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Watch Your Step

Many years ago, I took my son Jason, (who was about 5 years old at the time) to the county fair. While there, we decided to see the animals. It had rained the night before and there were several places where detours were necessary in order to avoid the mud puddles and standing water. It was a little tricky to avoid all the puddles and muddy patches where we might get our shoes really dirty. I led the way as we maneuvered through this maze, instructing my son to follow in my steps. Jason followed behind quietly until we were about halfway through. Then he said, "Daddy, this is working really good. I am following in your footsteps, exactly. That way, if you don't get your shoes dirty, I won't either."

I confess that Jason's statement really made me think. It is a terrifying thought that a trusting little human is following so carefully that if we trip, stumble, or intentionally walk into the mud, he or she will land in the mud with us.

The apostle Paul gave similar instructions to the church in Corinth that I gave to my son so long ago. He said, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." If we know we are being watched and followed so closely, perhaps we will do a little better job of where we lead them.

How often do your shoes get dirty? At Texas Girls & Boys Ranch we have many children who follow in our footsteps. Our job is to lead them through a maze of metaphoric "mud puddles" where one slip will get them dirty. Many of the children we serve come to us having already been dragged through countless "mud puddles". Physical and sexual abuse, as well as physical and emotional neglect are just some of the many puddles that

our children have walked through, fallen in, or been pushed into. Most of our girls and boys have been severely neglected and/or abused by the very people who gave birth to them and were supposed to lead them safely through their child and adolescent years.

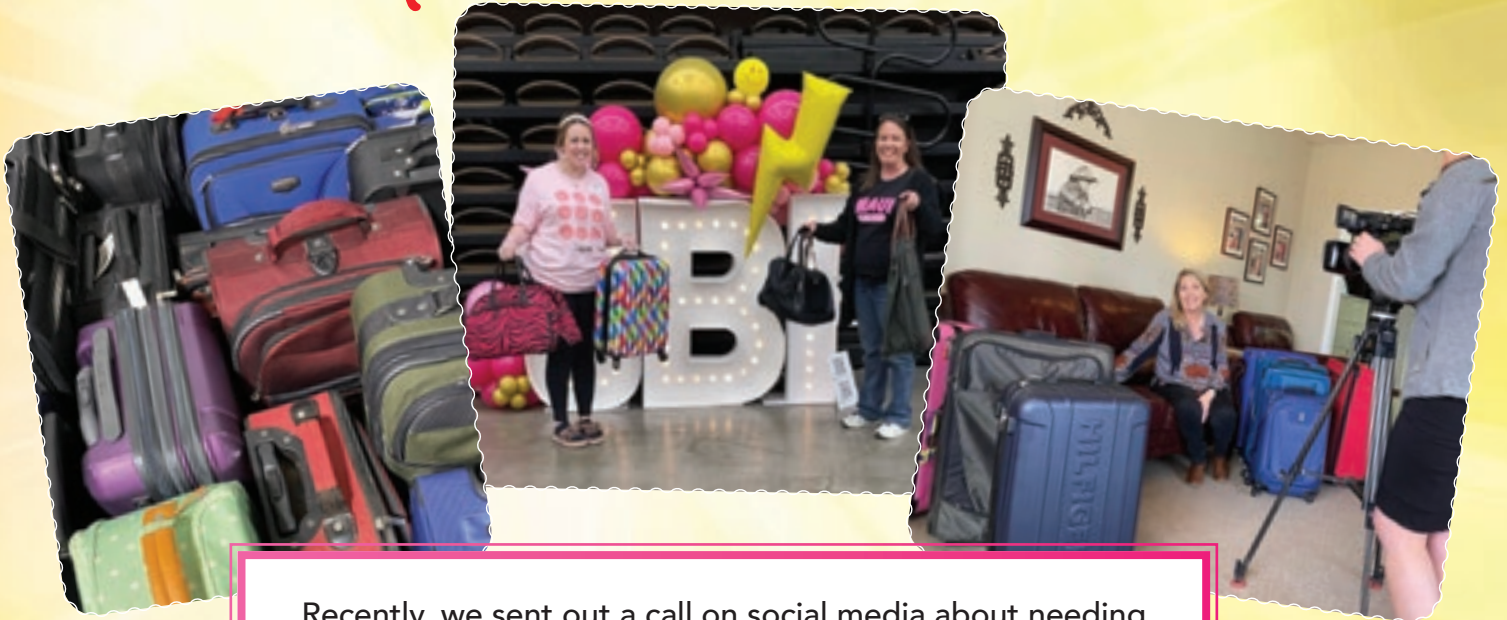
When these children come to Texas Girls & Boys Ranch, we try to help them get cleaned up by offering a safe, structured, and nurturing environment. We provide counseling services, tutoring support, and multiple therapeutic interventions to help with the healing process. We involve our children and youth in household responsibilities and offer opportunities to develop a good work ethic through various chores. The houseparents, foster families, direct care staff, and case managers know that children are watching... and often following. In fact, our Christian caregivers are actually counting on it. Some children stand a little farther back to see if a "mud puddle" is nearby and to see how successfully these adults maneuver around it. Others are right behind the staff. One mistake and both will get muddy.

I often think about Jason's words..., "I am following in your steps...if you don't get your shoes dirty, I won't either."

My challenge to my staff at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch or anyone who might have children following in your footsteps...As you lead the way, watch your step.

We are blessed by your support!

OUR COMMUNITY IS *Awesome!*



Recently, we sent out a call on social media about needing luggage, backpacks, etc., for the children at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch to be able to carry their belongings in as they often arrive with everything they own in plastic grocery bags or trash bags. We feel it is important for the kids we serve to be able to have the dignity of carrying their belongings in something they can feel proud about.

The answer to the call from the generous people in our community was astounding. We had hundreds of responses and the need was even aired on our local news! What a heartwarming feeling it is to know that we live in a community of such caring people. We are so grateful for your help in serving the precious children in our care.



**T. S. Eliot said,
"The journey not the
arrival matters".**

**Thank you for helping the
kids at TxGBR with their
journey through life.**



CHILDREN'S SERVICES



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Spring is in the air and on the Ranch, trees are blooming, and the grass is beginning to turn green. As we look around, we see the growth that God is faithfully causing to occur. But beyond the growth we see in nature, we see growth within Texas Girls & Boys Ranch. Our Child Placing Agency, licensing foster families and performing adoptions, continues to grow. Opportunities for refining efforts and evidence of enhancements within our programs is clear. And we see God continuing to provide new opportunities for how we continue to grow as an agency. Through that process we stand upon our core values that I wanted to share in this edition. Our agency values are expanded from the simple acronym CARE. We want our staff to CARE for children. We want our supervisors to CARE for their staff and we want our supervisors to feel CARED for. It is easy enough to say but hopefully we are all taking it a step further than the acronym. So, when we say CARE, what do we mean?

- C – Christ-Centered:** Our moral compass points to God's Divine message of faith, hope, and love in all treatment and care for our children and families.
- A – Advocacy Driven:** Recruit relentless God and child loving advocates; determined to treat and care for children traumatized by abuse and neglect within our sphere of influence.
- R – Relationship Focused:** We create connections! Our team members and volunteers connect with our children and their families through positive nurturing relationships that promote unity.
- E – Empathy Led:** Compassion is the catalyst for action. We must have and demonstrate empathy for children and families to make our mission and ministry thrive.

ED/REC/SPIRITUAL



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Paisley had always been a cautious child. She learned from a young age that very few people could be trusted, so her guard was always up. When she arrived to her cottage at the Ranch, the excitement of the other kids and the enthusiasm of the houseparents were no match for her resolve to never let anyone have power over her again.

She faked the smiles and followed the rules, but refused to believe a word about being "loved". She heard the houseparents pray for her each night and boiled with rage because she simply couldn't imagine that anyone cared that much for anyone else, especially her. Paisley finally had enough and smashed a salad bowl in the middle of the busy kitchen. She closed her eyes, anticipating the beating she knew would come, but it never came. Nor did any yelling, berating, or name-calling. The only sound she heard were the houseparents sweeping up salad and tiny remnants of the plastic bowl. Stunned, Paisley stood there watching them clean her mess. When it was over, her house mom leaned in close and said, "Love is patient and kind."

At TxGBR, we believe everything we do should embody the message of Jesus Christ. We understand children come from different backgrounds, and there is no way we can perfectly express Jesus' love to them. However, our hope is that every child who comes to Texas Girls & Boys Ranch will receive daily encouragement, nurturing, and love. We also pray expectantly that our partnership with local churches, parachurch ministries, and camps will provide unique opportunities for spiritual transformation that we simply cannot provide alone. We ask that you pray with us for an abundance of God's blessing as we seek to Share Jesus, Heal Hearts, and Transform Lives!

CAMPUS CORNER



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As the season transitioned into spring so did our campus here at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch. Warmer weather comes with more outdoor sports, activities and kids spending more time outside. Our spring is filled with extracurricular activities with band practices, track and field meets for our older kids, and camping trips! Each year our campus gets involved with different sponsors who invite us on camping/fishing trips. This spring we will take three separate trips. These are opportunities to build better connections with peers and their caregivers while camping under the stars and roasting marshmallows for s'mores! We look forward to opportunities that involve both caregivers and kids. Building trust-based relationships is very important between kids and houseparents. Most importantly, this gives another opportunity for our caregivers to share the word of Christ to the kids in an outdoor setting. What better way to Share Jesus, Heal Hearts, and Transform Lives?

FOSTER FOCUS



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Working in this field can be challenging at times. Hearing about the trauma of what the children have experienced and seeing how that trauma has affected them can be emotionally draining. We cherish the success stories to keep us going. There is one case that always stands out in my mind. A little boy was so heart broken and angry about his situation that he lashed out at others and was aggressive verbally and physically. Initially, he could not be placed with his siblings because of his behavior. The foster family insisted they wanted to take him. We could all see how he was hurting and wanted to help him work through his grief. Through much love and patience this child is now unrecognizable from the child he was before. He is now a very polite, thoughtful, and well-mannered young man. He and his siblings were adopted and are absolutely thriving in their environment. They are such a beautiful family and I know this couple was chosen especially for them.

SHELTER SPOTLIGHT



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The Shelter has had a couple of busy months. For the month of February, the staff hosted a Super Bowl party for the kids. The children were provided lots of goodies to snack on while watching the game, and of course, most were cheering on the Chiefs. The Elementary-age kids had a Valentine's party at their schools and our staff assisted with decorating their Valentine boxes for cards and treats. Middle school residents attended their school Valentine dance. We had lots of activities planned for Spring Break and the kids and staff had a blast. The kids went to Main Event, Walter's World of Pets, Bahama Bucks, and participated in crafting at Clay Café. They enjoyed every moment. It is our desire, here at the Texas Girls & Boys Ranch Children's Shelter, to show love through Jesus Christ, help heal the broken, and transform one life at a time. Our goal is to show love through Jesus and love as he has loved us.

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THE RANCH



FEELING THE NEED FOR SPEED



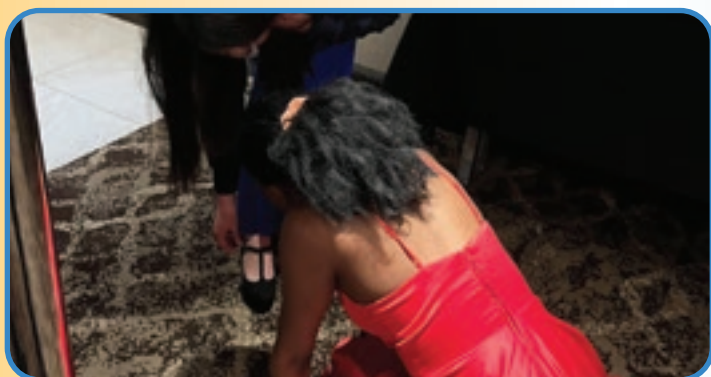
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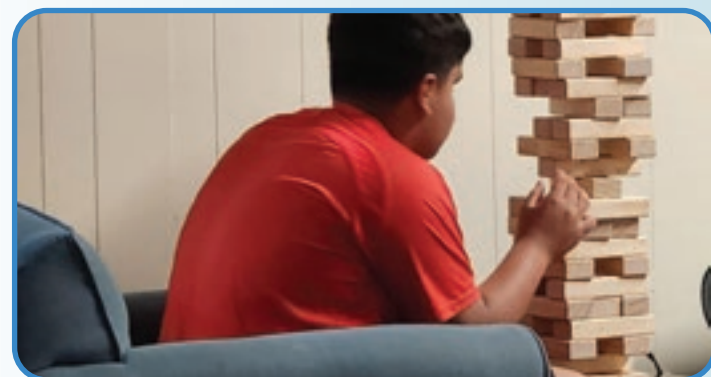
ENJOYING THE WEATHER



FARM LIFE



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FUN AND GAMES



GETTING READY FOR EASTER



MONKEYS!



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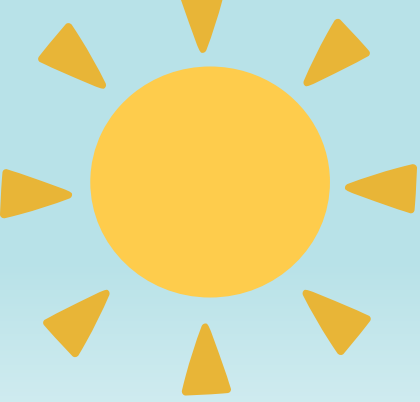
WHOS HUNGRY?



MAKING A NEW FRIEND



SHOOTING HOOPS



CHURCH CAMP



Summer evenings, camp fires, the smell of fresh pine. Do you ever feel the need to get away from it all, slow down, and take a step back from the hectic pace of life? As a counselor, I often guide the children we serve through imagery that depicts calm, safe places, to promote a sense of peace and tranquility to calm their troubled minds. When we take time to slow down and appreciate what we have, and are able to be thankful to God for the blessings we have in life, we can feel a sense of renewal and be able to forget about all the negativity going on in the world around us.

The kids at the Ranch need this in their difficult lives. For many of them, their young souls have known more stress and anxiety than some of us adults experience in a lifetime. They have been through many hardships and what they need now is rest and rejuvenation, and a chance to get away and be thankful for the good things they have; even though those may seem very few to them sometimes.

Something that can provide the opportunity for hurting children to be able to slow down, appreciate life, and see God in all his glory is Church Camp.

Some may think Church Camp is just a fun diversion for the children at the Ranch, but we think of Church Camp as part of their therapeutic journey of healing, and a significant part of our mission of sharing Jesus, healing hearts, and transforming lives. The experience of camp is an important part of being able to get away from the stresses of hectic lives and to be able to focus on Jesus and the good things God has in store for them in their futures, and it's such a wonderful way to mend wounded spirits.

To take a broken life and try to make it whole again takes many loving people and a lot of carefully planned effort. Church Camp is an integral part of that effort. Over the years, we have seen many children, some of whom we thought we may never be able to reach, respond so positively to the Church Camp experience that it forever changed their lives. When you think about it, the cost of Church Camp is a very small price to pay for such a potentially life-changing experience.





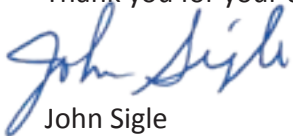
This year it costs \$250 to attend Church Camp, and your commitment to send a child to camp is an investment that could possibly make an eternal difference in a child's life.

Would you prayerfully consider making this investment in a child's future? Even a small part of the investment is better than nothing at all. Imagine them being in a place where God feels closer and their life seems much simpler, enjoying the summer evenings, the campfires, the smell of the outdoors. Spending time in a wholesome place where they are able to replace bad memories with good ones. What a priceless gift to offer a child who has received so little in life.

We depend a great deal on generous and caring people like you to help us do our work. The work is important but it would be impossible without your help.

Making your donation is easy. You can send in your donation with the provided envelope or go online to our website. Just think... what takes moments of your time today can have such a lasting impact in the life of a precious child.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity,


John Sigle

If you would like to make your donation online, go to TxGBR.org and designate it as Church Camp



DONOR SPOTLIGHT



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When I visit the mountains, smell the pine trees, and feel the fresh, cool air, I have an immediate reaction. My breathing slows, my shoulders relax, and my heart feels lighter. I usually stop right about then to say a quick prayer of appreciation for the beauty God has blessed us with. Sometimes just a smell or sound will bring back memories of my experiences at camp and they are such powerful feelings that I am transported back to that sweet, innocent time. As we near summer break I am filled with excitement for the children at TxGBR as they prepare to go to church camp and enjoy vacations with their houseparents. These experiences for them are not just fun, they are good for their souls. Thank you for helping make this time possible for them. I appreciate you all so much!

CHURCH CONNECTION



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Spring is here. And with summer right around the corner, we would like to invite church groups to come out on Sunday evenings for fellowship and fun. We have the big Texas Girls & Boys Ranch monster smoker and our gym can accommodate a large group. We love it when churches come out and get to know our kiddos, as well as the houseparents. It is important for the kids to see people they don't know acting like Christians. Many of our kids come from homes where the adults in the homes don't act like Christians. Now yes, we have our houseparents and they are wonderful examples but it's also good for the kids to see people they don't know set a good example as well. Setting the example of love and kindness is very important for the kids to see. Our children are always looking up to us as adults and it is up to us to set the example of how Christians should act. So, churches, come on out for fellowship and fun and be ready to be good examples. God Bless.

VOLUNTEERS

We are always needing volunteers at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch.

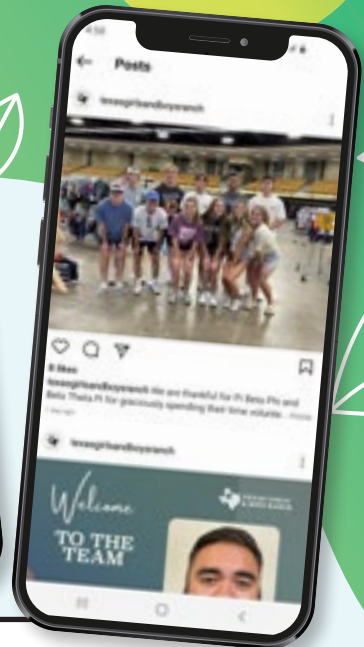
Whether you are a hands-on type of person who likes to get dirty or the type of person who would make a good tutor for the kids, we need you.

We have opportunities for both individuals and groups. Do you need volunteer hours for school or is your department at work or class at church looking for some meaningful service hours? We need you.

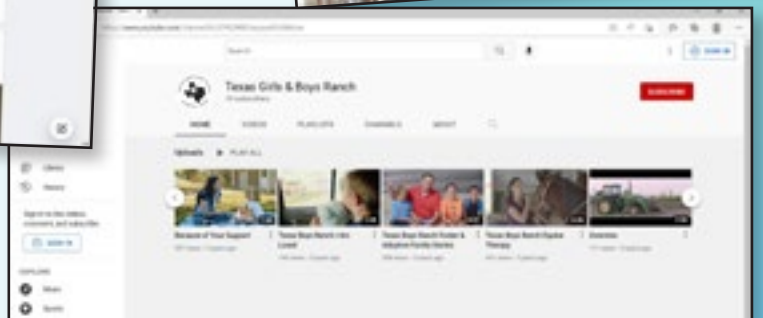
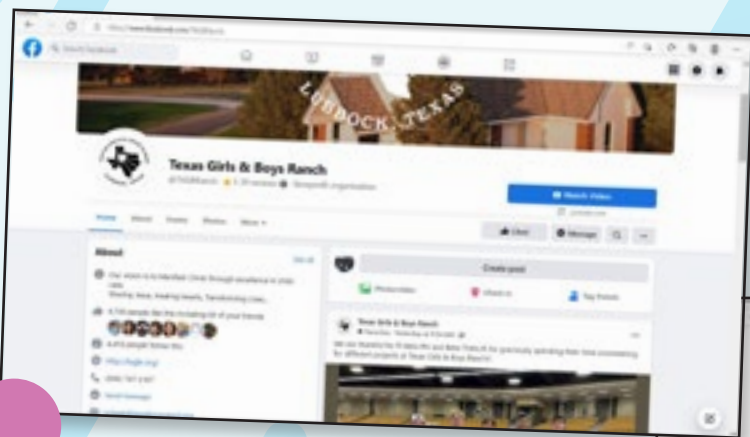
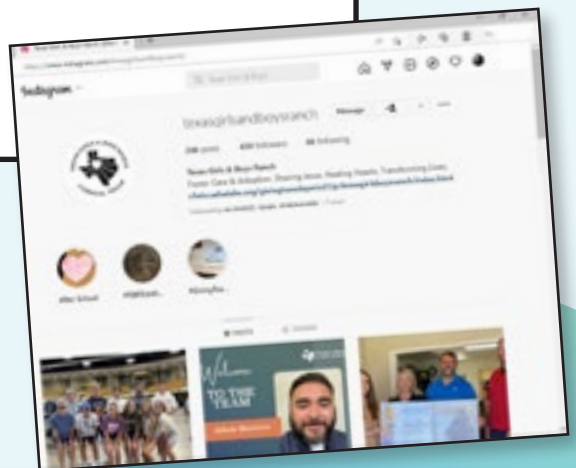
You can find out more by visiting TxGBR.org and checking out our volunteer page.

If you are interested in volunteering at TxGBR contact Courtney Monk at cmonk@txgbr.org or call us at 806-747-3187.

What's Trending On Social Media?



Be Sure to Check Out Texas Girls & Boys Ranch on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube!

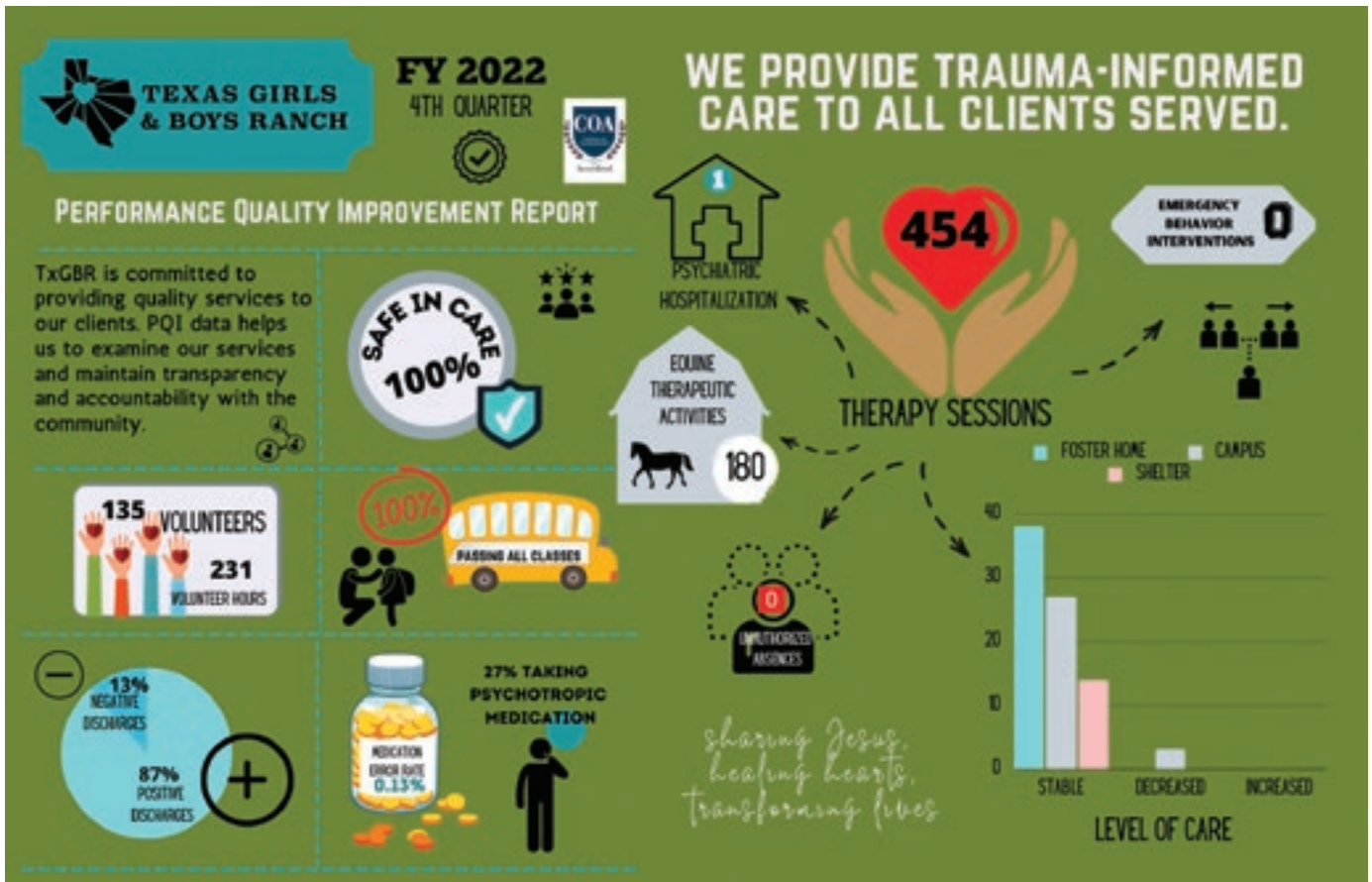
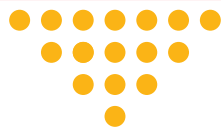


PERFORMANCE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (PQI)

Performance Quality Improvement (PQI) is not only a requirement of our accreditation through COA, Texas Girls & Boys Ranch consistently strives for a culture of excellence, and PQI helps direct us. PQI helps steer our strategic plan and our mission of Sharing Jesus, Healing Hearts, and Transforming Lives.

Throughout the year you will see PQI reports that highlight the services we are providing, the client outcomes we are seeing, as well as the impact our programs are having in the community. Our PQI program measures data from all of our programs and helps us to determine growth or additional services that may be needed.

Check out our most recent fiscal quarterly report which highlights our recent activities at the Ranch!





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A Good Return

One of the most important questions to ask in making investment decisions is what kind of a return you'll realize. And, of course, a good financial advisor will always preface what he's about to say with something like, "Past performance is no guarantee of future return, but here's how this fund has performed over the last 20 years". Then the advisor will probably talk about how that particular investment has performed recently, and perhaps also how it may be poised for the future, considering economic outlook, interest rate environment, global events, etc.

Another very important question to consider is what kind of risk is associated with this particular investment. How sensitive is it to interest rate hikes, or inflation, or recession, or...? We don't want to put our hard-earned money at too much risk if there's not an appropriate amount of return opportunity.

And of course, there's also investment objective. In fact, that may be the very first question to address. Are you looking for capital growth, or current income? What are you hoping to gain from your investment?

As a supporter of Texas Girls & Boys Ranch, you have chosen to make a very important investment. You are placing your hard-earned dollars into someone else's care, expecting to see a positive return. The return you're looking for is measured not by dividend yield or capital appreciation, but rather by how young lives are changed for good. As a reader of this newsletter and other publications from the Ranch, you get a front row seat into the good work being accomplished as children begin to heal from their emotional, psychological, and physical traumas. You see how cycles of abuse and generational poverty are interrupted as kids learn healthier ways to manage emotions and discover a better way to live. They realize they can be positive, contributing members of society.

That's a good return.

CGA ONE-LIFE RATES WITH TxGBRF

AGE	RATE
65	5.4%
70	5.9%
75	6.6%
80	7.6%
85	8.7%
90+	9.7%

Here's an interesting twist on your investment into this ministry. Did you know you may also be able to receive a real stream of income when you make a gift to Texas Girls & Boys Ranch Foundation? A Charitable Gift Annuity with the Foundation will provide a secure income stream to you that will not change with interest rate or stock market fluctuations. The payout rate is determined solely by your age. In addition to a strong rate, there are many tax advantages associated with this kind of gift, which could make the effective rate even higher!

The best part about a gift like this to Texas Girls & Boys Ranch Foundation is knowing that you are investing not only in children who need you today, but also your gift will grow and provide a much-needed stream of income to the Ranch & its mission of "Sharing Jesus, Healing Hearts, Transforming Lives" for generations yet to come.

And that is a very good return.

For more information on Charitable Gift Annuities or other options that will make a strong investment in children, contact Eric at the Foundation office at (806) 749-1103 or ecreel@TxGBRFoundation.org.

MEMORIAL AND LIVING HONOR GIFTS

January 1 - March 31, 2023

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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Check-in & Breakfast

7:00AM

Shotgun Start

8:00AM

Register online at txgbr.org

Registration is due Friday May 12, 2023

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