boys and girls we serve!

We would love to visit with you about your legacy, and how you can make an indelible mark in the lives of boys and girls that will last for generations to come. Please feel free to call, email, or even stop by the Foundation office to get more information and to explore ideas.

Though Jean-Pierre de Smet no longer walks this earth, his name remains for others to see that he was here, that he made a difference in that frontier land, and that his work is celebrated even today.

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Stepping UP



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Part of our mission here at Texas Boys Ranch is to share Jesus with each child that comes into our care. We design our programs to create opportunities for our staff to embody Christ at every possible point by illustrating the redemption that we have as a result of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. In addition to the ministries we provide each and every day, we recognize the value of other ministry organizations that can speak to our kids in a unique way which might allow them to open their hearts to receive salvation through Jesus Christ.

Pastors, Sunday school teachers, Bible study leaders, and prayer warriors all play a significant role in helping us share Jesus with our kids. Along

with these regular influences, students are able to attend youth camp each year. Youth camp isn't just a week-long getaway, it is a time when our kids can retreat from the demands and distractions of this world and focus on what matters most.

As a minister to students for over 15 years, I have taken countless kids on a variety of trips, retreats, and to camp. It is impossible for me to fully express the value of a spiritual retreat. I can't tell you the secret formula for the influence that retreats have on the spiritual decisions that young people make. I can say that the majority of decisions my students made for Christ and for His service have happened at a camp. Like a seed lying dormant for years, when conditions become ideal, life emerge.

Our hope is that our kids receive cultivation and nurturing every day here at the Ranch. We gather with our local churches several times each week. We take our students to camp each year. And we wait expectantly for the harvest that only the Lord can provide.

Please pray with us for an abundant harvest!



BOARD BITS



FEATURING DR. NATHANIEL S. WRIGHT

Dr. Nathaniel S. Wright (better known in TBR circles as Nate) has served on the Board of Directors at Texas Boys Ranch for two years. Although he has only lived in Lubbock since 2015, Dr. Wright has become well known in the community, especially among non-profit organizations. He serves as a board member for several Lubbock non-profits.

Nate is passionate about the Texas Boys Ranch ministry. When asked why, this is what he said, “Simply, the mission. Out of all the organizations that I have helped through class projects or board service, TBR is the only organization that hits home. At the age of 3 days old, I was placed into foster care and later adopted by an amazing woman who did her best to provide me with a secure home and loving environment. While I was blessed not to be tossed from home to home, I know what it feels like not to be wanted and not to fully understand why my parents had to give me up for adoption. Serving on the board of TBR gives me a chance to give back and help children who have my story.”

Initially, Dr. Wright met John Sigle and Jay Hanley in 2016 to discuss helping TBR pursue a grant and put together a fund development plan. “Upon meeting John and Jay, I was impressed by their passion for TBR, but more importantly their passion for ministry and wanting to bring Christ to the children living at the Ranch and Shelter. As a result, my students and I embarked on an amazing journey working with TBR to pursue a grant on their behalf and put together a fund development plan that could be used by the organization over the next few years.”

Dr. Wright observes a number of strengths in Texas Boys Ranch which he considers important. “The commitment of the staff. The mission. The fact that the organization does not compromise their Christian principles. John Sigle. The children who have come through the doors and are doing amazing things in and outside our community.”

When discussing the future of Texas Boys Ranch, Jeremiah 29:11 came to his mind. “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” He stated, “I believe that God has a lot in store for TBR in terms of growth and expansion. I believe that God is a provider and will meet all the needs of the organization. And like the prophet Jeremiah said, I believe that in the midst of the struggle that we will THRIVE because God does indeed have a good plan for TBR, and it is a plan of hope and of a prospering future.”

Nate believes, “The best strategy we can use to connect people with TBR is to show them what we are doing at the Ranch and the Shelter. So, when I tell people about TBR, I encourage them to go see the work and what the Lord is doing to change the lives of children and the Ranch and the Shelter. Sometimes you have to see things for yourself to fully grasp the impact.”

Nate grew up in Queens, New York. He met his wife, Paris (a California girl) at the University of Kansas. They married in April 2011. “We love to travel and give back to our local community. We also have a deep passion for sharing Christ and working in our local church.”

POSSE PROFILE



TRACI CHEEK

Traci Cheek loves a challenge and is not one to back down when facing one, no matter how daunting it might seem. Since joining the Texas Boys Ranch staff more than four years ago, her role has taken some unexpected twists and turns, which could certainly be defined as

challenging. However, she has risen up to face each and every one head-on! After all, this is one reason Traci came to work for Texas Boys Ranch in the first place, along with the idea of making a difference in the lives of the children served by this organization.

As Director of Advancement, Traci oversees the fundraising and marketing for Texas Boys Ranch. She stated, "Since I am relatively new to this position, I am looking to meet and get to know as many of our current donors as possible, and I always seek to find new people to help support the work we are doing."

Traci mentioned the challenges of her position. "Raising money is never an easy thing. Sometimes the donations come in regularly, other times it's very slow. Regardless, we still have to take care of our children. God always makes sure we have what we need, and has blessed our work through loving, caring donors! We have several individuals, churches, foundations and businesses who give to us regularly and we are

beyond thankful!" Although her faith is strong, she continues to be amazed at the people and processes the Father uses to bless Texas Boys Ranch. Even more exciting to witness is His timing through it all. Those unexpected, "out-of-the-blue" gifts make her almost giddy with gratitude when they arrive.

Speaking of faith, Traci shared, "I love that we are a faith based organization and can share the love of God with these hurting children and with our community! I feel that God has called us to help these kids and I can bring together volunteers and donors and help them do the same!" Like most of the Texas Boys Ranch staff, Traci considers her work as more of a mission than a job.

Family support is important to Traci, and she definitely has that. She and Billy, her high school sweetheart, have been married for thirty-three years. He often accompanies her to after-hours events, dinners, or fund-raising activities. They have been blessed with two children, their spouses, and five grandchildren.

"To someone who expressed interest in supporting the Texas Boys Ranch ministry, I would say, 'Give me a call and let me give you a tour!' I love to show people around our campus and the emergency shelter so they can see for themselves the wonderful work we are doing. Then I tell them to go home and pray about their involvement and let me know how I can help them fulfill God's call for them at TBR. I have been known to say 'Great! How much would you like to give today?' I mean, it is still my job to raise money for TBR!"

7:00pm SATURDAY JUNE 22nd 2019

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Platinum Recording Artist
& Speaker

"I Love You This Much"
"Stay Gone" "Sara Smiles"
"Do You Believe Me Now"

JIMMY WAYNE

will share his inspirational story of being abandoned and brought up in the foster care system. Jimmy became an award winning country music artist and is the three-time New York Best Selling author of "Walk to Beautiful", "Ruby The Foster Dog" and "Paper Angles". In 2016 he received the prestigious Presidential Gold Medal "Points Of Light" Award.

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MEMORIAL AND LIVING HONOR GIFTS

October 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Memorial and Living Honor gifts are made to honor the memories of loved ones and friends. At the same time, they provide care for children who desperately need help. We are deeply grateful to the many people who show their affection and respect for the memories of loved ones in this very special way.

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SPASC Singles Club

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Ed and Betty Mosley

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Teeter

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