

TEXAS BOYS RANCH

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SHARING JESUS, HEALING HEARTS, TRANSFORMING LIVES

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I Saw God Today

*I've been to church, I've read the Book
I know He's there, But I don't look near as often as I should,
His fingerprints are everywhere I just slowed down to stop and stare,
Opened my eyes and man I swear I saw God today!*



Nine years ago I referenced this song by George Strait in an article as I described the many ways we see God in our work at Texas Boys Ranch. Though we are confronted with daily evidence of God's blessings on our ministry, in a single day I saw God through the eyes of 8 children (two sibling groups) who were adopted because of the commitment of two amazing families and the stellar team of professionals who work in our foster and adoption program at TBR. In fact, many employees of Texas Boys Ranch were involved in the lives of these children, including our Children's Shelter, Campus Residential Program, and Licensed Professional Counselors.

The Murphy family and Burch family officially added four children each to their respective families on June 9th. We were privileged to

license these families with our agency and to work with them to ensure a successful blending of so many children into their homes. Judge Hart indicated how rare it is for adoptive families to agree to adopt so many children even to keep siblings together and went on to offer his appreciation that these two couples were willing to do so.

Our prayers are with these amazing families. We pray for God's blessing on each child and offer our thanks that these couples were willing to open their homes and their hearts to answer the need for foster and adoptive families. Yes, God is evident in the ministry at Texas Boys Ranch.

Have you seen God today? If not, come visit us and we will show Him to you!

John Sigle
President

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Foster Focus

Exciting things have recently taken place in the Foster Care & Adoption arena. Nine children have been adopted into their “forever families”!

In May, a wonderful Christian couple adopted one of our sweet teenage girls. Because this teen had experienced some major trauma before coming to us, she had not been involved in many “normal” teenage activities. That all changed when she moved into her new home. She bonded quickly with her foster parents and began to trust them. They showed her what a real family looks like. This teen’s smile on adoption day manifested her joyful pride in becoming a member of this family.

In June, we had eight adoptions. Two special couples adopted four children each. This is rare, because not many families have the room or the desire to take on so many youngsters at once. We are thrilled when siblings can remain together. One group of children told their parents “We are happy you chose us.” The other siblings were almost giddy because they were able to change their last name to match that of their parents. Adoption day for both families was filled with excitement and tears of joy. What a blessing it is to participate in finding wonderful parents for our girls and boys!

Campus Corner

We want to help our kids just be kids. So many of our kiddos come from situations where they had to fend for themselves. They have had to act older than they are. They have had to be responsible for younger siblings. They have wondered where (or if) they would get their next meal. They have had little opportunity to just be kids.

When I think of my childhood, I remember summer as a time to just be a kid. I remember playing for hours on end. I remember doing a few workbooks, because my parents wanted me to do well in school. I remember, as I got older, working to earn spending money. Even while I was learning about responsibility, I was still able to just be a kid.

We strive to give our kids a summer to remember. Our summer program this year includes a camping trip to Colorado, cottage vacations and summer camps. All these allow our children to relax and just be kids. Vacation Bible Schools, swimming pools and a variety of other activities provide a no worries environment for our girls and boys to just be kids.

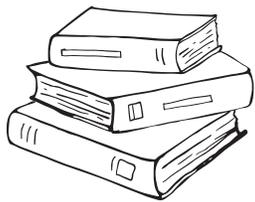
We are truly thankful to you who have given generously to make these summer activities possible. Thank you for helping our kids just be kids.

Shelter Spotlight

The current number of children at the shelter is fourteen. Most of these youngsters will be here through the entire summer. Our shelter population includes eight girls and seven boys. There is a large age gap between our youngest and oldest. Our youngest child is 22 months old. The oldest will turn 15 soon.

The key to a successful summer at the shelter is to keep the kids busy, busy, busy! So far this summer our caregivers have done a great job of this. Nine children attended camp the first part of June and another group will make their way to camp soon. During the afternoons our children spend a lot of time swimming at a local pool and playing in the water and sand at an area lake.

Summers can be difficult for our kids, since they are away from their parents. Please keep our children, their families and our staff in your prayers.



HOW DO I STUDY FOR THIS

TEST?

Her soft brown eyes sparkled as she stepped off the yellow school bus on the first day of a brand new school year. She looked beautiful in her white dress sprinkled with splashes of aqua polka dots. Her sweet smile covered her inner anxiety.

Typically, Veronica loved school, but this year was totally different than previous years. She was now in middle school. Her family situation had changed dramatically. What would her classmates think when they discovered she lived in a cottage at Texas Boys Ranch? Would she be labeled as one of “those” kids? How would she feel if she could not make any friends at this new school?

Her apprehension began to disappear when she heard a friendly voice call her name.

“Veronica! We have three classes together!” exclaimed Tanya, a girl who lived in a different cottage at Texas Boys Ranch. They had met briefly one time earlier in the summer, but they had been so busy with cottage activities that they had not seen each other again until now. “I am so glad. You’re the only person I know at this school,” Veronica said with a sigh of relief. “We can change that right now,” replied Tanya as she led Veronica to a group of girls standing nearby. “Girls, meet my new friend, Veronica. She and I are neighbors. This is her first day at our school.” The girls giggled as they introduced themselves, barely hearing the loud bell that signaled the start of the day’s first class.

You see, Veronica had been thrown into a whole new world because of choices others made.

This was quite a test for a twelve-year-old!



At school, she knew how to study for tests. She could review the material, read books and memorize facts. But how could she have ever prepared for this type of personal test? Her mind and emotions still struggle to make sense of it all. One thing that really helped was something her counselor shared with her. Using the word TEST she created an acrostic that helped Veronica remember four actions that would keep her focused and on track.



Talk about it by sharing thoughts, fears and feelings.
Examine the facts.
Seek wise counsel such as house parents, counselors & teachers.
Trust, but understand that learning to trust again takes time.

Most girls and boys at Texas Boys Ranch have had experiences similar to Veronica’s. The actions of others have turned their worlds upside down. Your generosity enables us to help these children cope with the tests they face, both at school and in life.

As a new school year begins, will you help Veronica and our other children prepare for their upcoming tests?



Your donation purchases school supplies, new outfits and everything else that goes along with the “back to school” season. Thank you in advance for your gift.



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Unaudited Financial report for Newsletter for the Year Ended January 31, 2017

Referrals: 691

Total Children Served: 208

Operating Income

Churches & Individuals	\$ 691,382
Residential Care – Ranch	596,372
Foster Care	287,377
Children’s Shelter	606,589
Fundraising	185,026
Ranch Income	13,231
Earnings from Endowment	65,000
Foundations, Trusts & Grants	244,078
Other/Miscellaneous	<u>6,537</u>
Total Income	\$2,695,592

Operating Expenses

Residential Care – Ranch	\$1,052,218
Foster Care	316,486
Children’s Shelter	516,740
Ranch/Agriculture Expenses	151,669
Administration	147,830
Fundraising and Development	<u>366,679</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,551,622

Net Income or (Loss) \$ 143,970

Round the Ranch



Easter donation of golf cart blesses TBR



Children marvel at mountain view



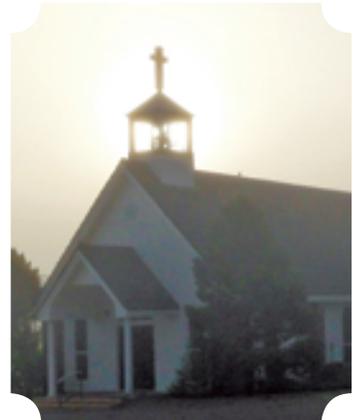
Fox 34’s Look Around Lubbock visited TBR



Area children help our children



Local health organizations donate items to bless our children



Texas Boys Ranch Chapel

MEMORIAL AND LIVING HONOR GIFTS

March 16, 2017- June 16, 2017

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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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
6:00 – 11:00 P.M.**

We will have live entertainment, a live auction
and stories about our children.

The telethon will air on Lubbock's Fox 34 TV.
Or you may check www.texasboysranch.org
for a live stream link.

Please join the live audience at the
Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts,
511 Avenue K, Lubbock, TX.