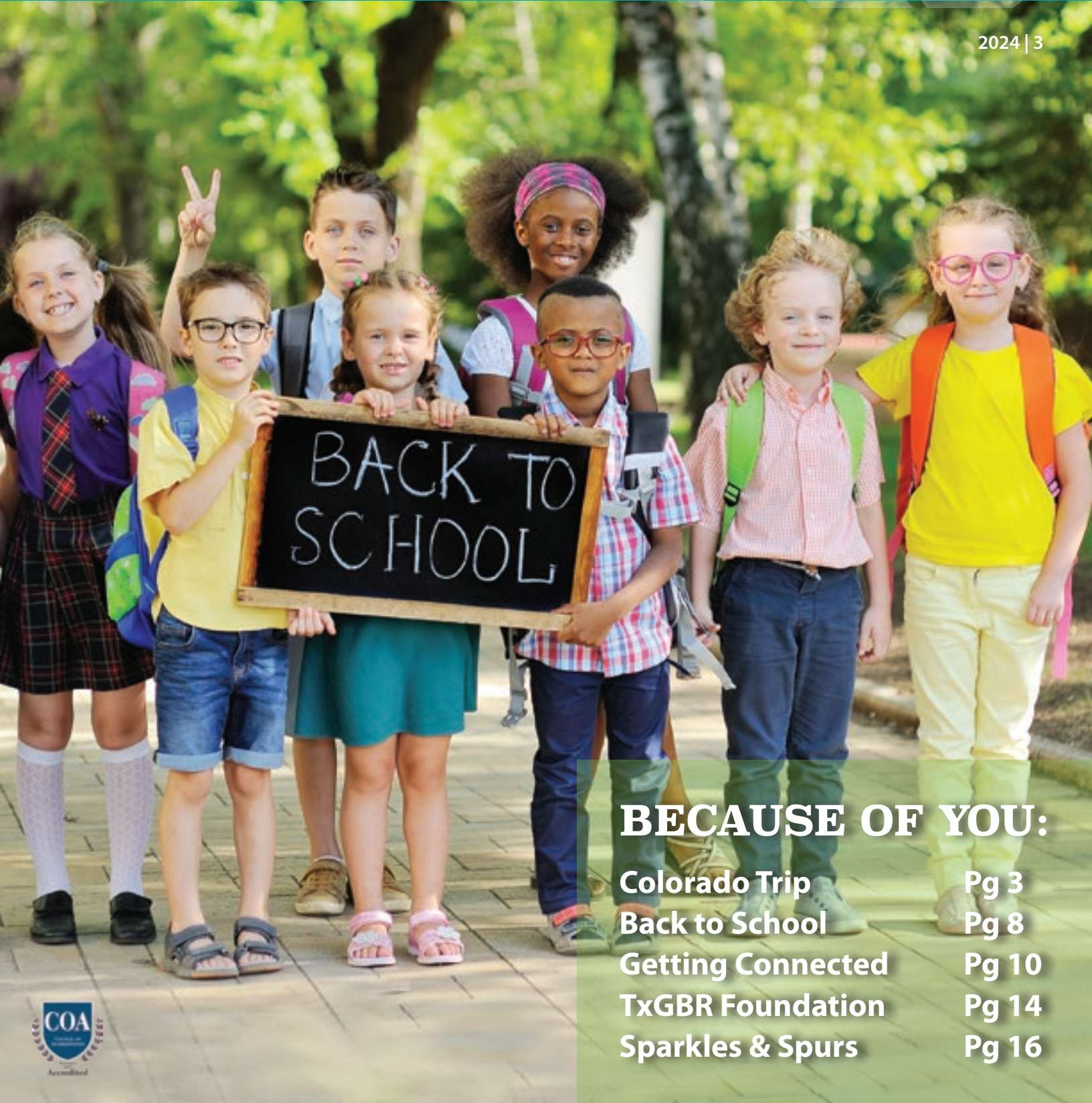




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THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION



High school is not easy! This is especially true for low-income youth and even more so for foster youth. The dropout rates for foster youth are three times higher than for other low-income children. Nationally, only 50% of children in foster care manage to finish high school. Virtually all research shows a direct and dismal correlation between high school dropout rates and prison, homelessness, and poverty populations. Here are just a few of the factors that contribute to foster youth high school dropout rates:

- Instability and disruptions in school placements and continuity
- Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences that affect the youth’s mental health and self-esteem
- Negative school experiences, such as bullying, discrimination, and negative interactions with teachers and peers.
- Financial challenges that may affect the child’s access to resources like school supplies, school clothes, field trips, and extracurricular activities (band, sports, clubs).
- Legal/Emotional conflicts for youth who can legally choose to emancipate at age 18 to return to biological family, but can and should remain in foster care because they haven’t graduated high school

A good education and a high school diploma are among the most important goals we have for our high school students. The discouraging national trend does not deter us from our objective to make sure that everyone graduates high school...and we’re doing pretty well. In fact, over the last twenty years nearly every resident who was in care at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch for their junior year of high school has graduated. And more, several of them graduated from college or other continuing education opportunities.

This year, we proudly watched two of our seniors walk across the stage to receive their diplomas from Roosevelt High School. The exciting moment was met with loud cheers and a few tears as we celebrated an important milestone for this young man and young woman.

As I write this article, I am humbled by the realization that our emphasis on everything relating to education would be wishful thinking and an empty hope if it weren’t for you. Your donations make it possible for us to provide our children with what they need to be successful in school. Your generous gifts provide nice school clothes so that our children and youth “fit in”. Your donations support junior high and high school band and FFA involvement. Your generous support allows our kids to participate in every kind of school sport that is offered in junior high and high school athletic programs. Thanks to you, our teens dare to try out for school plays and choir. Finally, your donations allow us to offer homework help and tutoring support after school.

Most importantly, as we partner together for the sake of children, our kids can dare to dream! Our newest high school graduates are a long way from the abuse and neglect that led them to Texas Girls & Boys Ranch in the first place. They have dealt with their issues and have conquered many of their demons. They can now look in hope to a much brighter future.

We are only weeks away from the beginning of a new school year. This coming year, our foster families and houseparents will care for preschoolers and seniors...and every grade in between. Thank you for joining us as we help our children learn how to dream!

John Sigle,
TxGBR President



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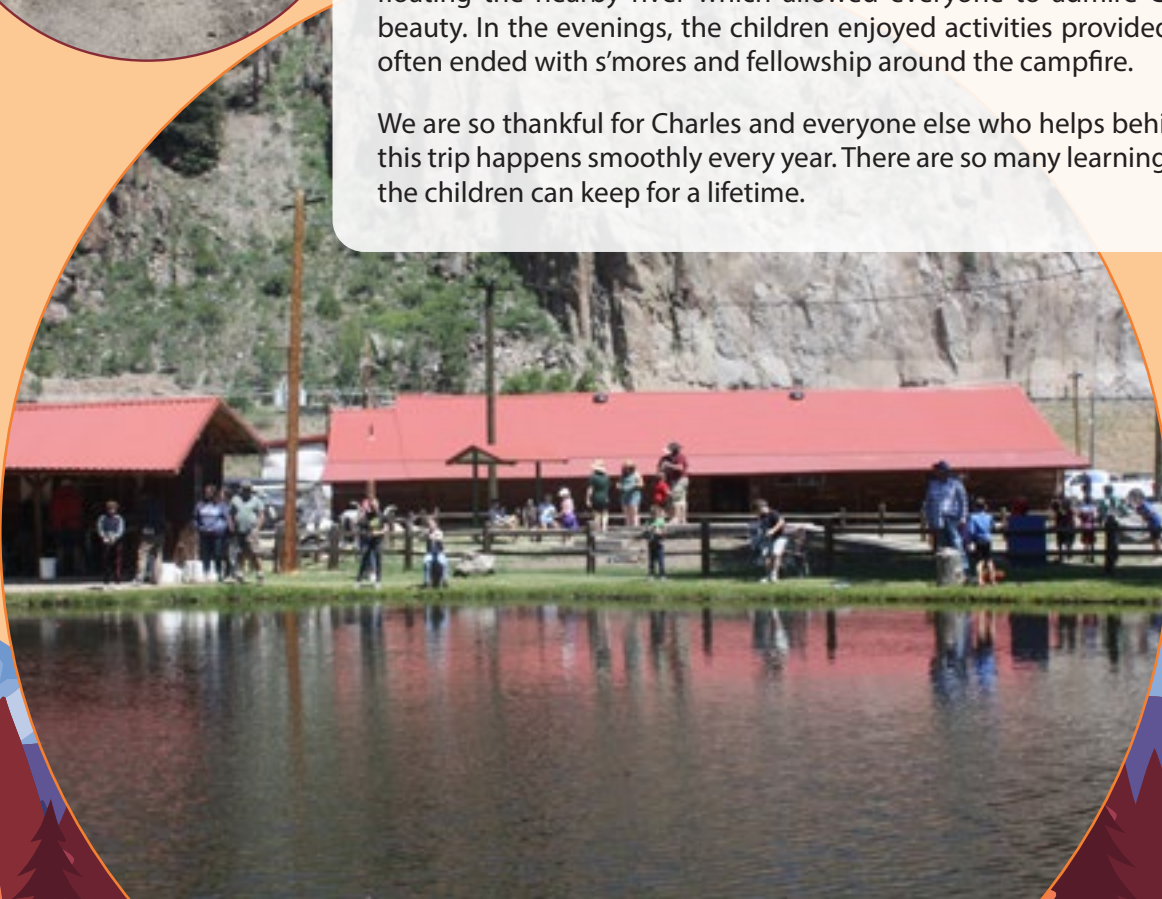
COLORADO Trip



Each summer, Charles Quisenberry takes the children from TxGBR on a summer vacation in Colorado. The trip is filled with many lessons, adventures, and memory-making moments. Charles' heart overflows with happiness toward each child throughout the five-day trip. All four cottages, house parents, and additional TxGBR staff attend to help make the week-long vacation memorable!

This year in Colorado, the children from the Ranch got to experience many new things that most of them have never had the opportunity to do before. Each day was filled with different activities that provided fun and irreplaceable memories. The children enjoyed fishing, learned the basics of camping, and assisted in setting up the tents. The entire group enjoyed a day floating the nearby river which allowed everyone to admire God's great creation and its beauty. In the evenings, the children enjoyed activities provided by the campsite. The days often ended with s'mores and fellowship around the campfire.

We are so thankful for Charles and everyone else who helps behind the scenes to make sure this trip happens smoothly every year. There are so many learning experiences and memories the children can keep for a lifetime.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES



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It is an active time of year! While the schools are mostly quiet, summer is the busiest time of year on our campus. Over the years we have been able to add opportunities for the children during summer months which have helped reduce the burden of planning, organizing, and running activities and events throughout the summer. Cottage vacations, summer camps, day trips to regional attractions (Abilene Zoo, Carlsbad Caverns, etc.), an annual Colorado camping trip and on-campus summer programming are all on the summer calendar.

To make all this happen, we have been tremendously blessed to have a robust team of house parents and support staff who tackle all these activities and outings with enthusiasm and positivity. Equally, our Education, Recreation, and Spiritual Development director and team engage the kids in a variety of educational, craft, and therapeutic activities to create a summer to remember.

Please help us by praying for all these staff members who pour themselves tirelessly into the children who are with us for a brief season of life. Their dedication and hard work make a significant impact on the lives of these children, providing them with many memorable experiences. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated as we strive to create a nurturing and enriching environment for all the children in our care.

CAMPUS CORNER



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The compassion of Jesus, Matthew 10:37-38 NKJ "Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Our campus is small but mighty when you look at the work that our caregivers provide. We have been fully staffed with houseparents since July of last year, which has been a blessing- to know that there are people out there who are led here to serve. Each one of our houseparents made a commitment to themselves and listened to God's calling for them to set themselves apart from the world and their personal lives to be the hands and feet here. The harvest is truly plentiful, even on some of the harder days. The Texas Girls & Boys houseparents continue to put their needs second. I started with the ranch back in 2012 as a direct care staff. I always said this was the hardest of the jobs on campus. As a direct care staff, you are not just in one cottage but multiple. You are learning and building relationships with every kid on campus, kind of like the show MASH. I used to watch this with my dad growing up. MASH stands for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. Our direct care staff do not perform surgical operations but have one of the most important jobs of caring for hurt children. Our facility is a twenty-four-hour operation, which means we have staff awake every hour of the day. This is a calling and we at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch are truly blessed to work alongside Christ-focused people. Matthew 6:21 NKJ says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Our treasure is in Jesus Christ, and he is present among the workers here at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch.

SHELTER SPOTLIGHT



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Turning Point would like to welcome our new staff on board and are excited to have them join our agency. Noah Argueta; Noah is married and has 2 children. Noah currently resides in Plainview and is planning to move to Lubbock soon. Noah previously worked at Reed Adolescence Center teaching life skills. We are also excited to have Hope Franklin joining our team as well. Hope is married and is currently attending Texas Tech majoring in Human Development Studies. Please join us in welcoming our new staff on board. We are eager to have them as a part of our team.

ED/REC/SPIRITUAL



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One of the most moving things I get to witness is the collaboration of all of the staff to fulfill our mission of Sharing Jesus, Healing Hearts, and Transforming Lives. These past few months have posed unique challenges for our staff and watching them pour themselves out every day to serve our kids is compelling. It would have been easy for any of them to take the easy way out, demand their days off, or tap out when their shift was over, but their passion for our kids always came first! I am confident that the Lord has gathered his people here for such a time as this, and I look forward to watching him work through his servants.

FOSTER & ADOPTION



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Texas Girls & Boys Ranch has been providing foster and adoption services for ten years now and has been a part of over one hundred adoptions. We have noticed that many of our children, adopted at a young age, are grappling with intense emotions as they grow older. Earlier this year we decided to refocus some of our efforts to better support adoptive parents. At Texas Girls & Boys Ranch, we remain dedicated to our families long after the adoption process is completed. We believe it truly does take a village to raise a child, and we are committed to being that village whenever it is needed. We recently held a support group for adoptive parents in our community which received an overwhelmingly positive response. We are committed to continuing to offer this valuable support to all adoptive families in our area. To expand our post-adoption program, we are actively seeking additional funding through a grant. Your prayers and support for TxGBR are greatly appreciated as we continue our efforts to provide the best possible care for these children.

'round the ranch



CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION



FUN AT CHURCH CAMP



FISHING FUN



SUMMER HIKE



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WE LOVE A PARADE



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WATCH OUT!



FISHING FUN



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BACK TO SCHOOL



What do you think about when you think of being successful?

What would you say success looks like to you? Is it a happy family life... a popular celebrity... or maybe it's a good-paying job? Success means different things to different people but there are some things being successful has in common for most everyone. Things like fulfilling your purpose, making an impact or difference, and being able to reach the goals you've set.

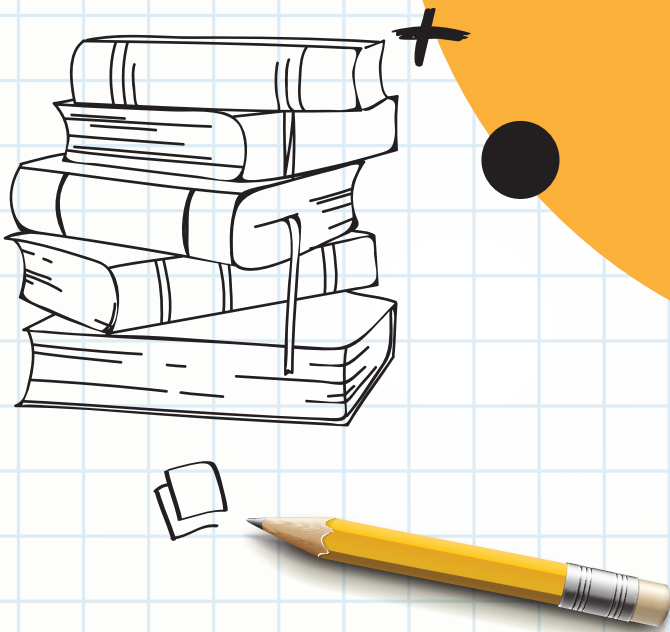
When I consider what success looks like, I think of a thirteen-year-old girl named Sofia. Sofia has been at TxGBR for a couple of years and has achieved great success in spite of being given considerable obstacles to overcome. One of Sofia's biggest successes is in school. She, like many kids in her circumstance, was struggling with school when she first came to the Ranch. But once she was given the tools and encouragement she needed to thrive, she knew no limitations when it came to succeeding. Sofia has won awards in band, math competitions, robotics, as well as other areas.



It's great that Sofia is succeeding in school because that can set up her for so many more successes in her future. I don't have to tell you how important a good education can be when it comes to being able to reach goals and find your place in the world.

Sofia'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. School expenses are more than pencils, paper, and crayons. Your gift supports the whole package: clothes, shoes, band instruments, sports gear, tutors, field trips, and anything else you can imagine for a successful school year.



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. So, won't you prayerfully consider making the choice today to help the kids at the Ranch fulfill their purpose, make a difference, and reach their goals in life? You might even consider making your donation a recurring one, as school expenses are ongoing throughout the year.

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Sigle".

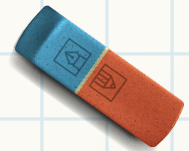
John Sigle,
TxGBR President

A simple line drawing of a graduation cap (mortarboard) with a tassel hanging from the right side.

future

A large orange circle containing text. A black arrow points from the right side of the circle towards the text.

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



DONOR APPRECIATION



BILLY CHEEK

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While many on the TxGBR campus are busy preparing for back to school, our Advancement Department has been working diligently on our annual Sparkles & Spurs Gala, which will be Thursday evening of August the 8th. This event is our only internal fundraiser, and we rely on the funds raised to support the ongoing needs of the children in our care. The Gala is a fun event that allows us the opportunity to spend time with our good friends and donors like you. We pray you will consider joining us as we share our mission so you can learn more about ways you can impact the lives of the children at the Ranch. If you cannot attend this year, would you please consider making a donation online and designating it as Gala. We are so grateful for all of you who continue to financially support and pray for the important work we do at TxGBR. For more information about the Gala, you can go to txgbr.org or contact Courtney Monk at 806-747-3187 or cmonk@txgbr.org.

CHURCH CONNECTION



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Summer is here and for most of us that means vacation, swimming, and cookouts. But we all know what's coming... back to school! At Texas Girls & Boys Ranch, we start planning for back-to-school months in advance. We have to plan for haircuts, new school outfits, and of course, school supplies. We at TxGBR would love for CHURCHES, civic groups, and individuals to help out with back to school. A school supply drive would be a real blessing. We have a lot of kiddos that we have to send to school and that takes time and a lot of effort. Please consider helping us with this upcoming school year. Thank you and God bless.

*Pencils *Pens blue/black/red *Highlighters *Spiral notebooks *Binders *Calculators *Color pencils
*Crayons *Markers *College ruled notebook paper *Backpacks *Kleenex *Hand sanitizer

VOLUNTEERING



COURTNEY MONK

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Summer is always a busy time at the ranch! We are extremely grateful for every single volunteer that takes the time to come out to the ranch and help where it is needed. TxGBR has been blessed by meals, play times, tutoring, and event support through our volunteers this summer! There are always opportunities to volunteer throughout the year that can range from indoor and outdoor activities, as well as hanging out with our children and staff! We are excited to welcome new volunteers as we finish up the summer and enter the fall!

On August 8th, our 4th Annual Sparkles & Spurs Gala will be held at Overton Hotel & Conference Center. Individual tickets and table sponsorship will be available for purchase, as well as volunteer opportunities for this event. If you would like additional information regarding this event or volunteering, please contact me at 806.747.3187 ext. 105 or cmonk@txgbr.org



**TEXAS GIRLS
& BOYS RANCH**

Q1 2024

**PERFORMANCE QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT REPORT**



LEVEL OF CARE



- 1** Unauthorized Absence
- Emergency Behavior Interventions **0**
- 12%** clients taking psychotropic medications. Medication error rate of 0.34%
- Psychiatric Hospitalizations **0**
- Equine Activities **122**
- 499** Therapy Sessions

100%

Safe In Care

passing all classes **98%**

AVERAGE AGE OF CLIENT
7

GENDER



92%

Positive Discharges

344
Volunteers

Volunteer Hours
1051

TXGBR IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICES TO OUR CLIENTS. PQI DATA HELPS US TO EXAMINE OUR SERVICES AND MAINTAIN TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITH THE COMMUNITY.

Sharing Jesus. Healing Hearts. Transforming Lives

Texas Girls & Boys Ranch
Unaudited Financial Report
For the Year Ended January 31, 2024

Operating Income		Operating Expenses	
Churches & Individuals	\$ 862,871	Residential Care - Ranch	1,755,955
Residential Care - Ranch	653,916	Foster Care	792,256
Foster Care	720,334	Children's Shelter	521,462
Children's Shelter	170,777	Ranch/agriculture expenses	301,531
Fundraising	174,006	Administration	392,160
Ranch income	22,440	Fundraising and development	337,905
Earnings from endowment	140,000	Total Expenses	4,101,269
Foundations, Trusts & Grants	650,292		
Other/Miscellaneous	179,898		
Total income	\$ 3,574,534	Net income or (Loss)	(526,735)



FY 2023

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORT



- **64 churches provided support**
- **100% debt free**
- **709 volunteers**
- **2460 volunteer hours**



- **90% positive discharges**
- **88% felt safety**
- **100% safe in care**
- **97% stable level of care**
- **4 psychiatric hospitalizations**
- **6 emergency behavior interventions**
- **0 unauthorized absences**



- **16 adoptions**
- **11 family reunifications**
- **1876 therapy sessions**
- **577 equine activities**



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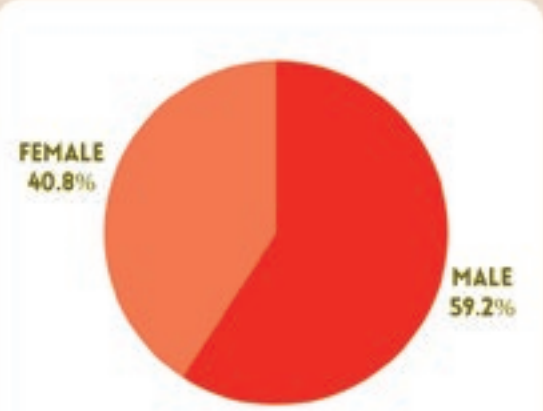
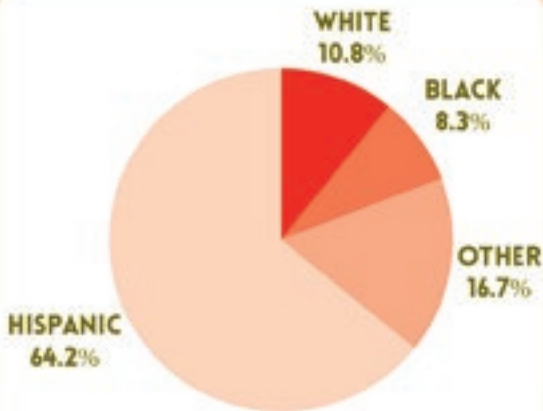
Clients Served

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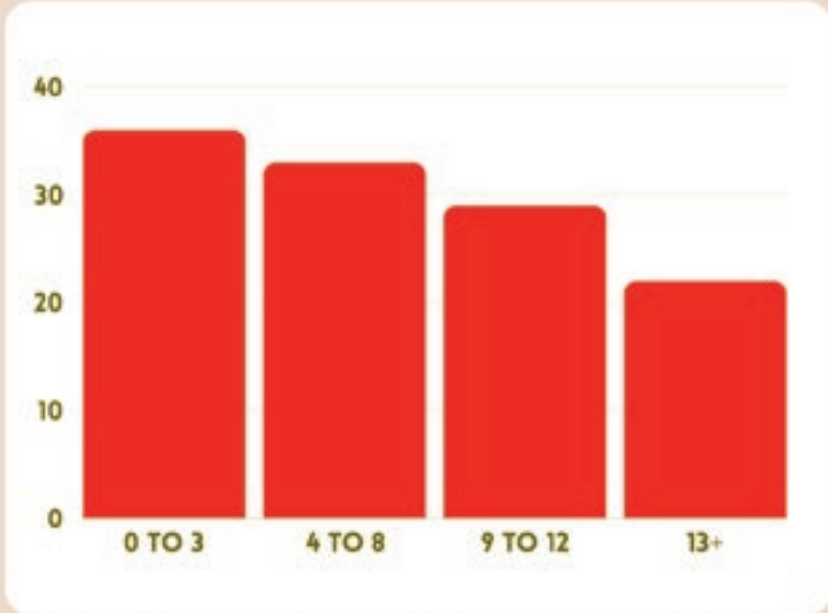


TEXAS GIRLS
& BOYS RANCH

FY 2023 CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS



120 **RESIDENTIAL CLIENTS**
Foster Care, Campus, & Shelter



COMMUNITY COUNSELING CLIENTS

*All residential clients are eligible to receive counseling services, therefore they are not counted in this total.

46

31

AFTERCARE/ COMMUNITY SUPPORT CLIENTS



TEXAS GIRLS & BOYS RANCH FOUNDATION



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— Is a Two-Tier System on the Horizon? —

*“This is going to change the complexion of how we view foster care treatment for our foster kids, but more importantly, **how we look at the people who we rely on to care for foster kids.**”*

Those ominous words were spoken by Health & Human Services Secretary Xavier Bacerra regarding a rule recently enacted by his Department. *“Safe and Appropriate Foster Care Placement Requirements for Titles IV-E and IV-B”* was enacted on April 29, which creates a two-tier system for placing children in foster care: agencies that comply with the new policies will be labeled as “Designated Placement Providers” & considered “safe” placements; and then there are the others.

What are the new policies? HHS will now delineate the designation of an agency based on their willingness to require foster parents to go along with a child’s sexual confusion. According to HHS, *“The [Designated] provider must commit to establishing an environment that supports the child’s LGBTQI+ status or identity. Second, the provider must be trained with the appropriate knowledge and skills to provide for the needs of the child related to the child’s self-identified sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Third, the provider must facilitate the child’s access to age- or developmentally-appropriate resources, services, and activities that support their health and well-being.”*

In other words, agencies & foster families who maintain a biblical understanding of human sexuality & adhere to a Christian system of morality will not be viewed as “safe” placements and will be relegated to a second-class status.

It is unclear how this new rule will ultimately be implemented as it is set to take effect in 2026, but it certainly is concerning for the future of faith-based childcare. Will fewer children be placed in Christian homes & agencies? Will funding be cut for those out of favor with the powers that be?

What is certain is this illustrates even more clearly why a strong endowment is critical to the long-term viability of Texas Girls & Boys Ranch. The Ranch receives annual distributions from the Foundation’s permanent endowment to meet obligations & provide needed services to wounded children in a Christ-centered environment. But these distributions are very small compared to the total need & certainly not sufficient to make up a significant shortfall like what could be coming in the near future.

We urgently need your help!

Will you please consider making a gift to Texas Girls & Boys Ranch Foundation? We need your partnership more than ever to grow the endowment so that adequate funding can be provided for the children served by the Ranch, no matter what the future holds. Let’s talk today about options that could make a bigger impact for both the ministry & you. You may be surprised how much good can be done!

Contact Eric at the Foundation office at (806) 749-1103 or ecreel@TxGBRFoundation.org to discuss how you can be a part of creating a solid future for Christian childcare at TxGBR.

MEMORIAL AND LIVING HONOR GIFTS

April 1 - June 30, 2024

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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Sparkles & SPURS GALA



THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM



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