



Ranch Report

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Our mission is to address, remedy, and prevent child abuse and neglect by creating safe, healthy, and permanent homes for children.

2008 Arkansas Children's Awards Dinner Honoree has been selected



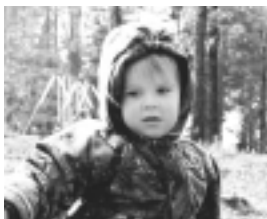
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On November 12th at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, STANLEY REED, president of Arkansas Farm Bureau, will be honored as the 2008 recipient of this Children's Award.

A third-generation cotton farmer from Marianna, Reed holds a law degree from the University of Arkansas, though his affection for the land led him back to the farm.

Mr. Reed is in his fifth term as president of Arkansas Farm Bureau, where he has been a board member for more than 20 years. He recently completed a 10-year term on the U of A Board of Trustees, where he served as chairman for two years; and is currently on the board of directors for Baptist Health and Simmons First National Corporation. Mr. Reed is also on the board of advisors for the AR World Trade Center.

Reed earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering and a law degree from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. Both his undergraduate and law degrees were awarded with highest honors.

He has participated in numerous foreign trade missions, including visits to Mexico, Turkey, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Cuba, Brazil and Peru.

He and his wife Charlene have three children – Haley, Nathan and Anna – and three grandchildren. His son works with him on the family farm.

If you would like information on tickets to the dinner, call Catherine Johnson at 501-821-1021.



"The Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches are to be applauded for their efforts to teach responsibility and accountability to troubled youth through the shared work experiences that occur on a farm or ranch. Because of the commitment of the Youth Ranches, many young people have gone on to lead valuable, productive lives."
- Stanley Reed, President, Arkansas Farm Bureau

The Gift of Ranch Hands

by Mike Cumnock, CEO

The job description for the CEO of any children's charity should include: Worrying about the children, constant praying, creative problem solving, and a good sense of humor. My job requires massive amounts of all of the above. I have perfected worry and get complimented on both my creativity and sense of humor. Though I doubt that I will ever be as prayerful a person as I would like to be, I am a big believer in the power of prayer, or as the old saying goes: "Life is fragile – handle with prayer." I would like to share some examples.

Recently a staff member was transporting two girls to a Ranch campus, and one of the girls casually mentioned that she was now an atheist. Since she was new, he questioned her about the requirement that all the children living at the Ranches had to be actively involved in a church. She commented that she was fine with that rule, but that she had given up on God. As they drove along, he invited her to say more about that statement. She went on to say that she felt blessed to be admitted to the Ranch program. He couldn't resist saying to her, "That is an unusual thing for an atheist to say... where does that blessing come from?" She responded, "Well, I used to believe in God... but my home life was so horrible that I kept praying that I could find somewhere to go where life would be better." But that God had not responded and she felt she had become an emotional orphan – abandoned. As they neared the front driveway, the new Rancher looked up and said, "You know, my being here could be the answer to those prayers." She made the realization that sometimes an answer requires time and can be subtle. The new question became was she ready to receive the gift that she had prayed for?

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I speak from experience



Mike Cumnock
CEO

when I tell you that sometimes the response can be slow but sometimes very quick and dramatic. I have had experiences that I knew were answered prayers. I survived a horrendous car wreck a few years ago only because my work here on earth was not done. That experience changed me forever! I knew that I had a choice in surviving, that I was not alone, and that I would never be left an orphan. We experience many frustrations here but also answers to prayers. Sometimes the answers come in very unusual (and fun) forms.

As I am sure you are aware, 2008 has been a tough year economically. Most charities are "feeling the heat" as supporters struggle to pay higher fuel and utility bills, increasing grocery prices, and the list goes on and on. They simply have less to share. As the summer months wore on, we began to prepare for the children returning to school, which takes thousands of dollars to fund. This became a time of worry and prayer, and the response came in a most unusual form. A group of ladies came out and had lunch with some of the children and staff and began asking what they could do to

help us. When the discussion turned to getting children ready for school, they asked what it would take to get clothing for the children in, say, two cottages. We threw out a dollar figure and they agreed with one another that they could take that on. As the conversation progressed, one of the women asked me what they, as a group, should call themselves and I suggested "Ranch Hands" because everyone at the Ranch needs a helping hand – children and staff alike. (I might note that this group of ladies can be very persuasive.) They wasted no time organizing themselves into our first group of Ranch Hands. They asked that we put together a solicitation letter and information packets. Within days, they were out calling on all their friends and neighbors, and gifts began arriving at the Ranch. They even arranged for shopping "field trips" the week before school started. Our children went to school on the first day dressed in their new duds knowing that they had been blessed. Some of the folks who gave to this project as new supporters have now asked if they, too, can become "Ranch Hands." We have been blessed with folks who are truly handy: Helping and Nurturing Disadvantaged Youth. As a good friend of ours used to say, "Ain't that just like God?"

For more than 32 years, this has been a grass roots effort with "salt of the earth" people sharing their time, talents, and treasures to help make sure our children get a hand up. We have been blessed with many "hands" making all of this possible.

I keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers and am truly thankful for who you are and all you do. Peace be with you!



Friends and Supporters - Donations



Student Ministry Pastors Brian and Katie Ingle from the First Assembly of God in Batesville brought out a group of

teenagers to have fun with the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranchers at the Batesville Campus. The teenagers came bearing gifts of school supplies for each child to start the year off right. "Our students and staff had a great time and we're excited about expanding our relationship with the Ranch in the future," said Pastor Brian Ingle. Here is one Rancher searching through the school supplies for the pack of gum that was in each sack of school supplies.



Thanks to everyone for donating school supplies and clothing for our children. They looked great and were prepared for the new school year.



The T Tauri Film Festival was a big hit again this year. You can go to their website at ttauri.org and view the photos of the children participating in this wonderful program.



Thanks for making our 1st Mulberry Rodeo a big success!

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North Pulaski EAST makes donation to the Ranches

Jennifer Ivey, Kayla Lyda, Daniel Thurman, Caitlin Wilson, and David Johnston came to the Ranch for a tour and to drop off donations they had collected. North Pulaski High School's EAST program is geared toward community involvement, and the students felt that the project for the Ranch would make a difference in other people's lives.



Martin Carpenter, CEO of FNBC, presents Paul Swymn houseparent at the Hardy Campus with a donation from FNBC and proceeds from the Home and Garden Show.

Golf Tournaments to Benefit the Ranch

Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder held the Sheriff Helder's Cops & Friends Classic golf tournament with the proceeds this year going to the Ranch. Highlighting the event was Farmington Mayor Ernie Penn's hole-in-one on the twelfth hole; he won a backhoe donated by A Camp Equipment of Fayetteville.



First Community Bank recently sponsored the 11th annual charity golf tournament to benefit the Ranch.



Helder's Cops and Friends Golf Classic



L to R: Hailey Hastings, Danielle Kramer and Gayla Brown.

Independence Baptist Association Youth Camp in Bethesda performed their yearly service to the community and weeded the flower beds, sorted clothes, and cleaned the chapel at the Ranch.



Daisy Patch Quilters came out for a tour and brought some quilts for the children.



L to R: Sheriff Larry Sanders, Dorothy Morris, Sunny Evans, Bob Evans, and Mike Cumnock, Ranch CEO. The group met to present the Evans with a thank-you certificate for donating the piano to the Morris Chapel.



A thank-you plaque was presented to Barbara Adams by Paul Swymn, houseparent at the Hardy Ranch. Mrs. Adams and her son, Jim, own A-Z Industries and have been very supportive of the Hardy campus.

It's All About The Kids

Where Ranch residents tell us about themselves



Robert

Robert 2 was born on June 30th and is in the fourth grade. His favorites are Spiderman 3, math, Akon, pizza, soccer, and playing video games. His goal in life is to be a business manager. What he likes about living at the Ranch? "It is fun."



Jamey

Jamey was born on October 21st and is in the eighth grade. He loves Camp Ozark. His favorites are science, Nickelback, stromboli, and baseball. He enjoys four wheeler riding, swimming, and fishing. His goal in life is to complete college. What he likes about the Ranch is "pestering the workers at the office."



Charles

Spa was born on July 12th and is in the tenth grade. He likes the television show Naruto. His favorites are math, pizza, football and winter. He enjoys playing video games, fishing, and riding bikes. His goal in life is to get a good job and make lots of money. What he likes about the Ranch is "the freedom."

Ranch Alumni Update

Maranda

Maranda came to the Ranch in 2004 and stayed 3-1/2 years. She graduated high school and has enrolled at ASU Mountain Home for a nursing degree.

On December 8, 2007 she and Edgar were married. Edgar came with a big asset, a lovely daughter, Alex. Here Alex, nine-years-old, is holding her new baby brother, Isaac Odell.



Maranda said that "the Ranch taught me right from wrong and how to live life to the fullest.

The people at the Ranch (especially Corey) showed me what family was really about. I really miss it a lot."

Planning a Family Reunion, Church Retreat, Wedding, or Vacation?



The Ranch has lodges to rent in Amity or Mulberry and chapels in Batesville and Amity! Contact Susan Harrison at 479-997-8934 for more information and prices.

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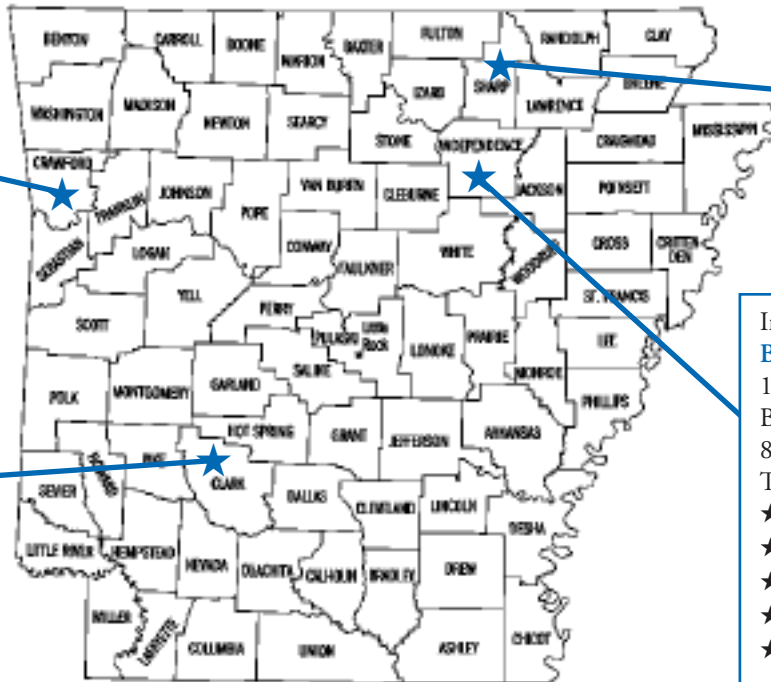
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**Crawford County
Mulberry/Alma Ranch
Donald W. Reynolds
Campus**

7401 Youth Ranch Road
Mulberry, AR 72947
479-997-8934
Tours: Susan Harrison
★ Cottage 1
★ Cottage 3

**Clark County
DeGray Lake/Amity
Ranch**

35 Youth Ranch Loop
Amity, AR 71921
870-342-5858
Tours: Tonya See
★ Olds Cottage



**Sharp County
Hardy Ranch**
218 Harmon Road
Hardy, AR 72542
870-257-5003
Tours: Paul Swymn
★ Harmon Home

**Independence County
Batesville Ranch Cottages**
100 St. Vincent Place
Batesville, AR 72501
870-793-6841
Tours: Diana Holland
★ Caba Hall
★ Keith Hall
★ Faith Hall
★ Gratton Hall
★ Independent Living Cottage

CABE HALL

A peek at Cabe Hall at our Batesville Campus.



FAITH HALL

The Ranch hosted our annual Hilly

Hundred Bike Ride with one of our boys, Paul, riding fifty-three miles. That night our children were able to go to a Traveler's baseball game in Little Rock. Although they were exhausted, they seemed to have a great time. They slept very well that night.

This summer all the kids were able to go to Magic Springs and Crystal Falls to enjoy a fun-filled, easy day. They all seemed to relax and have a good time. There was also a cookout and games at the recreational center in Bethesda to celebrate summer.

Several of our children are now employed and seem to be gaining good work experience and ethic for the future. Ryan has worked all summer at Coltons.

Faith had a garden again this year. Faith

Hall had boys in baseball and softball. All of our children are enjoying swimming in the city pool as well as the White River.

Due to gracious donations and invitations, our children were able to go to Wild River Country. The children seemed to have a wonderful time and were able to participate in a normal childhood experience.

Saturday, June 14th, our residents participated in Bethesda Day. The week before, they had helped build a float for the parade which won Second Place. They were very proud of themselves. Faith Hall now has a new pig (compliments of Bethesda Day) named Pinky. Pinky continues to grow and make a pig out of himself when eating. Faith Hall has enjoyed several fishing trips to the river.

Zach and Charles attended youth camp at Camp Bethesda and had a wonderful time. The boys enjoyed several swimming parties at the camp also.

Paul went on a mission trip again this summer to New Orleans and was on the sheet rocking crew. Phillip played baseball on the Coltons' team.

The boys from Faith were involved in a 30 hour famine. During the 30 hours they fasted and drank lots of water and juices and also constructed boxes into



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makeshift housing to see how a homeless person may feel. They spent the night in these boxes outside. After 30 hours they were treated to all the pizza they could eat and a trip to Searcy to go skating. Their youth group raised \$1000.00. I am very proud of them.

Charles attended Lyon College's APPLE program. He had a wonderful time and visited Branson and other places.



GRATTON HALL

This summer was wild with a capital "W" this year. The girls and I moved from Cabe Hall to Gratton; but before we moved, we gave Gratton a small makeover. Some of the girls painted the house with the paneling included. First, Michelle put on the Kilz which is a primer before you paint. She was able to whiz that primer on the walls. Then, Ellae went and painted all the trim a nice crisp white. Then, here came Sammie with her handy dandy roller. She rolled on a nice (beige) café au lait color. Then the Supervisor-Houseparent-Painter came and did all the cut in and inspection work. We painted the hallway, living room, stairway, and dining room. We finally got the kitchen completed with Michelle and Ashley painting the cabinets white. The place looks great except for one mishap of a spilled 5 gallon bucket of paint on the stairs. We spent the rest of the day soaking up paint and bonding with each other. We would love to have you visit the new Gratton Hall.

Sarah Cumnock, Education Coordinator, held a Summer Enrichment Program in order to help our children retain what they have learned. Each house had a period of learning fun each week. Also, all Juniors, Seniors, and our GED graduate have begun taking an ACT preparation class taught by Mara Carter.

We went to the water parks with the rest of the houses. Mike Cumnock accompanied the girls on one trip. Michelle made two trips to Dallas, and Ellae made one trip to Hot Springs and one to Dallas. Sammie and Ashley turned 18 years old. Savannah has moved from Olds Cottage at DeGray to Gratton Hall and we are glad to have her.

Right before school started, the girls spent a week

in Little Rock, shopping thanks to our Ranch Hands, going to movies, and eating at good restaurants.

HARMON HOME

Rolando graduated from high school and is now in the U.S. Navy.

[Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame](#)



Michael, JJ, and Page from our campus joined several other boys from the Batesville campus for a backpacking trip down Indian Creek on the Buffalo River. They also went caving and swimming.

The boys really enjoyed Magic Springs and Wild River Country.

Our boys spent a day helping the youth minister work with people in the community.

Everyone helped plant a garden and spent time swimming and fishing. The boys also went tubing on Lake Thunderbird.

Our boys went to Branson for a week. While there they visited Silver Dollar City, Celebration City, Imax Theater, Ripley's Believe It or Not, Shepherd of the Hills, Fish Hatchery, The Landing, and several other points of interest. Mackenzie started ACT Classes.

Camp Ozark was great this year with Mac receiving the Order of the Arrow Award for 2008. This award is given for exemplifying sportsmanship, leadership, and giving 110% while at camp. Michael received the FIT (First Is Third) Award this year for setting the best example of putting God first, fellow man second, and self third while at camp. Jerome won several awards for shooting and self-esteem.

KEITH HALL

Keith Hall boys have had a great summer and are glad school is back in session. They have worked with Mr. John Ward on the Ranch, working with the gardens, horses, cows, and mending fences. Several

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of the boys went with Ms. Lynn to help with non-cash pick ups around the area.

Mrs. Peggy set up some fun summer activities. The boys enjoyed the water and the Sports Hall of Fame.



They also went to the White River to swim and fish after work crew.

Robert, who graduated in May, will soon be off to a vocational school in Hot Springs.

Robert has been working with the farmhands on the Ranch. Also, Sol completed his GED and is enrolled at UACCB this fall. We are very proud of all of them.

Sol, Robert, Corey, and Joey attended T-Tauri film festival. They seem to really pick up on the process very quickly. Joey attended Kids College at UACCB where he studied cooking, martial arts, and computers. Josh and William received scholarships to attend Camp Ozark and had a good time spiritually and physically. The boys played softball and attended youth activities at church.

Houseparent David Ferguson and recreation director, Peggy Holt, guided the process of harvesting the community garden. Each house has a section with the kids working together to make sure we have plenty of home-grown food to eat.

MULBERRY CAMPUS - COTTAGE 1

L to R: Houseparents Kevin and Misti Klemmedson

Fall arrived at the Mulberry Campus with much anticipated cooler temperatures and woods full of the colors of the changing leaves. As much as all of us appreciated the changing of the season, we were stunned to see the summer end so quickly. This summer the Donald W. Reynolds Campus hosted our first annual Ranch fundraiser rodeo. To say it was an amazing success is an understatement.



With the help of a number of very dedicated volunteers throughout a tri-county area, an event full of excitement, growth and warm fellowship

brought dollars as well as many new faces to our beautiful campus. We heard many wonderfully positive comments about the facility as well as the work being done by the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches. The children worked extremely hard with Mr. Kevin and the volunteers preparing the campus for the event and it showed. The campus has never looked better and the sight of approximately 500 spectators, contestants, volunteers and residents each night was something to behold.

Mr. David Moore and Chigger Valley Rodeo put on an awesome show with their ghost riders and stock that was more than up to the challenge from the brave cowboys and cowgirls. The Honor Guard from Ft. Chaffee presented the flag to the Ranch children from the fallen heroes who fought so valiantly for their freedom. It was certainly a moving experience. The Rounders gave a breathtaking performance during the opening act as their gorgeous cowgirls raced their horses at breakneck speed. Our funny man, Jeff "Jackrabbit" Harris who came all the way from Ft. Worth, Texas, was not only hilarious, but also warm and friendly with the children. Mr. Harris incorporated the Ranch children, staff, and volunteers in his acts and made everyone feel very much a part of the show. Several children made the proposal that a new Ranch position be created for a full-time funny man/clown and "Mr. Jackrabbit" be given the position.

Ms. Misti's cousin, Carol Ann, and friend, Dee, made the trip all the way from South Florida to volunteer during the rodeo. All of our kids immediately fell in love with "Aunt Carol" and both Carol and Dee cooked up some wonderful "grub" for our concession. Mr. Bobby and Mrs. Reba Sanders, as well as Brian Rowan, spent hours working the massive grill loaned by OK Foods to barbeque some mouth-watering chicken from OK Foods as well as delicious hamburgers and hotdogs provided by John Garner Meats and Garner's Abattoir. Through the help of Mr. Jack Jones and Mr. Larry Meadows of Coca-Cola, we were able to offer ice-cold Coca-Cola products to the thirsty crowd during the scorching July nights of our rodeo. Niki Rowan, Mackenzie Wooten, Tiffany Oden, LaShonda Scott, Anna Redo and Heather Steadham worked tirelessly in our concession stand making it a roaring success.

Our children felt so loved and so much a part of

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everything that went on during our busy summer. Thank you to our staff, volunteers and community who continue to support the children of the Mulberry Campus of the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranch with such passion. We could not do anything we do without each and every one of you. We, as a group, make a difference because of the love and support you give as individuals. On behalf of the children loved at the Ranch, we thank you.

MULBERRY CAMP - COTTAGE 3

The girls' summer started out with getting new houseparents, Heather and David Steadham. The Steadham's have two beautiful children, Luc and Xander.



L to R: Sabrina, LaShonda, Luc and Xander.

Our summer has been very hectic especially with LaShonda participating on the school's dance team and Sabrina going to church camp and working on getting her driving permit. Our summer was full of laughter from LaShonda's and Sabrina's crazy jokes. We had lots of fun being able to get to know each other a lot better and becoming a new family! Our girls are always wondering "what next?" Our house is always busy whether it is something fun to do or some way to help our house. We had fun no matter what we were doing. For example, we went to the Jones Center to ice skate and watch a Trout Fishing in America concert. Out of all the things teenage girls like to do, LaShonda loves to spend her time cooking delicious meals. With her in our house we will never have to worry about eating less-than-appetizing food. She is amazing at picking unusual recipes (Moroccan-spice chicken! Hungarian goulash!) and making them taste incredible. Our girls are not used to having little brothers, but the time they have spent with our boys, Luc (4 years old) and Xander (3 years old) has been enjoyable. Our girls



have transformed into young women over the summer. They have had many good things happen to them: Sabrina received her permit and Heather and Dave got guardianship of her; LaShonda went to Florida to spend time with her family and to Tulsa for dance camp. As you can tell, we have had a very busy summer. We want it known that we very much appreciate the Ranch providing us with the opportunity to make a happy home at the Donald W. Reynolds Campus of the Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

OLDS COTTAGE

We had a great summer and school is now underway. Our faithful supporters, the Wolf Pak Motorcycle Club, hosted three birthday parties for the girls over the summer. Our busy summer also included trail rides, swimming, and planting a garden. Katelynn's horse, LeRoy, decided he enjoyed the waist-high corn so he picked and ate the corn for the girls.



One of the summer highlights was a cook-out at Bob and Cathy McBrayer's house. They also treated us to an exciting day of boat-riding and tubing.



We had a great time visiting with Mr. John Ward from the Batesville campus. He spent a week with us cutting, raking and baling hay. Several of the girls learned to drive the tractor and did a great job.

When we bought milk for \$4.49 a gallon and had to buy 4 gallons that lasted 3-4 days we said "that is it." We finally broke down and bought a milk cow. She is so cute and just had a baby in August. We were able to start milking her a week after she had her calf. She is supposed to produce 3-4 gallons per day.

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The Corp of Engineers came out and gave the girls a water safety class.

We took a vacation in Orange Beach, AL, where we enjoyed the comforts of a house donated by Donald and Judy Pickett. While there, we participated in a fishing expedition. We all managed to get lots of



swimming in while we were there, and we really enjoyed the fish that the girls caught.

Kenny decided to ride the zebra on the merry-go-round and the zebra collapsed afterwards.



*New baby colts
and goats...*



LIFE'S PATH

By: David Ward, Superintendent

Recently, while reading the Bible, I came across an interesting verse. "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps," Proverbs 16:9. Nowhere is that more evident than at the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches. None of our kids ever "planned" to be here, the Ranch is quite literally an unexpected rest-stop in their life's road. That is a natural thing considering our mission. What I find amazing is how many staff members also fall into this category. I have heard multiple staff members testify that they either "stumbled" onto the Ranch or felt that God was leading them in the direction of the Ranch. As I walk through the offices and houses and see children and staff interacting, I can only give thanks that all of our paths brought us together at the Ranches. But more importantly, I am thankful that so many caring people have allowed God to direct their footsteps. With staff, volunteers, donors, and our kids working together we can make the future of Arkansas' children much brighter.

Summer Vacation

From Peggy (our Recreation Director):

On behalf of the children and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the folks who made our summer vacation a huge blast. We did a little of everything including splashing at Magic Springs and Wild River Country. We are really thankful that these two groups donated tickets to our children because the cost would have been prohibitive if they hadn't.

We took in an Arkansas Travelers' game courtesy of the Citizens Bank of Batesville, Metropolitan Bank and Stephens, Inc. We also toured the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. The children gave Buddy Sutton, Ranch Foundation Board member, a thank-you certificate for hosting them at the Hall of Fame.

We also enjoyed the company of many groups who came to visit and play games with us. They came with a great attitude and some really creative ideas (i.e., the pickle hunt) and we look forward to their next visits. Again, thanks to everyone who had a hand in making our summer great.



Recycle and Reuse:

After you have read your Ranch Report, pass it on to someone you know who loves children and might support a children's charity.

Feature Recipe

Recipe by Martha Gates
from "Our Best Home Cooking
Volume 3" cookbook

Lemon Bars

Bars

1/4 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup flour
2 Tbsp. confectionary sugar

Filling

1 egg
1/2 cup sugar
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. flour
1/8 tsp baking power
1/2 tsp confectionary sugar

In small bowl, cream butter and confectionary sugar. Gradually beat in flour. Press into bottom of greased 8 x 4 x 2 inch loaf pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 14-16 minutes or until set and edges are slightly browned. Prepare filling – in mixing bowl beat egg, sugar, lemon juice, flour and baking powder until frothy. Pour over warm crust and bake at 325 degrees for 18-22 minutes or until slightly browned. Cool on wire rack and dust with confectionary sugar; cut into bars.

WISH LIST

People often ask us what kind of things we need at our campuses for the children. The following is compiled by our houseparents & staff. These items are budget relieving products. For more information about how you can help, call Mara at 870-793-6841.

Fall Wish List

New Heavy-Duty Pots and Pans
Silverware
Glassware
Brooms
House décor
Pots for plants
Fireplace set
Dishes
Craft fabric
Kitchen knife sharpener
Pillows
Iron and board
Pool balls
Pool sticks
Automatic paper cutter
Television
X Box 360
Zero turn radius mower
Dishwasher
Carpet Shampooer
Big Non stick Skillet
Curtains
Drinking glasses
Stand Mixer
Weed Eater
Riding Mower
Push Mower
Chinese themed party decorations
Laptop Computer
Professional Medical Scale
Calculators-TI83, 83 Plus, 84, 84 Plus
Educational software for Windows XP
Backpacks
Computer Flash Drives

Non-cash donations to the Youth Ranches are tax deductible.

It All Adds Up

*By Chris Knife,
Director of Major Gifts*



Our concerns day in and day out are caring for children. We meet their needs, give them the opportunity to heal and dream. Love and support is unconditional for our children.

Like many families during these tough economic times, we live by the maxim: "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without." The resources our donors provide are to benefit the children at the Ranch. And we do all we can to stretch every penny and maximize every gift given to us. Indeed, 82% of our raised funds go to program services (68%) and administration (14%). Everyone who has visited one of our Ranches knows our staff do many different "jobs" as tutors, counselors, and surrogate family in addition to their positions.

Many of you have chosen to help the children at the Ranch by making monthly or quarterly commitments. Those who have are our Hope Builders. They help us save resources we would be forced to use in raising money for on-going monthly needs by committing to give frequently. Some give by automatic draft of their checking account or credit card. Some receive a year's supply of return envelopes at the beginning of a year.

As costs of doing business increase with 95% of our support coming from private sources, our Hope Builders have an exponential impact on our efforts. An old saying is "a resource saved is a resource raised."

Our Hope Builders also find they can give more by giving a little over a period of time. Ten dollars a month becomes a \$120 gift over 12 months. Eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents becomes one penny shy of a \$1,000.

We are thankful for all you do to help the 75 children in our residential care program. All of us together are making a difference in the lives of children. We're all building hope for a bright future.

For more information about our Hope Builders program, phone Donor Services at 870- 793-6841 OR visit our web site at www.youthranches.com.

A Difference For the Better

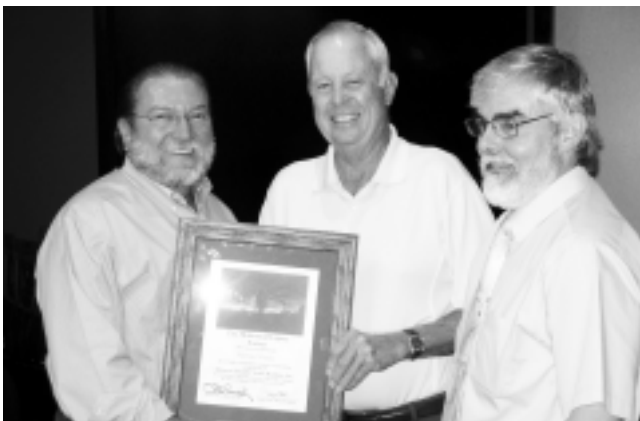
A newly-released video about the Ranch's story and testimonials to the life-changing difference the Ranch makes has just been released. This DVD is ready to be shown to groups that are interested in the Ranch's mission. The video is a great program for church, civic, or social groups. The Ranch will mail a copy if you would like to show it to your group. We can even provide a speaker if you would like someone to answer any questions that may come up from the DVD. Call Judi at 870-793-6841 ext. 2-4 to receive a video or to schedule a speaker. The movie is available to view on your computer at www.youthranches.com.

The new DVD movie was produced by Larry Stone, Ranch Board president, and donated by the Dempsey Film Group of Little Rock. The DVD contains both eight and twenty minute versions.



ASYR's Homestead Legacy Society

By Dr. Fred Hueston, CFRE



L to R: Larry Stone, Mike Grady, and Mike Cumnock.

Charter Board Member and Former Sheriff (Prairie County) Mike Grady is congratulated by ASYR Board Chairman Larry Stone and Ranch CEO Mike Cumnock as he receives his "Homestead Legacy Society" Plaque. Member of the Ranch Board and Batesville Board of Visitors, Grady recently indicated his intentions to leave a portion of his estate to benefit the youth programs at the Ranch. "Mike Grady has been associated with the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranch since its founding," stated Chairman Larry Stone, "and we could not be more pleased or honored to recognize Mike for his sincerity and dedication to preserving the Ranch not only today, but well into the future, for the benefit of our children."



Robin Brock, shown here with ASYR Board Chairman Larry Stone and Ranch CEO Mike Cumnock, is congratulated upon her inauguration into the "Homestead Legacy Society" for her leadership in enabling the Ranch to secure bequests and preserve the future of the Ranch. Robin, a Senior Vice President at Citizens Bank in Batesville, is very active with the Ranch, sitting on the ASYR Operational Board, serving as Secretary & Treasurer of the ASYR Foundation Board, and also serving on the Board of Visitors as a Batesville Campus representative. "Robin's perseverance and obvious dedication to the mission of this organization is remarkable," stated Chairman Larry Stone. "We are indeed blessed to have Robin as a strong advocate for our children not only in Batesville, but throughout Arkansas as she shares the story of the Ranch with clients and board members alike."

Christmas Cards



The Ranch children and staff have designed Christmas cards to sell. Contact Judi about ordering a box of 20 cards. 870-793-6841 ext. 2-4.



PLEASE KEEP THOSE LABELS COMING!!

The Ranch is participating in an on-going program sponsored by the Campbell Soup Company. When we receive the required UPC/bottle caps, etc., we send them into the company and points are “banked” for future purchases by the Ranch. The order catalog has various items such as computers, sports equipment, and school supplies. It even lists a mini-van. That last item takes a L-O-T of labels, but it’s fun to dream a bit.

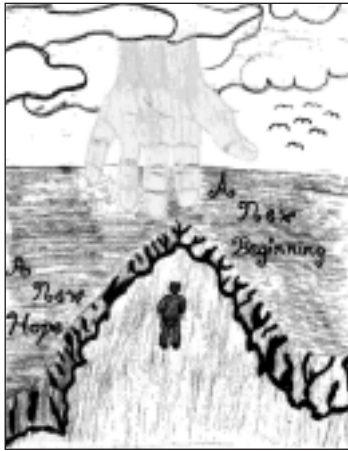
The program is called “Labels for Education” and involves several brand names, as well as the Campbell brand. If you would like to receive a list of the various products, please contact the Ranch and it will be sent to you. The program has recently changed the required submission, and that is the reason for this note. The Campbell labels will indicate on each product what part is to be submitted which -the majority of the time- is the UPC codes/proof of purchase sections on the label.

We appreciate our donors that send in their labels on a regular basis, and invite anyone else interested to join us in collecting more. They really add up!



Poem by W. S.

Day by day I see her, but have no idea if she sees me. When I stare into her eyes I see a burning flame of love and compassion that is locked away in a chamber to never be found. When I reach out to grasp the flame, a steel wall blocks my way and I am thrown back out of reach. To accomplish this task, I must speak out loud to her mind and relinquish the love of her to find the one that is right for me.



By Ryan



By Josh



Board News

Matt Estes, Senior Vice President with Stephens, Inc. in Little Rock, is shown here being welcomed to the newly-formed Ranch Foundation

Board by Mike Cumnock. "We are so pleased that Matt is able to return to the Ranch as he joins our board," stated Mike Cumnock. Matt brings to the board experience as a former ASYR operational board member from some ten years ago, and his knowledge and understanding within the financial and business industry will provide tremendous insight and guidance for our foundation board in the coming years.

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Book your personal and business travel on our new travel website, www.arkansasyouthranchtraveler.com

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