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SHARING JESUS, HEALING HEARTS, TRANSFORMING LIVES





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# CHANGE

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In the last issue of the Circuit Rider, I mentioned that there are changes coming in the future for Texas Boys Ranch. As the year has progressed I have come to realize that these changes may not be the kind which are quick or profound but they are significant and important changes, none the less. We are still in the preliminary stages of most of these endeavors and it may be some time yet before they are even made public. I mention this again here, however, because I would like to ask for your prayers as we move ahead with these plans. Change often is not an easy thing for an organization or for the people who make up that organization. Your prayers and your support as we move forward with these exciting prospects is both needed and appreciated. There is much work to be done in the months ahead but we have faith that once that work is done, both Texas Boys Ranch and the children we serve will be more blessed than ever before.

Speaking of changes. In my experience there is nothing that can change a young life quite like church camp. As summer approaches, it's hard not to start daydreaming about summer activities like going to camp. Chances are, like many people, you have fond memories of going to camp in the summertime. I have always liked the outdoors and that love of nature and being

outside probably has a lot to do with going to camp when I was young. Like any boy, during the summer I was outdoors most of the time, whether it was my choice or my mother's. Even though I spent a lot of time outdoors, it was at church camp one summer that I learned just how amazing the outdoors could be. Sitting around a giant campfire and singing songs in the cool night air was something new to me and I thought it was just about the most wonderful thing I had experienced up until that point. When I think back on those days, I am thankful to have had those experiences. My wish today, is that each and every child who has an interest in experiencing God in the special way that only church camp can provide would have the opportunity to attend camp this summer. Hopefully, with the help of caring people, this wish will come to fruition for all the kids at Texas Boys Ranch. I know church camp made a profound difference in my life and I am convinced God's grace and love can make the same difference in the lives of dear children who need it the most.

John Sigle  
President



# MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT

# Church Camp

Singing songs to God

Making crafts and having campfires

All the friends I make even though I miss them when I don't get to see them until next year

It's not like school where nobody talks about God. At camp it's okay to pray and talk about God

Playing capture the flag!

How I feel closer to God

Our counselor, he was the best and he taught us lots about God

How I feel after camp is over. I wish I could feel like that all the time.

I actually really like the cafeteria food. I don't care if people think I'm crazy, lol.

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Sharing Jesus is the first goal of our mission statement. As a result, we try to include the love of Jesus in every element of the services we provide the children we serve. Day in and day out, we work hard to verbally share, and physically live out the message of the gospel.

And for one week each summer we have the opportunity to send our kids to a camp whose sole purpose is to make clear the gospel of Jesus Christ. During this week, our kids get to experience many of the same things they experience here at Texas Boys Ranch, but in a different way. They get to see the beauty of God's creation, they form relationships with followers of Jesus, they hear the story of Christ's love for them, and they get to experience all of these things from a different perspective.

It is difficult to overestimate the impact that a week at Church Camp can have on the life of a child. Many of us have testimonies of how camp changed our lives or the lives of someone close to us. Perhaps it's because we are outside our typical environment, or maybe because we are having the same message confirmed by another individual, but for whatever reason, many of us have found ourselves more open to Christ's message while at camp.

That is why, even months before we are able to take our kids to camp, we grow in anticipation of what God will do while they are away. We pray with expectation for lives to be changed, for hearts to be healed, and for eternity to echo with the voices of those added to the kingdom of God! We pray that God will reward our faithful obedience with open arms.

*But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 19:14*



## CAMPUS CORNER



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Some of my fondest memories of summer are from summer church camp. It was fun to get away, see a different part of the State, have fun, make new friends, and see friends from the previous year. Most importantly, church camp was a time of getting close to God. The lessons learned and the connections made deepened my faith in God. Not only for myself, but for many friends as well, the experience played a huge part in making us all into the Christian people we are today. This summer, and every summer, our mission to Share Jesus with our kids includes a week in the Hill Country of Texas making those same connections....with their Creator. Thank you for participating in this ministry.

## SHELTER SPOTLIGHT



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The Children's Shelter continues to stay busy! It has felt like a constant stream of new children we have had the opportunity to serve. Most of our kids have been younger, and not in school yet, so we have tried to keep them busy with various activities at the shelter, on the campus, and in the community. One of those activities was the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Lubbock Lions Club Pancake Festival. The kids loved eating pancakes! One of our kiddos stopped and made an observation as we walked into the event with the other residents of the Shelter and saw all the people in attendance. She turned to the staff member walking beside her and said, "Look at our big family!" Family may not be the first word you think of when you think of the Shelter, but that is just what we are! A temporary but caring "family" for kids when they need it the most.

## FOSTER FOCUS



### ANGELA SKORICK

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I have been blessed with wonderful staff who are truly committed to the children in foster care. They feel so strongly about these children in need that several of them have made the decision to become foster parents themselves. Their job is challenging but also very rewarding. If you have friends who are foster parents, give them some words of encouragement, pray for them and for their children, and be supportive of them in their journey. They are impacting children's lives in so many positive ways.

# Round THE RANCH



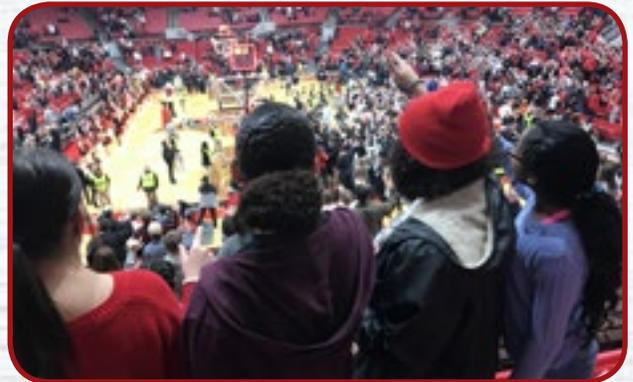
Fun at the Science Spectrum



Fun at the Science Spectrum



Going for a ride



Go Tech!!!



Snow day



TCHS cleaning gym

# Round THE RANCH



Our visitor Rheagan got a surprise horse ride!



TCHS grooming horses



The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Business Expo



Trying to get some painting done



We have a new filly on the Ranch



Star Kicker during game with TCHS



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# CHURCH CAMP



**Did you ever go to summer camp when you were a kid?** I did, and I will always remember those times as some of the best in my life. The activities were always fun but one thing I remember most is how close I felt to God as we sat around the fire singing songs to Him in the great and beautiful world he created. I also remember one summer when I had to miss going to camp.



I sat and cried as I watched everyone load the bus and drive away.

As much as I remember the good times at camp, I will also remember the heartbreak I felt at being left out. There are many unfortunate kids who would be left out of going to camp if it weren't for you being there to help out. Without people like you who care, they won't get to make those great, and sometimes life-changing, memories at church camp this summer.

**Won't you be the friend who makes sure that none of the kids at Texas Boys Ranch have to miss going to camp this summer?**





Church camp may not seem like such an important thing but it's a big deal for these kids. They just want to fit in and be able to do things other kids do. Your donation today can give them the confidence to know that they will be included. The girls and boys at the Ranch have suffered abuse and neglect for most of their lives but at church camp they can learn about God's love for them and be able to make lifelong memories as well.



Won't you send in your donation today? It costs about \$200 to send a kid to camp these days but any amount you send can make a big difference. Don't let these kids miss out on learning more about God in the beautiful surroundings he created. Just think, this year the memories they make at camp will all be because of you!

Thank you for caring and sending kids to camp this summer.

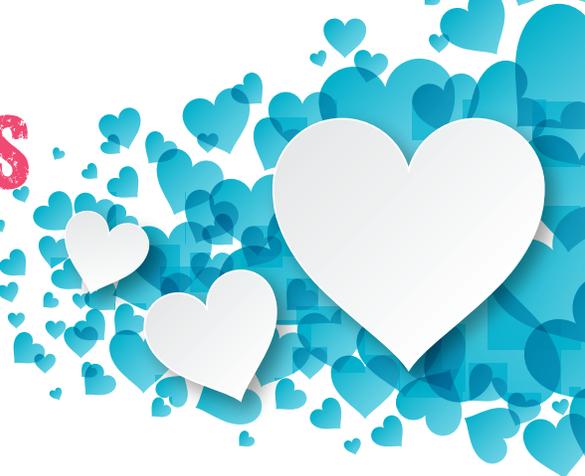
*PS: I have enclosed a reply card and return envelope to make it easy for you to send in your donation today. Time for church camp will be her soon, so please don't delay.*





**TRACI CHEEK**  
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## DONORS ARE LOVE



Several months ago I was attending an event on campus that a group generous donors had put together for the children and staff at Texas Boys Ranch. The event included a meal and lots of fun activities and at one point I found myself sitting next to a young boy who was about 9 or 10 years old. I don't often get the pleasure of interacting with the children we serve on a regular basis since my job responsibilities keep me out of the office quite a bit, so I am always happy when I get to meet and talk with some of them. The boy thanked me for the yummy food and the fun day, and I had to explain that I didn't provide it, that a group of donors did. He looked at me puzzled and asked, "What's a donor?" I gave him the dictionary version first, "A donor is a person who donates something to a fund or a charity." I could see he needed to know a little more, so I told him that the people who donate to Texas Boys Ranch love him and want all the children here to know they are loved and supported by our community. He sat silently for a minute and then turned his face to me. As I looked into his eyes I saw they were filling with tears, and as one tear slowly rolled down his cheek he smiled, got up and went to throw away his plate. I didn't talk to him anymore that day, but I know that the impact of what those donors had done for him would stay with him forever.

**Your donations matter to the children at Texas Boys Ranch.**

Most people who donate money to charity say it's because they believe in the cause or the mission of the organization. Some donate because of faith or religion, others because of personal values, and some because of a personal experience. Whatever the reason, we are THANKFUL. Texas Boys Ranch would not be here without the generous support of our donors.

Traci Cheek  
Director of Advancement



Giving Tuesday Check Presentation



Toys collected in memory of Kolter Green and donated to TBR



Rhett & Megan Green- Kolter's Parents



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# SIZZLE SIZZLE SMOKE IS IN THE AIR!

The Texas Boys Ranch “Monster Smoker” is on the move this spring and summer and it could be on the move for your church or civic group. Whether you’re having a potluck, a conference, or other gathering, Texas Boys Ranch can provide the cook and the smoker and you provide the meat.



If you are interested in making a reservation or just need more info, you can contact Michael Nudelman at 806-778-4328. The service is free but donations to the Ranch are always welcomed. Spots fill up fast so call today and schedule a time for the “Monster Smoker” from Texas Boys Ranch to be at your next event!





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Welcome to our commissary clothing room! All our campus and shelter kids and staff along with our foster families can come in and get clothing, sheets, towels, diapers/wipes, and other items to help give the girls and boys the best care. We are blessed to receive donations from our wonderful community to help provide for these needs. The only problem is, Lacy the commissary manager is only one person and can't run this wonderful program without the help of great volunteers on weekdays. If you enjoy serving and can help sort, hang/fold clothes, and help keep racks organized we need your help.

If you are interested in volunteering at Texas Boys Ranch in this or any other capacity, email Ange Scott at [ascott@texasboysranch.org](mailto:ascott@texasboysranch.org)



*We ♥ our  
Volunteers*

**As you can imagine, serving 200+ children each year requires a lot of help. While Texas Boys Ranch is blessed with a tremendous staff, we need dedicated volunteers to make this ministry successful. Opportunities abound for individuals, families and groups to serve. Please consider helping us in one or more of the following areas.**

### **CAMPUS**

- Yard/landscape work
- Painting (inside & outside)
- Cleaning (inside & outside)
- Provide a meal for one or more of our four cottages
- Sponsor a child

### **CHILDREN'S SHELTER**

- Yard/landscape work
- Cleaning (inside & outside)
- Help organize
- Provide a meal or help cook
- Sponsor a child

### **COMMISSARY**

- Sort clothes
- Stock shelves

## TURN YOUR GIFT INTO AN

## Opportunity



The TBR Foundation strives to build a solid support system for the work carried out by Texas Boys Ranch. If you would like to extend your support of Texas Boys Ranch to make a lasting impact, one way you can do this is by supporting the Texas Boys Ranch Foundation.

Whether you would like to put your donation to work today or leave a lasting legacy of care, you can find a charitable plan that lets you provide for your family while also supporting Texas Boys Ranch.

## SOME POPULAR WAYS TO GIVE ARE...

Wills and Living Trusts

IRA Charitable Rollover

Beneficiary Designations

Charitable Lead Trusts

Charitable Gift Annuities

Real Estate

Charitable Remainder

Memorials and Tribute Gifts

Trusts

Endowed Gifts

**The Texas Boys Ranch Foundation would like to thank our loyal and generous partners; the lives of many precious children are better because of you.**

**If you would like to find out more, you can visit us at  
tbrfoundation.org or call (806) 749-1103**

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## TRENDING ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Be sure to check out Texas Boys Ranch on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, and Twitter!



# MEMORIAL AND LIVING HONOR GIFTS

October 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

Memorial and Living Honor gifts are made to honor loved ones and friends, while also providing care for children who desperately need help. We are deeply grateful to the many people who show their affection and respect for their loved ones in this very special way.



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*6th Annual*  
**FRIENDS OF THE RANCH**  
**CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
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**Benefitting Texas Boys Ranch**

**FRI** 2020  
**May 22nd**

Rawls Golf Course  
at Texas Tech

806-742-4653

3720 4th Street, Lubbock, TX 79415

**REGISTRATION &  
BREAKFAST STARTS**

**7:15 AM**

**SHOTGUN STARTS**

**8:00 AM**

**LUNCH FOLLOWING**

**Awards for  
1st, 2nd and 3rd**

**4 Person**  
Scramble

**\$150**  
Individuals

**\$500**  
Team of 4

**\$250**  
Hole  
Sponsor

**\$1,000**  
Grand  
Sponsor

If interested in participating or sponsoring please mail/fax/email application to:

Friends of the Ranch Golf Tournament  
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Please Call/Email by 5/14/2020



**The  
Rawls  
Course**