

**TEXAS BOYS RANCH**

# **CIRCUIT RIDER**



SHARING JESUS, HEALING HEARTS, TRANSFORMING LIVES

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Fourteen months ago, Texas Boys Ranch began a journey with an end goal of achieving recognition for the quality care and services we offer to the girls and boys we serve each year. We decided to pursue national accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA) to verify what we believe and have shared for years...that our organization is among the best.

We began in earnest last July to accomplish the mountain of challenging expectations and documentation requirements to describe Texas Boys Ranch to a highly respected and professional organization (COA). The goal...that we deserve to be acknowledged by them as “Among the Best” at what we do for children. For the last 12 months my staff and I have been burning the “candle at both ends” in an effort to do just that. My dedicated team of Christ-centered professional staff have worked tirelessly to accomplish this goal. The process was daunting at times as we responded to more than 900 standards that make up the expectations of the Council on Accreditation for our kind of social service organization.

We are proud to announce that we have indeed achieved accreditation through the Council on Accreditation. COA is an independent, nonprofit organization that partners with human service organizations (like ours) worldwide to improve service delivery outcomes by developing,

applying, and promoting appropriate best practice standards. Achieving accreditation was not easy — it took us over a year of hard work and dedication to achieve our goal of COA accreditation.

During that time, COA reviewed all aspects of our organization’s programs and services. COA accreditation has improved the way we deliver services to you and the community and has established strategies for continual improvement in the years to come. One of the final steps before accreditation was an on-site peer review lasting three days. During this visit, the peer reviewers verified everything that we had documented as evidence of how TBR performs its mission. They interviewed and visited with more than 50 individuals, including board members, direct care staff, foster families, directors, and children in care.

I hope you will join us for a celebration and ribbon cutting at the Texas Boys Ranch Campus, located at 4810 N. County Rd. 2800 in Lubbock on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. We have invited members of the press, community leaders, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and various stakeholders to participate in this momentous occasion.

John Sigle  
President

## FOSTER FOCUS



### ANGELA SKORICK

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So much goes into caring for a foster child. So many services are needed to wrap around these children to make sure all of their needs are getting met. When the girls and boys come to us, they are often behind in school, speech, and motor skills. We arrange for services such as tutoring, speech therapy, and physical therapy to address these issues. They need help dealing with the severe trauma they have experienced, so we provide therapists to see them individually, as a family, or in play therapy for the little ones.

All these things are extremely important and essential, but the direct caregivers, our foster parents, make the biggest impact on these youngsters. They are with the child day in and day out. The foster parents provide the physical care and nurturing the child may have not had before. Foster parents see the good and the bad. They see the broken children that come in and they work so hard to put the pieces back together. The foster parents are the first ones that build trust, influence thoughts, and model behaviors to these little ones. They are the ones that take them to church and teach them about how much God loves them.

I feel so blessed that we have such a wonderful group of foster families within our agency. They are all representatives of Christ who are passionate about the children in their care. Not everyone is cut out to be a foster parent. If you would like to help but

aren't quite sure how, start by keeping the foster families in your prayers as they do this challenging work. Another way to help is by donating items such as new pajamas, underwear, or socks for all age groups. Diapers (sizes 4 and 5 are most needed) and wipes are always appreciated. Some church groups provide support to their local foster families by providing meals, helping with babysitting, and offering training opportunities. You can be creative and come up with your own original ideas! Families always appreciate others thinking of them!



Music heals-Foster Dad playing music with children.

## Campus Corner



**ROGER MAHAN, CAMPUS**  
Campus Program Director  
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At both the end and beginning of the school year, we tend to see many children in transition at Texas Boys Ranch. Some return to their families while others move to forever homes. The house parents celebrate these occasions with the children as they excitedly move forward to a new chapter of their lives. At the same time new children arrive to be cared for in the cottages.

Through it all, the caregivers protect and nourish their own hearts with the knowledge that they give their all to improve the situation for the children who have been entrusted to them for a season. It is one of the toughest jobs known to man! Many times, their work is thankless from the ones who benefit most from their tireless dedication. And yet, understandably, they long to hear “thank you!” I want to share a story that demonstrates both the house parents’ dedication AND a young lady’s journey. We will call her Diana.

When Diana arrived as a 13-year-old young lady, she was quiet and withdrawn. She resisted most instructions and would talk back, especially when spoken to by a male. The daily routine included inviting caregivers into power struggles as she tried to maintain some semblance of control over her life.

On occasion, the caregivers would express their doubts in maintaining a positive attitude with Diana, but with a little reassurance, they pressed onward. This continued for more than three years! As time went by, Diana lowered her protective walls for her house mom, but she



refused to open up to her house dad, a fact that he eventually came to terms with.

As Diana prepared to leave she gave her house parents a gift they will cherish forever. She made a painting on canvas of a tree with brightly colored leaves. I am sure the house parents will frame the artwork and hang it in a special location. My question is, “will it hang with the tree showing toward the room or with the message on back displayed as a reminder?”

On the reverse of the picture, Diana wrote a heartfelt note of appreciation stating, “Y’all are really the best house parents! I will miss all the memories we had. Thanks for letting me be me and not get in trouble for it. I love you both SO very much.”

Join me in remembering all our caregivers this month: Ed and Robbie, Whitney, Jason and Danielle, Brandon and Erica, David and Ronda, Joel, Armando and Kara, and Evan and Twyla. Thank you for the work you do – for sharing your hearts with the children we serve, and for making a difference!

## Shelter Spotlight



**KAYLEE HENDRIEX**  
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### Back to School

This summer was eventful at the shelter. We attended summer camp, took our annual camping trip to Colorado, and we visited Sea World. Most of our kids have never been out of town on a vacation so they presented us with quite a number of teaching opportunities.

One such moment came while riding in the van. The children could not understand why we did not have the same radio stations on the road that we had in Lubbock. This is such a simple thing, but one that allowed the kiddos to realize that they can ask us any questions without being made to feel stupid. It also shows them that as caregivers, we actually know a thing or two that will benefit them. Truth be told, these kids teach us a whole lot, too (sometimes way more than we teach them) and every single one of them has an impact on our lives.

We are almost done with summer and school will start soon. We enjoy having the kids home during the summer break but it is also nice to get back into the school routine. The number of children entering the care of Children's Protective Services usually increases school starts. We work to prepare for this at the shelter by opening more beds and transitioning our summer kids into a more long-term placement so that their schooling is not affected.

Our Children's Shelter needs help with basic school supplies such as backpacks, markers, crayons, pencils, pencil bags, and glue sticks for girls and boys of all ages.

**We could not serve these children without you!**

# 'ROUND THE RANCH



**A Day at the Pool**



**L.C. and the Ranchhands Easter Egg Hunt**



**Jimmy Wayne, Chindy Hughlett,  
and TBR staff**



**Jimmy Wayne**



**Jimmy Wayne with the Kids**

# 'ROUND THE RANCH



**Staff Presummer Fellowship**



**KLBK Basketball Camp shooting drills**



**KLBK Basketball Camp**



**New Bedding!**



**TBR Golf Tournament**

# RAINBOW *dream*

**It was all a dream which seemed so real. All the people who had influenced her appeared in her dream. When Dorothy woke up, she had a difficult time differentiating between reality and imagination. In an earlier scene of "The Wizard of Oz", Judy Garland's character sang a moving song which continues to touch the hearts and lives of multiple generations of listeners. Below are the lyrics to "Over the Rainbow."**

**"Somewhere over the rainbow way up high  
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby.  
Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue  
And the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.**

**Someday I'll wish upon a star  
and wake up where the clouds are far behind me.**

**Where trouble melts like lemon drops  
Away above the chimney tops  
That's where you'll find me.  
Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly.**

**Birds fly over the rainbow.  
Why, then oh, why can't I?  
If happy little bluebirds fly  
Beyond the rainbow,  
Why, oh, why can't I?"**

**YOUR SUPPORT ENABLES AND EMPOWERS THE GIRLS  
TEXAS BOYS RANCH TO DARE TO DREAM DREAMS THAT REAL**



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Like Dorothy, girls and boys at Texas Boys Ranch have faced challenges that moved them to long for a place where clouds part to reveal blue skies and sunshine, and where troubles melt away like lemon drops. Many would love to fly away to a magical, pain-free kingdom underneath a colorful rainbow where everything is pleasant, peaceful, and perfect.

While that place does not actually exist, Texas Boys Ranch is one brick in the yellow brick road that leads them one step closer to a safe and secure “home”. School is another essential brick on that path that offers practical and positive direction to these children. It is on this road that our girls and boys discover and develop characteristics that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Most will find the courage they need to face upcoming challenges. The majority will realize they have the brains to adequately solve problems when they arise. Nearly all of them will come to understand that the pain they experienced cut so deeply because they had open hearts – hearts that must not become hardened if they are to ever experience the fullness of genuine love. These youngsters will eventually find their “home sweet home”, whatever that may look like (back home with parents who have grown and changed, home with relatives who love them deeply, or a home with foster or adoptive parents that welcome them with open arms).



AND BOYS AT  
LLY DO COME TRUE.



# FIRSTS AND LASTS



## ERIC CREEL

The first day of school can often bring a certain mix of excitement, anticipation, and perhaps even apprehension as changes are afoot. Especially if it's a big change like going to a new school. We're experiencing some of those emotions here at the Foundation, as well. No, we're not heading back to school (Whew!), but there have been some significant changes in the works.

First, we're so excited to introduce Lea Ann Lust, the newest member of the team at Texas Boys Ranch Foundation. Lea Ann came on board back in March as our new Director of Planned Giving. Lea Ann most recently worked as Director of System Relations for the Chancellor's Office at Texas Tech University System.

Growing up on ranches and in small, West Texas towns, marrying a rancher, teaching children for many years, and then working with a West Texas iconic institution like Tech, she's the perfect person to serve our many friends of The Ranch. Her heart for Jesus and her personable way of relating to people has already endeared her to so many who've gotten the chance to meet her. So, if she happens to call or stop by your place, you'll be glad you took the time visit!

"I can't believe it's really been 20 years!" Those were some of Vic Hines' parting words as President of Texas Boys Ranch Foundation. He reflected on his many years at the Foundation, the many big-hearted donors he had the privilege of working with, and how the Foundation has grown over the last two decades, thanks to the generosity of this community.

Vic officially retired from the Foundation in early June but his heart is still very much in this ministry, and he is committed to continuing to

serve the children of Texas Boys Ranch in other capacities. We wish him well in retirement and look forward to his participation in the mission of "Sharing Jesus, Healing Hearts, Transforming Lives" through a variety of ways in the future.

Eric Creel, who has been with Texas Boys Ranch Foundation since 2017, has been appointed to succeed Vic Hines as President. Eric has been involved in kingdom work most of his life, serving in ministries from Texas to Montana and back again. In addition to full time church work, he and his wife have also served as house parents, foster parents, and have even adopted two children. Eric sees a great future in store for the Ranch's endowment, continuing to build on the solid base that has been laid. "What we do at the Foundation is so wonderfully gratifying. Helping connect people's desire to make a lasting and significant impact in this world to real opportunity is one of the best things about this work."

You can reach Eric and Lea Ann at the Texas Boys Ranch Foundation office at [ecreel@tbrfoundation.org](mailto:ecreel@tbrfoundation.org), or [llust@tbrfoundation.org](mailto:llust@tbrfoundation.org), or by phone at 806-749-1103, to talk about how you can make a lasting and significant impact in the lives of wounded children.



Eric Creel and Vic Hines



# Stepping UP

## TRANSFORMATION



### **JEREMY WALKER**

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Life is full of transformations. Some are abrupt and some are so gradual that you can hardly perceive them at all. Usually, it's someone else who points out these minute changes that are happening. Maybe they haven't seen you in a long time and they point out how much you've changed. You didn't even notice the changes in the mirror, but as soon as they alert you to this transformation, you can't help but notice it every subsequent moment. Perhaps the change is a good one or it could be something you need to work on, but either way, you are now aware that you are no longer the person you used to be.

Just like you, the children at Texas Boys Ranch are constantly changing. Their world changed when they arrived here, but their hearts, minds, bodies, and spirits take much longer to catch up. Their transition to this place may have alerted them to a need they had which they had never noticed before. As their hearts and minds come to grips with their new life, they begin to reshape their own expectations. Expectations that may not seem all that significant to you and me, but to a child who previously lacked basic safety, security, or support, these expectations are hard to alter. So we give them time. Time to process their situation in life. We give them space. Space to express themselves.

We give them love – even when they struggle to receive it.

With this abundance of time, space, and love, these kids begin to outwardly express the things that are going on under the surface.

Maybe they go to bed at night without fear, or maybe they wake up and expect that food will be on the table. Perhaps they notice their shoes are getting worn out and they know they can go to the commissary to pick out some new ones. It could simply be that they finally feel the freedom to be themselves because they trust the people around them.

Whatever the transition is that these kids are going through, we have the opportunity to encourage them in their growth. We have the ability to support their growth in school, at play, and in how they view their own futures. We have the obligation to provide them with basic security, safety, and support, but we have the joy of sharing every fruit that the Holy Spirit has given us.

So when we've done all we can do to care for these children, and we take a step back to catch our breath, it is inspiring to us to see the enormous growth that has taken place right in front of us.

I hope you'll take the time to be a part of the transformations that are happening right here at Texas Boys Ranch.



# TEXAS BOYS RANCH

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SNAPSHOT REPORT

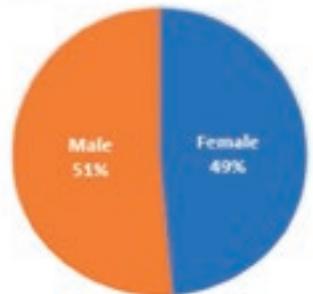
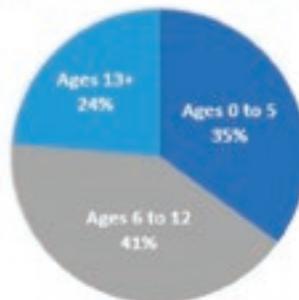
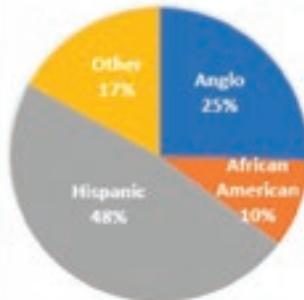
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SERVING FAMILIES SINCE 1975



# 177

### TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED



## CURRENTLY PURSUING COA ACCREDITATION STATUS



# 0

### PHYSICAL INTERVENTION RESTRAINTS



# 3277

### TRAINING HOURS

### 48 OPEN AND CLOSED CASE RECORDS REVIEWED

HR AUDIT CONDUCTED WITH NO FINDINGS

# 2928

### THERAPY SESSIONS

- 106 FAMILY SESSIONS
- 250 GROUP SESSIONS
- 2572 INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS



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## ADOPTIONS

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# POSSE PROFILE



**Katy Phillips, LBSW**

Katy Phillips' association with Texas Boys Ranch goes back more than a decade, although she has only been employed by the organization for about four years. In 2006, a Lubbock Christian University advisor encouraged Katy to apply for a position at the Ranch. She

followed his advice, fell in love with the place, and began work as a Case Aide.

Since then, Katy has worn many hats at Texas Boys Ranch. She has served as Case Aide, Case Manager, volunteer, member of the Board of Directors, and Council on Accreditation Coordinator. She also serves as wife to Dana, mother to Olivia and Allison, and church volunteer. Oh yes, Katy is also completing a graduate degree in social work while finishing up an internship with TBR's Foster Care program. Of course, tackling so many duties carries more than a few challenges with it. So, how does she do it?

It all comes down to attitude and perspective. "Working at TBR is not just a job, but a vocation. Therefore, sometimes I feel like our family is employed, not just me. I know for sure we are serving as a family in different ways. My husband and I volunteer together at events and he enjoys being a part of the ranch as well.

We both are grateful that our children have the opportunity to spend time with these kids as well."

When asked about her favorite part of her job, Katy had this to say: "Definitely the children. I have met so many different kids over the years. As a social worker, I am tasked with advocating for vulnerable populations. Children are some of our most vulnerable and need a voice. The kids at TBR are constantly teaching me new things and making me smile. Recently I took some boys to the airport to move to their adoptive home. I cried happy tears as they walked into that airport, knowing that they were going to a great home and had come so far from the day they arrived at TBR."

Like most TBR employees, Katy appreciates the blessings of working with a faith-based organization. "I feel like God is constantly blessing me through my work at TBR. Every morning as I drive to work, I take in the beauty of the West Texas sunrise and He reminds me that his mercies are new every morning. I know that I am in need of grace, just as much as the children that I work with. I am so grateful to work in a place where Christ is at the center of everything we do."

Katy encourages folks to find a way to be involved in the Texas Boys Ranch ministry in some way, either through employment, donation, fostering, adopting, or volunteering. You don't have to wear all the hats in Katy's wardrobe, but try at least one to see how it fits!

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Unaudited Financial Report for Newsletter  
for the Year Ended January 31, 2018

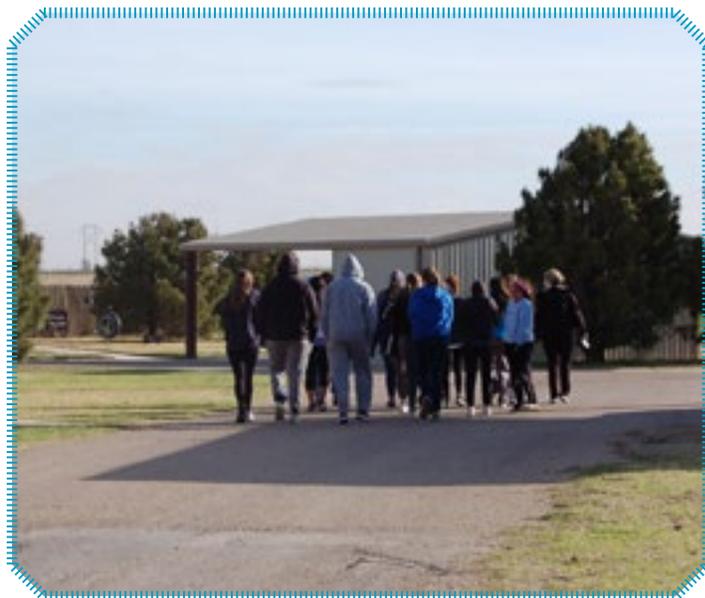
**Total Children Served: 177**

## Operating Income

Churches & Individuals	\$	739,192
Residential Care - Ranch		795,681
Foster Care		349,970
Children's Shelter		568,637
Fundraising		187,502
Ranch income		25,120
Earnings from endowment		87,500
Foundations, Trusts, Grants		382,946
Other/Miscellaneous		18,458
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,155,006</b>

## Operating Expenses

Residential Care - Ranch	\$	1,062,055
Foster Care		437,275
Children's Shelter		600,826
Ranch/agriculture expenses		173,238
Administration		297,390
Fundraising & Advancement		376,263
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,947,047</b>
<b>Net Income or (Loss)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(207,959)</b>



# MEMORIAL AND LIVING HONOR GIFTS

March 1, 2019 - May 31, 2019

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.

## Honorariums

### **Jim Bradley**

Redbud Lions Club

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Redbud Lions Club

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Redbud Lions Club

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44TH ANNUAL  
TELETHON**

**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

**Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts  
511 Ave K, Lubbock, Texas**



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