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Fitting In

If you have been receiving our quarterly Circuit Rider for several years, then you know that periodically I share a little about my childhood. In one brief article, I shared about the time when I discovered that we were poor. For those who don't remember, feel free to give me a call. I will gladly share a cup of coffee with you, and we can swap childhood tales. The truth is, in the 50's and 60's a lot of people were poor.

I had just turned 14 when my parents and their two youngest children moved to Altus, Oklahoma. This was the first and only move of my childhood. It was in that first year in Altus that I discovered another challenge. Not only did the family still struggle to make ends meet, but I also struggled with fitting in with my peers at school. Being a country boy, miles from the nearest town, I didn't really have many opportunities to make friends or "hang out" with anyone, except family. Since we moved in the middle of the school year, it was incredibly difficult for a shy 14y/o to feel welcome and safe in the big city of Altus (population 22,000)!

I didn't know then how God was using my life's experiences to prepare me to run an organization that exists to help girls and boys heal from the multitude of traumatic events they have encountered in their short lives. When children become part of our world at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch, we are asking them to leave their "normal" and become part of our normal. When you are a kid and find yourself in a strange environment, one of their first thoughts is, "I don't belong here." And one of the first questions they ask themselves is, "How will I ever fit in?"

This is where you become part of the story. As we are getting ready for the 2022-23 school year to begin, we always ask for your support for all the necessities of a nine-month school experience for our children. This includes all the things we usually associate with school: paper, pens, pencils, crayons, glue, etc. But more, this includes new clothes, new shoes, and winter coats. All these necessities are often taken for granted by most children in our community. Not so for the children we love and care for at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch. Because our children have a hard time feeling safe in their new environment, we work hard to fill their world with belonging, safety, and unconditional love.

Keep in mind that fitting in is the hardest part of attending a new school for most of our children. Having all the school supplies and nice clothes needed can go a long way toward helping our children feel prepared for school. This kind of help provides a way for our children to blend into their new and strange and sometimes uninviting school environment.

Most importantly, the "fitting in" part is greatly enhanced with your prayers for every one of our school-age children. We are never too young... or too old to benefit from divine help as we face each new challenge. Thank you for being part of our mission to Share Jesus, Heal Hearts, and Transform Lives.

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Summer ends too soon for the children we serve. It is also an anxious time for kids. Their emotions swing on the pendulum between excitement and fear, and it does not stop until a connection is made with a friend or teacher at school.

Many of our kids have been subjected to what could be termed “educational neglect” which included infrequent school attendance and lack of reinforcement for good study habits. Some parents have demonstrated a poor attitude toward education that has also been adopted by their kids. And yet, despite poor example, non-existent encouragement, and parents disinterested in their attendance, some of them have an intrinsic desire to excel and succeed at school.

Kathy came to the ranch as a 13-year-old girl with two younger siblings. She had attended 8 different schools and had begun middle school. Due to her own motivation to succeed and to see her younger siblings do well in school, she would walk her brother and sister 2 miles to the elementary school and then over to the middle school on her own. Rain or shine, she had her siblings ready for school and on time.

Kathy was and is an exception to the norm! Part of our staffs’ struggles, challenges, joys, and successes come from our children succeeding at school. Regular attendance alone dramatically improves probability of educational success. Beyond attendance, our staff and Roosevelt Independent School District spend countless hours in encouragement, assistance with homework, reinforcement of efforts (successful and unsuccessful) and planned intervention to help our kids have the best opportunity for educational success.



One group of supporters that has not been mentioned is our volunteer homework helpers. These invaluable helpers keep kids on task with their homework assignments, reading practice, and numerous other possible exercises. So, we thank them for being part of our kid’s educational success. If you would like more information on becoming a homework helper, please reach out! It is easier than you think and there are few efforts as rewarding as helping our kids succeed.

SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

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"I finally feel safe here."**"This is the first time I felt like someone actually cared about me."****"I have never been to church before."****"We have never had food like this! There is enough for everyone."****"I am not scared here."****"This is the best day of my life."****"Can I just stay here forever?"****"I met Jesus!"**

These are all things I have heard from our kids recently. Each one breaks my heart in a different way. I know we have some of the best staff to care for these kiddos and I am so grateful that we have the opportunity to serve them. But what a heartbreak that a temporary place like the TxGBR Children's Shelter could be the "best" or the "greatest" in their little lives. We get the opportunity to love on these kids and take them to church, often for the first time in their life. Hearing that a child came to know Jesus during their short stay with us, is a sobering reminder of why we do what we do! We have the privilege of providing all these "best" days for these kiddos due to the overwhelming support of our community.



Summertime allows us so much more time to spend with the kiddos and really get to know them! This summer we have been able to swim, take the kids camping, attend community Vacation Bible Schools, and just spend time getting to know these kids! Each child we serve is so unique. What an honor we have to get to be a part of their story.



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ED/REC/SPIRITUAL



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If we hope to transform the lives of our children, we must often reframe their view of education. Many children come into care thinking that school is a place where their inadequacies are exposed, and their insecurities grow. For our kids to succeed as they go back to school, we must be intentional in

building them up with every opportunity!

Throughout the summer, the children at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch participate in a program designed to enrich their lives in as many ways as possible. Each child we serve engages in arts and crafts, games, equine therapy, cultural enrichment experiences, and so much more; but the primary focus of our program is to support their education and academic success. By engaging the subjects of math, science, and reading each day, we build a foundation of success for the coming school year. When children feel safe to learn and grow, we foster a future where anything is possible.

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FOSTER FOCUS



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School will be starting soon, and many kids are excited about getting back to the school-time routine. Picking out new backpacks, school supplies, and clothes are a highlight in August. Children in foster care are no different. They like to pick out new things and need the routine and consistency too.

Many children who come to us are behind in school. This is an opportunity for us to get them the help they need. Time is spent in reading books and helping with homework. Currently we have a lot of preschoolers in foster care. We get them into a Head Start program where they can start learning basics such as counting, recognizing letters and colors, and writing their name. We are so proud of the developmental progress they make. We know these children are resilient and capable of making great accomplishments while in our care.



ROUND THE RANCH



FEEDING THE TURTLE



FUN AT THE SCIENCE SPECTRUM



FUN AT THE ZOO



FUN IN COLORADO



CHARLES QUISENBERRY IS THE REASON THE KIDS GET TO GO TO COLORADO EVERY YEAR. THANK YOU CHARLES!



LEARNING ABOUT FORRESTRY



SCIENCE IS FUN



LITTLE GIRLS SURE LOVE HORSES



YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO VOLUNTEER



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



TxGBR EQUINE PROGRAM

BACK *to* SCHOOL



When you were a kid did you ever miss school when it was summertime?

I have to confess, I can't remember ever missing school in the summer. When summer arrived I was ready for a break from school and always excited for the lazy days of the season.

It is surprising to me the number of kids at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch who I hear saying they miss school when summer comes. MaKeelie is one such kid who was really missing school this past summer. When I questioned her about why she missed it so much her answer surprised me. She told me that it was because it was the first year she had won an award and done so well with math. She also liked her book club and didn't want to miss out on reading with her best friend. I looked back at MaKeelie's school records from before she arrived at the Ranch and indeed she had struggled with math. When I questioned our education director about MaKeelie's progress he told me about how MaKeelie had really bonded with her math tutor at the Ranch and how much she had grown to like the subject. This really touched me and helped me understand why MaKeelie missed school during the summer.

MaKeelie's success story is not an uncommon one among the children at TxGBR.

That's because we are passionate about providing a good education for the children we serve. When you make the decision to help with sending kids back to school, you aren't just ensuring they have the things they need for the classroom. You are ensuring that every child will be supported in whatever way they may need, whether at the Ranch or at school.

But we couldn't provide this support without your help.





We rely on the folks in our community, like you, who are as passionate about helping hurting girls and boys as we are, to help out in whatever way you feel called to do. So won't you prayerfully consider making the choice today to help out the kids at the Ranch with their back to school needs, as well as with the ongoing needs they will have throughout the year?

A good education can make such a difference in the lives of children like MaKeelie. Won't you please use the card and envelop provided and send in your support today?

Thank you for helping to provide a good education for the kids at the Ranch.

John Sigle,
TxGBR President

PS: You can always make a secure donation on our website at txgbr.org and designate it as Back to School.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT



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Back to school is such a time of excitement, but also of apprehension. Many of our kids have never been supported in their schooling and studies. They have never felt the pride in doing something well. So many of our children come to us already behind a year or two from where they should be. As we prepare them to start their first day of school this fall, we want them to feel confident by making sure they have some new school clothes, the materials they need for class, and full tummies to help them be able to have the best chance at succeeding. None of this would be possible without YOU, our donors and friends! We are forever grateful for your continued support for whatever needs we are currently facing. It is an ongoing endeavor and we truly rely on YOU to make it happen. Thank you!

CHURCH CONNECTION



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As summer ends and school starts up, I would like to encourage our churches to help us out with, not just school supplies, but also back to school clothes as well. School supplies are important, but we also need to send our kids back to school wearing new clothes, so they have the confidence to start the new school year. We would absolutely love gift cards to stores like Walmart, Target, and Academy to help with school shopping. We take education very seriously at the Ranch and we believe it is one of the keys to ending the cycle of neglect and abuse. Churches across West Texas please help us out with back to school!

Save the date: October 17th is our annual prayer walk come one, come all!

VOLUNTEERING AT T_xG_BR



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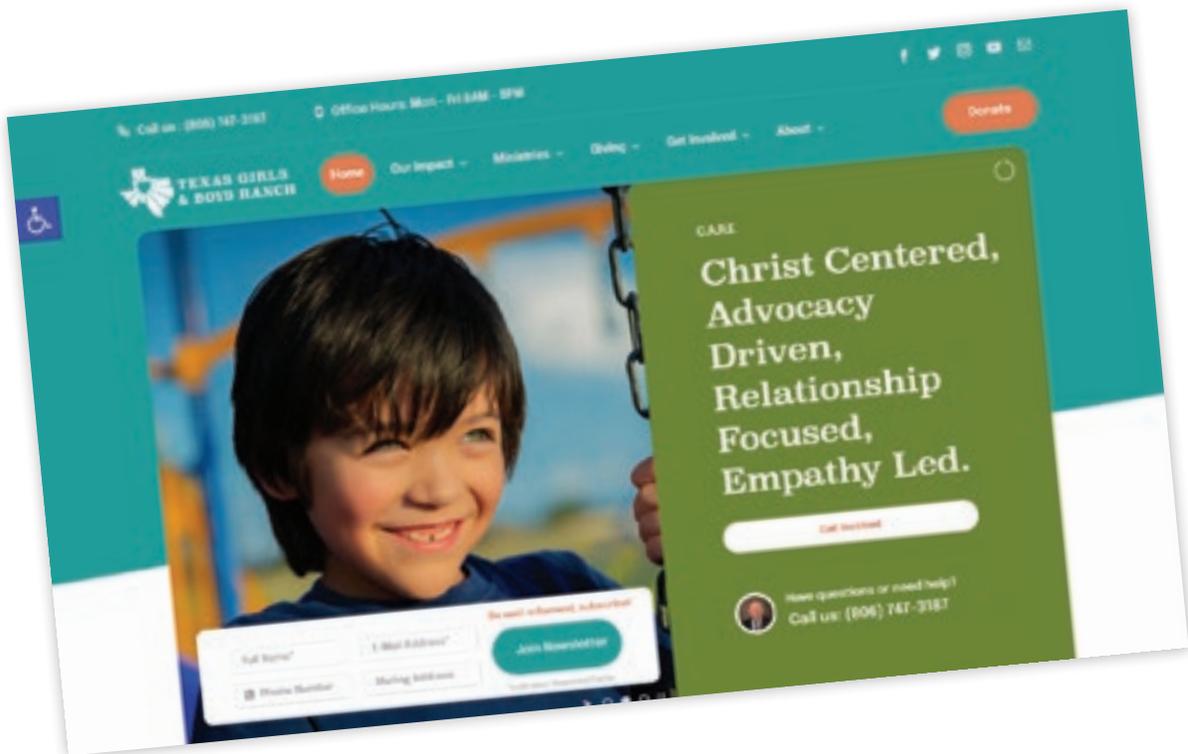
Community Relations Coordinator
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This past summer has been busy with different volunteer groups coming out to the Ranch. There are so many ways for your groups to plug-in with our various programs: child-care during meetings, landscaping, ranch workdays, cottage sponsorships, and many more. We are also starting to recruit our fall homework helpers. Our 2nd Annual Sparkles & Spurs Gala will be held on August 18th. We have individual tickets and sponsorships available. You can get more information by going to txgbr.org. If you would like any additional information regarding events or volunteering you can reach me at 806.747.3187 or ascott@txgbr.org.

Upcoming Event & Volunteer Opportunity Dates: Foster Care Support Meeting Child-care: 8/2, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1 • 2nd Annual Sparkles & Spurs Gala: 8/18. *Commissary & Homework Helper Dates vary based on week.*

CHECK OUT THE NEW TEXAS GIRLS & BOYS RANCH WEBSITE!

Along with the new name and logo, we hope you join us in our journey to showcase our rich history, while leading the way to a promising future that represents our new name. We invite you to visit our new website where you will discover ways to get involved, whether it be a donation, volunteering time, or becoming aware of our programs, there is something for everyone at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch.



*We hope to see you soon.
Until then we invite you to visit us at*

TxGBR.org

Texas Girls & Boys Ranch is continually blessed with amazing support from our friends! The last several months have been a whirlwind of activity and we are so grateful!

On May 12th, Keller Williams, Mission Services and many other partners celebrated Red Day by coming out to the Ranch and spending all day building an Outdoor Therapeutic Classroom and Nature Trail. This space will be used for outdoor activities and offer a quiet, serene escape for our children and staff to recharge and focus on healing.



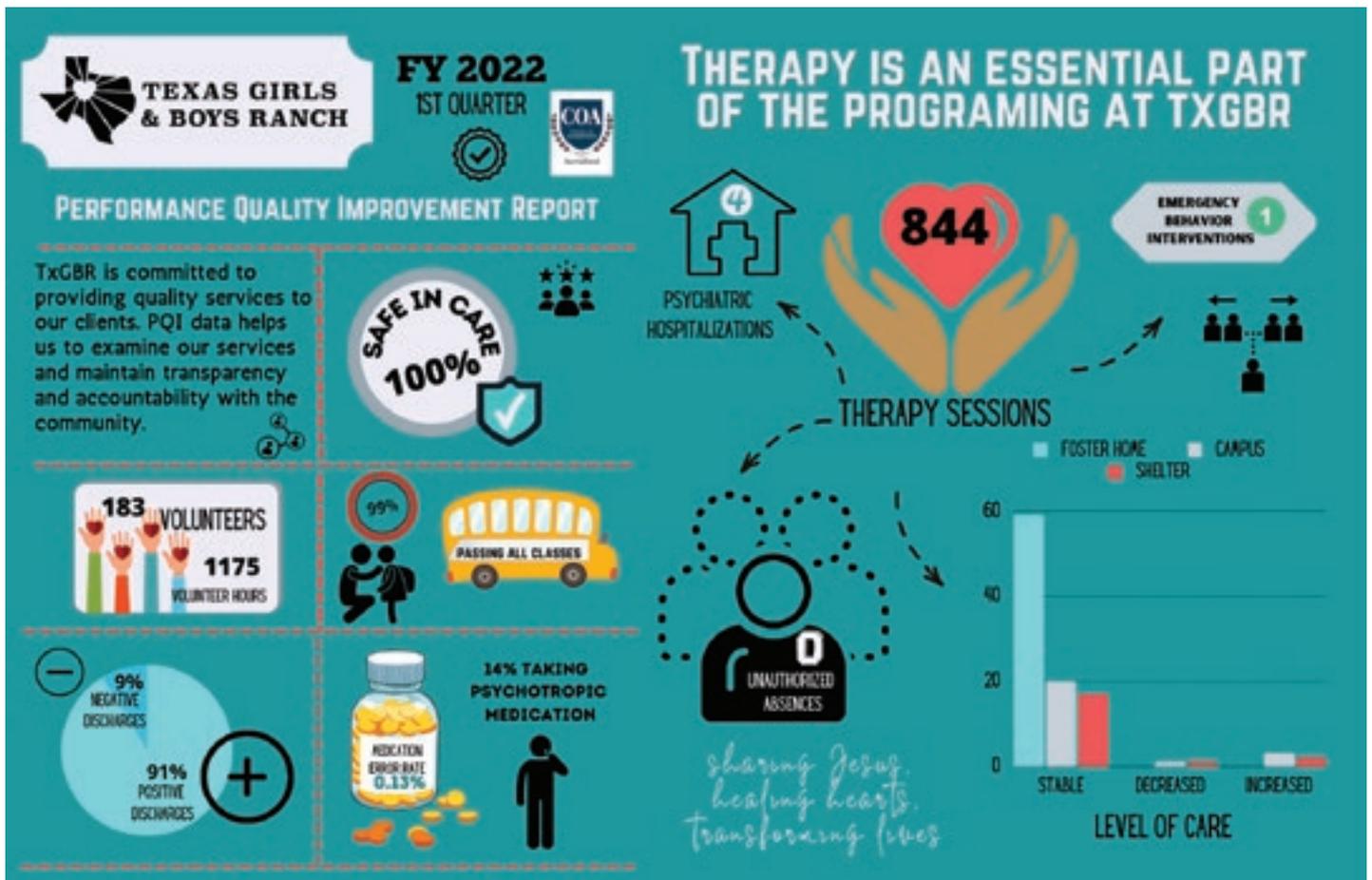
On May 23rd Charles Quisenberry and friends hosted the Friends of the Ranch Golf Tournament at Hillcrest Country Club to benefit TxGBR. It was a beautiful, cool morning and the golfers had a wonderful day on the golf course. There were so many amazing sponsors and businesses who helped make this event successful and the funds raised go directly to help the children we serve.



On June 9th the High Plains Wine and Food Foundation hosted their first ever en Blanc event at the Spirit Ranch. It was a beautiful evening and all the guests came dressed to impress in their white apparel. The tables were decorated by each individual sponsor so there was a lot of diversity and stunning decorations. They held a silent and live auction and the crowds opened their hearts and pocketbooks to help the children at TxGBR. A check was presented a few weeks after the event and the amount completely surprised us all!



One thing we hear so often from our friends who help in this way, is that they received as much of a blessing by helping as they offered through their service. Thank you, thank you to all of you who see the need and then act. We love and appreciate all of you!!



Texas Girls & Boys Ranch
 Unaudited Financial Report For
 the Year Ended January 31, 2022

Operating Income		Operating Expenses	
Churches & Individuals	\$ 1,402,496	Residential Care - Ranch	1,446,372
Residential Care - Ranch	789,517	Foster Care	833,210
Foster Care	849,139	Children's Shelter	777,519
Children's Shelter	609,690	Ranch/agriculture expenses	222,277
Fundraising	190,487	Administration	322,680
Ranch income	23,776	Fundraising and development	390,144
Earnings from endowment	175,000	Total Expenses	3,992,202
Foundations, Trusts & Grants	477,644		
Other/Miscellaneous	22,660		
Total income	\$ 4,540,409	Net income or (Loss)	548,207

**ERIC CREEL**

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SECURITY IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY

“The only constant in this life is change.” And my goodness, what change we have witnessed over the last couple of years! My next thought is, “What will the next couple of years look like?”

Many have experienced various levels of trauma as a result of the rapid change in life recently. Others have simply rolled along, adapting fairly easily to a new normal. But still the uncertainty hangs like a heavy, dark curtain: how long will this last? How bad will it get? Can I ever fully recover? What about people I care for?

So it is with children who are cared for each day at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch. Every child who comes to the Ranch has experienced a certain amount of trauma in their young lives. Every child awoke to a day that seemed like all the rest, until it all changed. The same questions we posed above are questions each one of our children has asked. The same feelings of uncertainty many of us have been experiencing lately are feelings these children deal with every single day.

The difference is young children do not have the skills to cope with rapid & radical change. Living with these stresses effectively rewires the connections in their still-developing brains, which can lead to very unhealthy outcomes as they continue to grow. Substance abuse, mental illness, suicide, crime & incarceration, domestic abuse, & homelessness are all at a heightened risk as these children grow into adulthood.

However, because of your continued support, interventions are being employed to help mitigate the long-term effects of past abuses. Your big heart is effectively healing the wounded hearts of neglected children. Your compassion is placing the abandoned into loving, forever homes.

Without you & your faithful support, fear, uncertainty, & constant stress continue their devastating effects in the minds & hearts of children. But thanks be to God we have friends like you to stem the tide & bring healing. Thanks to you, a foundation is being laid to combat the destructive forces of despair. Thanks to you, hope is being restored every day.

When you choose to include Texas Girls & Boys Ranch Foundation in your plans, either as part of your will or with a current gift, you help to create stability & security for the mission of healing children with the love of Christ. With a strong endowment, Texas Girls & Boys Ranch will be able to effectively do its work in West Texas even in times of uncertainty.

Thank you for your part in creating this stability & security!

Contact Eric at the Foundation office at (806) 749-1103 or ecreel@TxGBRFoundation.org for more information on how you can effectively provide security for children even in times of uncertainty.

MEMORIAL AND LIVING HONOR GIFTS

April 1, - June 30, 2022

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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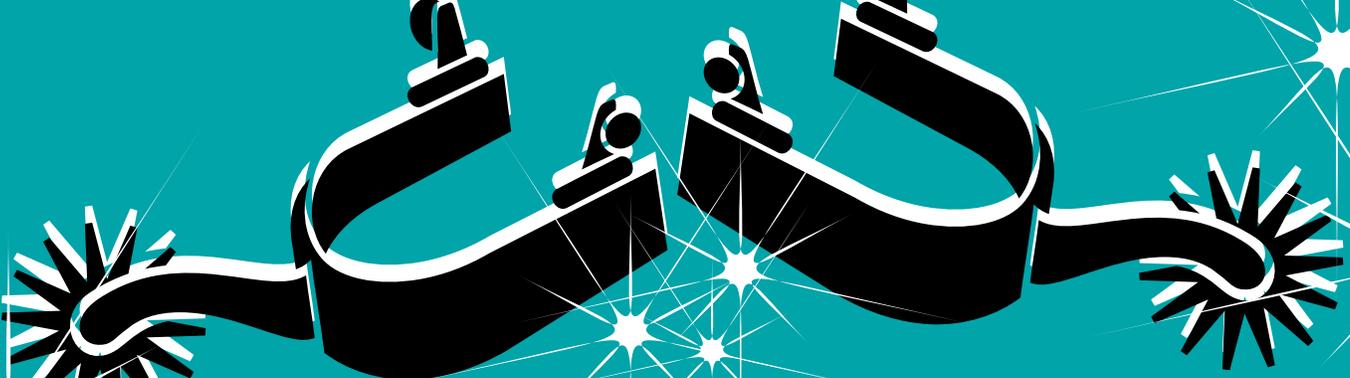
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Sparkles & SPURS GALA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022

6:30PM - 9:00PM

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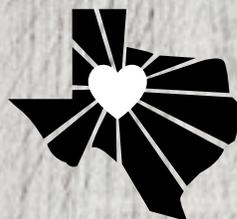
MATT ERNST

KCBD News Director

Come dressed in your best cowboy chic outfits - from jeans, boots and cowboy hats to fancy dresses!

You will enjoy delicious food, an online auction and lots of fun with friends

All money raised will benefit the children served by Texas Girls & Boys Ranch



**TEXAS GIRLS
& BOYS RANCH**

For more information about the Gala, go to our
website txgbr.org or call 806-747-3187 and ask for Ange Scott