

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

## 12th Annual Arkansas Children's Award Dinner honoring Wallace Fowler



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L to R: Wallace Fowler, Jama Fowler, Shawndra, Mariquita, and Cody

Arkansas Children's Award Dinner was held this month honoring Wallace Fowler for his significant impact on the lives of Arkansas's children. Mr. Wallace Fowler — banker, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and civic leader — was honored for his efforts helping the youth of Arkansas.



"Mr. Fowler's commitment to those less fortunate has spanned a lifetime. He believes in volunteering and has been awarded many Volunteer of the Year and Humanitarian Awards for his efforts. Wallace believes in the youth of Arkansas and has spent his life bettering communities across the state from Jonesboro to Fayetteville so young people are given a chance to succeed," said Mike Cumnock, Ranch CEO.

Governor Mike Beebe, was the Master of Ceremonies again as he has been since the inception of the Award Dinner in 1996. The dinner was held at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock.

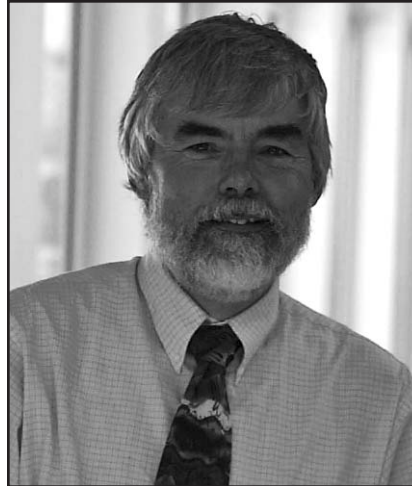
# Resiliency Lives Here

by Mike Cumnock, CEO

When I was a kid, there was a famous commercial on live television where the announcer would demonstrate various tortures on a wristwatch. Afterwards, the camera would do a “close up” while the announcer declared: “It takes a licking, and keeps on ticking.” I think I know how the watch felt!

It has been really strange operating in this economic environment. Like many families, we have taken a licking and have had to “tighten our belts” and make some painful cuts. Sometimes I fall into the trap of letting myself become overwhelmed by the sense of gloom and doom. This is especially true when we have to turn down children because we simply don't have the resources to serve them. The truth is there will probably never be enough beds in Arkansas for all the children in need. I have discovered that when you work in ministry, you have to allow yourself to be strengthened by prayers...your own and other people praying for you. You have to remain focused on the mission and be thankful for all the blessings. It is also good to recognize that crises can be opportunities as well.

Some of the children here have stepped forward in light of our “belt tightening” and offered to do more to help. Many of our individual donors have stretched themselves and increased their giving – sometimes only a small amount, but that has been a huge help. I know that many of the companies and foundations that have been very generous in the past just don't have as much to give. I have even heard from some who have shared their situation and have basically said, “We really appreciate all you do for children, and when we are able to help more, we will.” The Ranch has received many, many blessings from folks who are struggling and yet still want to help. We



Mike Cumnock  
CEO

have witnessed other charities being hit even harder than us and are thankful that we have been able to continue to serve.

We have been honored to have people come by the Ranch Campuses to visit this summer, and they always assure us of their support. We recently had some special guests on campus who wanted to come on a Saturday morning. We were very short-handed on that day because David, our superintendent, was off working on his advanced training in equine therapy; Diana's granddaughter was getting married; and one of our houseparent couples had taken some time off upon learning that “they” were pregnant. When the visiting couple arrived – about 8:00 a.m. – some of the children had already gone to the barn, groomed and saddled horses, and were waiting for us at the arena. From there the children gave them a tour of the cattle operation (including “calling the cows up from nowhere” to feed), showed them the sorghum crop, picked fresh tomatoes from one of the gardens, and showed them the beautiful White River.

The children proceeded to take

them on a tour of each of the cottages, explained about chores, meal preparation, school work, the tutoring program, and their individual plans for the future. Lunch was served in Keith Hall with the House Dad cooking on the grill and one of our guys volunteering to lead the meal prayer.

I have to admit my sense of pride overflowed as our guests left. Not only had the guests enjoyed the tour, so did I! Almost the entire morning was the responsibility of the children themselves – with, of course, tremendous support from the staff. The children made it clear that they were happy, yet mindful of their circumstances. They certainly helped the guests feel at home and included them as part of the family. It was fun for me to watch so many children demonstrate good interpersonal relationship skills, self-confidence, honesty, cooperation, and the joy of sharing their world with others. At each stop, they were excited to see us and very welcoming. Add to this all the children from the Ranches who are doing well in the military, college, or who are now successful healthy adults, and we have something to be very proud of. The knowledge that these children — who have come from such difficult circumstances and were expected to fail — have not only bounced back but have become even stronger at the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches is very reassuring. Resiliency is more than just a word here...it is a fact!

Sometimes one of our children will share, as a point of pride, “I have survived things most people can't even imagine.” It turns out that many children here reach beyond surviving (“keep on ticking”) to thriving. Yes, these are very tough times, but there is much to be thankful for.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

## From David Ward, Ranch Superintendent



Fall has arrived and our kids are back in school. I feel that this was the most productive summer that I have been able to share with our kids since I started work here.

As an extension of our Program Team Balance farm program, we initiated a Ranch Internship program this summer, in which six residents worked with me and learned intensive ranch skills. These young people learned how to care for the cattle in every aspect from worming, doctoring for pink-eye, and checking for newborns. We also spent a lot of time developing our horsemanship skills. By the end of the summer, our kids had started eight colts under saddle. We focused on the idea that “we don’t break horses, we train them.” Now, each of these kids is skilled enough to help new residents be comfortable around the farm.

While we learned a tremendous amount about the day-to-day operation of a ranch, we also learned a lot about ourselves. It was amazing to watch our kids identify personal characteristics with characteristics of the animals.

At one point, there was a rescued Arabian gelding donated to the Ranch. He had been severely neglected and was very underweight. As a project, I had eight kids take the horse to the round-pen; their only assignment was to take ten minutes to find out as

many “facts” about the horse as they could. When they came back to the barn, we sat in a circle and began to share. They knew the following: 1) he is a gelding. 2) he is four-years-old 3) he is bay 4) he has no training and 5) he is severely underweight. A couple of kids thought he was ugly and another commented that he was stupid because he knew nothing. This led to the discussion that he actually came from a very expensive Arabian farm, but that due to his environment, it was difficult to see his good qualities and potential. You could almost see light bulbs coming on above their heads. They had made a connection. This led to a conversation on relationships and friendships and how everyone has responsibilities in successful relationships.

On that day, a horse that would have brought less than \$100 at an auction taught a life lesson to a group of kids. That lesson was priceless. Incidentally, the young man that thought “Storm” was stupid, has since started him under saddle and has made superb progress with him.

Now that fall is here, we finished making our sorghum molasses and are ready for winter.

I would like to close by thanking our kids for the hard work that they have put in. I would also like to thank our donors for making the progress we are seeing possible. We are blessed.

## Former Ranchers Visit .....



Jayson, Addaline & Lindsey Balk came to the Batesville campus and rode horses with the current Ranch children.



Mandy and her husband Steven, live in Alabama, came to visit the DeGray Ranch.

# It's All About The Kids

Where Ranch residents tell us about themselves



## Cody (Whistle Britches)

Birthday: July 11  
Grade: 10th  
Favorite TV show: Beverly Hillbillies  
Favorite Cartoon: Bugs Bunny  
Best Subject in school: Agriculture

Sport: Hunting  
Hobby: Running through the woods  
Goal in life: "Become a professional pipeline welder"  
What he likes about Ranch: "Working with horses"



## Kacie (Cici)

Birthday: December 18th  
Grade: 11th  
Favorite TV show: Loaded  
Favorite Cartoon: Roger Rabbit  
Best Subject in school: AP English

Hobbies: Swimming, riding horses, and listening to music  
Goal in life: "Become a prosecuting attorney"  
What she likes about Ranch: "There is never a dull moment and we aren't stuck inside all of the time."



## Cody

Birthday: May 15  
Grade: 9th  
Favorite Movie: Dazed and Confused  
Favorite Cartoon: Ed, Ed, and Eddy  
Best Subject in school: Math  
Sport: Baseball  
Hobby: Riding bikes

Goal in life: "Live simple"  
What he likes about Ranch: "Living with Ms. Cheyenne and Mr. Rick"



## Michael (Superman)

Birthday: November 11th  
Grade: 10th  
Favorite TV show: House of Payne  
Favorite Cartoon: Scooby Doo

Best Subject in school: Agriculture  
Hobbies: Working on my truck  
Goal in life: "Become a well known mechanic"  
What he likes about Ranch: "I can talk to people about my needs."



## Jacob (Jacobbear or Roger Rabbit)

Birthday: December 5th  
Grade: 9th  
Favorite Movie: The Incredible Hulk  
Favorite Cartoon: Ed, Edd, and Eddy

Hobbies: Videogaming, horseback riding, and bike riding  
Goal in life: "Become a famous movie actor"  
What he likes about Ranch: "Being with my best friends - J.J. and Bobby."



## Tony (Little T)

Birthday: October 16th  
Grade: 9th  
Favorite TV show: Spongebob  
Best Subject in school: Science  
Hobbies: All Sports  
Goal in life: "Become a NBA player"

What he likes about Ranch: "I am doing good in school."

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Where Ranch residents tell us about themselves



## Felicia

Birthday: July 10  
Grade: 11th  
Favorite TV show: House  
Favorite Cartoon: Tom and Jerry  
Best Subject in school: English  
Sport: Tennis  
Hobbies: Reading, drawing,

and listening to music

Goal in life: "Become a photographer"

What she likes about Ranch: "Everyone's always laughing and making jokes, and we have 32 horses."

## Katlyn (Kate)

Birthday: October 12th  
Grade: 3rd  
Favorite TV show: icarly  
Best Subject in school: Math  
Hobby: cooking  
Goal in life: "Become a teacher"

What she likes about Ranch: "I get to ride my mule."



## Hannah (Isbella)

Birthday: June 8th  
Grade: 5th  
Favorite TV show: Spongebob  
Best Subject in school: Social Studies  
Hobby: Playing games  
Goal in life: "Become a

teacher"

What she likes about Ranch: "I like riding horses."

## Stacey

Birthday: October 26th  
Grade: 7th  
Favorite TV show: Degrassi  
Favorite Cartoon: The Goofy  
Movie  
Best Subject in school: Writing  
Hobbies: Basketball and art  
Goal in life: "Become a counselor"

What she likes about Ranch: "I feel safe, secure and at home."



## Jessica (Jessie)

Birthday: August 27  
Grade: 5th  
Favorite TV show: Eleventh Hour  
Favorite Cartoon: Tweety Bird  
Best Subject in school: Reading

Sport: Softball

Hobbies: Writing, reading, and drawing

Goal in life: "Help my little sisters to have the life I never had."

What she likes about Ranch: "I actually know where I will go after school."



# Friends and Supporters - Donations



Even with all the rain, the Ranch campus looks great because of our friends at Bad Boy Mowers. They helped us secure a piece of state-of-the-art lawn care equipment, which made life much easier for our maintenance staff and does a wonderful job. In the photo, Cody is only sitting on the mower since he isn't old enough to operate it yet. He says we will be ready when the time comes.

The Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches is now a participant in the program with GoodSearch.com. Before you search, enter in our organization under the heading "Who do you GoodSearch for?" Type in what you want to search for as you would with any other search engine and you begin raising money for the Ranch. GoodSearch is run by Yahoo! So it's safe to use.

Each time you search, approximately 1.3 cents is donated to the Ranch. It's free to all users and helps a great cause. This is just one more way to help the abandoned, abused, and neglected children of Arkansas.

Thank you for all your help. Happy searching!



Pastor Robert Harrison and son Dillion from Vine Prairie Baptist Church brought donations from their church members. Items donated were laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, hair spray, and razors. Houseparents David & Heather Steadham and the kids were very appreciative of the donations. Pastor Harrison's church has promised to continue to help the Ranch.

## Two Future Fuel Employees Volunteer at the Ranch

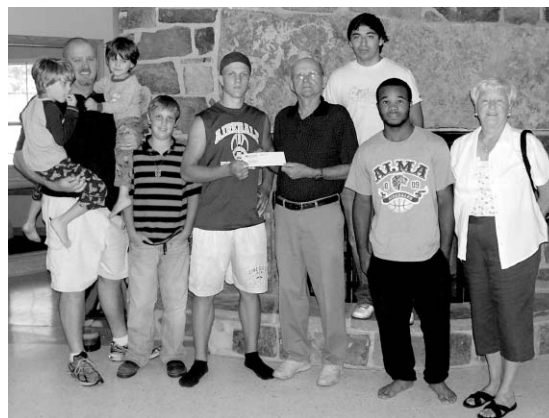


Danny Mitchell is helping Cody with math.



Dr. Larry Brown is helping Shawndra on the computer.

Even after working a full day at Future Fuel, two of their employees volunteer to tutor Ranch Children after school in math and science.



L to R: Dave Steadham, Luc, Xandar, Christian, Caleb, Bill Feck, Hector, Dada, & Carol Feck. Bill and Carol Feck from the Highlands Methodist Church of Bella Vista came out to the Mulberry campus with a gift for the children.

# Friends and Supporters - Donations

## First Community Bank's 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Pro golfer, David Ogrin joined First Community Bank as a guest for the 12th Annual Charity Golf tournament which benefited the Ranches. "The tournament was a tremendous success," said Boris Dover, President and Chief Operating Officer. It turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day.



ASAE Golf Tournament hosted their annual golf tournament to benefit the Ranch.



Turning Point Ministries came out for a great weekend of fun with the Ranch children in Batesville.



Little River County Sheriff Danny Russell (pictured) and Chief Deputy Ronnie Kennedy came out to the Ranch for a visit.

Mike Tinsley, Senior Vice President of Information Technology from Liberty Bank, instructs Ranch Superintendent David Ward on how to use this laptop. Liberty Bank donated several computers to the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches. If your company is upgrading computers, contact Mara at 870-793-6841 to donate your computers to the Ranch.



Poinsett County Sheriff Larry Mills (far right) and his staff came to the Ranch for a tour and brought lots of goodies for the children.



The Motorcycle Ministry: "Road Riders for Jesus" raised funds to support the work of the Ranches. Pictured is one of the riders, Michael, visiting with Mike Cumnock.

T-Tauri Film Festival was held at the Ranch again this year with our children participating. The children are becoming quite talented in their movie making.



# COTTAGE NEWS

**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



**Independence County  
Batesville Ranch Cottages**

100 St. Vincent Place  
Batesville, AR 72501  
870-793-6841  
Tours: Diana Holland  
★ Cobe Hall  
★ Keith Hall  
★ Faith Hall  
★ Gratton Hall  
★ Independent Living  
Cottage

## DONALD W. REYNOLDS CAMPUS

*by Houseparent, Heather*



Summer really got busy in June. Allie participated in and graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' Medical Application of Science for Health (MASH) program at Summit Medical Center in Van Buren (complete with her CPR certification.) This program helped cement Allie's determination to become a nurse. Terrin played summer softball for Alma High School.

The girls had a visit from the Bella Vista ladies' group PEO (who joined us



for a delightful lunch and gave us a stash of wonderful goodies!)

We did a ten-day tour through Texas thanks to the generosity of a donor (for gas and food money) and Heather and Dave's friends and family (who generously provided the lodgings).

The girls participated in Two-Buck Tuesday, a fun outing for the youth at Community Bible Church. One especially fun night was the scavenger hunt, where the goal was to bring back the most unusual thing. Heather's team won, returning with a platter of a squished snake, a squid, some worms, and a pig's foot. LaShonda had fun chasing the others and our youth pastor around with the squid and pretending to eat it.



Caleb and Dada play football and practiced often in the week before school. We attended open house at the primary, middle, and high schools, as well as freshman orientation.

New beginnings have been the theme in the last month—new ranchers have

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arrived. Luc started kindergarten. We got new relief houseparents, Jim and Teresa, who we greatly appreciate. I know that God will continue to bless us on our journey. Can't wait to report what craziness we're up to next time!

## FAITH HALL NEWS

*by Houseparent, Cheyenne*



Faith Hall enjoyed a wonderful summer full of fishing, rodeos, trail rides, swimming and picnics. Thanks to some wonderful ladies in Mountain Home from Faith Group, Faith Hall has been able to enjoy some new chickens, flowers and other things we would not otherwise be able to afford. So, thanks, ladies, from the bottom of our hearts for sponsoring our house.

Cody M. and Cody E. enjoyed working on the farm this summer with Mr. David Ward. They have learned how to care for horses and experienced some real rodeo riding.

James and Rob spent the summer with Ms. Cheyenne, mowing, mowing, and mowing. Thanks to all the great rain we have had we became experienced mowers.

Jamey was a volunteer at White River Medical Center in Batesville. Jamey won the most prestigious award of Outstanding volunteer, along with a \$500.00

scholarship toward his continued education in the medical field.

We enjoyed a lot of fun time at church camp and are planning a mission project. As always, we want to remind you all to recycle and



help save our natural resources. We had a great garden this year with potatoes, tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers and squash.

Once again, thanks to all of you who contribute to the future of our children, whether it be monetarily, volunteering, or praying. We appreciate you so much.

## GRATTON HALL NEWS

*by Houseparent, Cherie Davis*

Wow! The summer went by really quick for the girls! The first order of business was to put the pool up. Once the pool was up and full we swam everyday and had the boys over to swim often. We even tried to swim in the dark!

We enjoyed Wild River Country and Magic Springs again this summer. While doing all those things, we had work duty every weekday from 8:30-12:30. Michelle, Mariquita, and Shawndra were on Mr. David's "farm crew." They were busy with saddling horses, feeding cows and worming horses. The girls learned about Rodeo events and participated in the events such as pole racing, barrel racing, and sorting cows.

Five of the girls participated in the beauty pageant this year in Bethesda.

Mariquita came in first place, Shawndra was runner-up, and Savannah placed third.

Savannah, Claudia, and Ellae were part of my "paint crew" and helped Keith Hall boys paint their living room, game room and kitchen. Kayla went to her office job everyday.

Every other Saturday the Ranch hosted a rodeo. The girls worked in the concession stand or participated in the events. Mr. David took the girls on a six mile trail ride and the kids jumped in the water after a long ride.

Our church raised money to take the girls shopping for back to school. We loaded up the girls and went consignment shopping. We spread our money to the max with lots of bargains. After that, we went to the mall and hit the sales racks.



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Kayla started college at University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville in August. She is taking choir and music classes, and she is continuing to work part-time.



Mariquita, Michelle, and Shawndra joined 4-H club and showed their horses at the Independence County Fair. Michelle started her ballet and pointe dance classes.

Shawndra spoke at the Arkansas Children's Awards dinner in early November. She was very excited to share her story.

We have a new girl who joined our house named Tiffney, and we are so excited to have her with us.

Thank you for all the things you do for us!

## KEITH HALL NEWS



Keith Hall had a great summer with a swimming pool pass donated for the Batesville Municipal Swimming Pools for the entire summer. The boys enjoyed themselves with their pool toys and made a "home-made" slip and slide in their

front yard at the house.

Thanks to other generous donations, our children were able to go to both Magic Springs and Wild River Country again this year.



Josh and Bobby had jobs all summer and continue to work this fall at the high school in the maintenance department. They both have purchased their first cars.

J.J. worked on the farm all summer with Mr. David. Michael bought himself a truck and is doing fine in school. He and J. J. have given up football for the year — concentrating on school instead. Tony is enjoying school and is playing basketball now.

Thanks for all you do for our Keith Hall

12 boys.

## OLDS COTTAGE

*by Houseparent, Tonya*

The girls had a very busy summer vacation from school. Kacey attended summer school with the Ouachita Baptist University Upward Bound Program. She spent six weeks in classes and outdoor programs helping her prepare for college next year.

Stacey enjoyed a week of fun and fellowship at Spring Lake Baptist Camp. Hannah and Stacey also enjoyed camp at Timberlodge where they learned about water safety and animal care. Kacey and Felicia spent a week at FFA leadership camp. All of the girls had a great time and would like to thank the ones who sponsored them.



Jessica scored advanced in both areas of her Benchmark test. We were all very proud of her. St. John Youth Group from Hope, Arkansas chose us for their mission group. They came and stayed for a week and cleaned up the grounds and then they held services in our chapel. The services were enjoyed by everyone and many new friendships were made. The boys from Keith Hall came and stayed in the lodge for a weekend.

The girls pumped gas and washed windshields at Quickway Shell station in Glenwood to raise money for their annual vacation trip to Alabama. Jim Burns also allowed them to come to his Exxon stations at Arkadelphia and Caddo Valley and do the same. The girls were able to raise enough money to go and have a really good time. Donald and Judy Pickett donated their condo again this year, and Captain Steve and C.J. of Bad Habit Charters provided us with a day of ocean fishing aboard the "Hey Babe" and a fish fry with the catch of the day.

We also enjoyed canoeing on Caddo River, lake swimming, fishing and tubing. We attended the chuck wagon races at Clinton in September. We hosted our annual Haunted House and had a great time.

On August 23rd the girls mourned the loss of the man they knew as "Grandpa Doc" after he lost his short battle with cancer. We all love and miss him.

Thank you to everyone.

# FOUNDATION MEMBERS VISIT WITH RANCH DONORS

*By Dr. Fred Hueston, CFRE*

On a beautiful Summer morning in early August members of the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranch Foundation Board traveled to Mountain View to meet at the home of Shirley and Hannah Dyke.

The Dykes have recently completed a single-level home on their property that they hope will eventually become an 'independent living center' for Ranch young adults who have graduated from high school, and will attend Ozarka College in Mountain View.

In addition to seeing the newly constructed home, Ranch foundation board members also were impressed with the "bunkhouse" which Mr. Shirley Dyke designed and built for Ranch children to experience 'camping out' – complete with the traditional 'latrine' found in more primitive campsites from days gone by!

A highlight of the visit was the opportunity to see Mr. Dyke's "work in progress" as he is restoring a WWII military "Jeep" from the ground up. This is his second Jeep restoration project, and he often likes to drive his first Jeep in local parades.

Ranch foundation board members expressed their sincere appreciation to the Dykes for their commitment to the youth of the Ranch, and for their ongoing support and enthusiasm for educational opportunities to enrich the lives of the children from all of the Ranch campuses.



Included in the tour were left to right: Brent Stevenson, Buddy Sutton, Mike Cumnock, Shirley Dyke, Robin Brock, Matt Estes, and Tommy Lasiter.



## Summer Heated up with the Cleanest Yard Contest Among Cottages

An anonymous donor gave \$50 a month for the cottage that had the best maintained yard at the Batesville campus. The contest spurred on tons of yard work and Gratton, Faith and Keith houses all won the honors.



## Other Ways You Can Help.

### *Sponsor the Holiday Dinner!*

Want to sponsor the holiday meal at one of our cottages? Mark your donation for which cottage you want to provide the meal. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 3964, Batesville, AR 72503. Thanks for considering providing the money for turkey and ham and all the fixings!



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Want to buy undies or clothes for a cottage full of children? Call Mara 870-793-6841, ext. 319 to ask for sizes.

# WISH LIST

People often ask us what kind of things we need at our campuses for the children. For more information about how you can help, call Mara at 870-793-6841, ext. 315.

## Winter Wish List

### Faith Hall

DVD player  
Rabbit pens  
Chicken pens  
Someone to refelt pool table  
Shower curtains  
Shoe strings  
Brooms and mops  
Water hoses  
Cowboy wear  
Rakes and picks  
Trampoline  
Playing cards  
Puzzles

### Gratton Hall

Laundry Hamper  
Brooms/dust pans  
Tiller  
Window boxes  
Tree trimmer  
Water hose  
Paint for outbuilding  
Plastic totes  
Baskets  
Keith Hall  
Carpet/new flooring  
8 oz. plastic cups  
Couch or chairs  
Vacuum cleaner

### Donald W. Reynolds

Campus  
Toilet paper  
Blender  
Candles  
Rock Band Guitar for PS2  
PS2 games  
PS2 controller  
Paper towels  
Paper napkins  
Tutoring  
Computer Flash drives  
Large, sturdy Backpacks  
TI 83 plus calculators

### Other Needs

Lawn mower  
Weedeater  
Batteries (all sizes)  
Laundry detergent  
Rugs  
Bicycles  
Fishing supplies  
Television  
2 permafloater dock buoy  
dock floats 36x48x12  
Portable Band Saw Mill

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

## Privacy Policy:

The Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranch is very sensitive to protecting the privacy of our donors. We do not sell our list and we do not participate in any telephone solicitation schemes.

We only call donors when we have a question or wish to thank them.

## Address Change

To submit an address change, call Judi Dahlquist at 870-793-6841 ext. 2-4. You can also e-mail her at judi@youthranches.com

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## Want to leave a legacy for a child?

Please consider naming the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches in your will to provide abused, abandoned, and neglected children a future. Contact Fred Hueston, 501-681-6501, to discuss this further.

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## Memorial Request

To establish a memorial for a loved one, or to honor someone with a donation—

Send in their name to Diana Holland at the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches, P O Box 3964, Batesville, AR 72503. Please include: name and complete address of those to be honored so they may be notified, and the name and complete address of the person to receive the notification of a memorial.

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## Our Speakers' Bureau...

can provide someone to "tell the Ranch story" at your meeting or event. To schedule a Ranch representative to speak, please contact Judi Dahlquist, (870) 793-6841 ext. 2-4

Would you like to receive your correspondence from the Ranch through your e-mail account? Please fill out this form and mail it to Judi Dahlquist, Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches, P O Box 3964, Batesville, AR 72503

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## God's Creation for the Hunter

He created the yew for our bows and  
arrows for hunting  
He created the deer, turkey, squirrels  
and all types of animals  
That man can eat. He gave man domi-  
nance over all animals to use  
As we need, God created the lakes, seas,  
and oceans so that man  
Can enjoy the beauty that he created  
just as He created all types  
Of terrain where He put the animals  
and creatures suited to that  
Terrain and condition. He gave us all  
this beauty  
And we are destroying it through pollu-  
tion  
By chemicals and toxic waste.

The moral of this poem is: These are  
all God's creations so respect them and  
don't kill just for fun or profit but for  
food and if you do kill a buck as long as  
you use it for food, you may keep the  
antlers if you would like. But God put  
these animals here mainly for food and  
occasionally for sport or profit if you are  
selling the fur as a rug or if you use it  
for clothing or stuffing it.

But the main point is "Don't destroy  
the world we live in. "Save it for our  
kids."

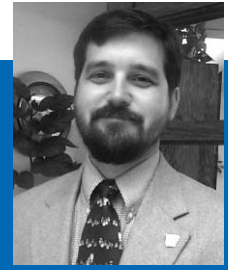
*By Ranch Resident James H.*

## Vol. 4 Cookbook

*It is time for Diana to start  
collecting recipes for our 35th year  
cookbook which will be published  
next year. This will be our Vol. 4  
cookbook. We have come up with a  
contest to make it more fun to col-  
lect recipes. Mail or e-mail your  
recipes to Diana Holland at  
Diana@youthranches.com and you  
will be enrolled in a drawing contest  
for a free Vol. 1 cookbook.*

## Let's Grow the Grassroots Effort

*By Chris Knife,  
Director of Major Gifts*



As I write this, the national economy seems to be relaxing some after a long period of tension and unease. What, you might ask, does the national economy have to do with raising children? Well, as the many of you I have visited with know, scary times cause a tightening of the purse strings. Discretionary funds no longer feel discretionary. Let's all hope the recovery is very near.

A recent study found that fundraising confidence was at a 10 year low (Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University). At the Ranch, we have certainly felt the pinch; but we have also seen a great response to our needs—especially from individuals. Our grassroots support is what drives our efforts to advocate and care for children in need.

As you can see in this edition of the Ranch Report, our children had a great summer. Fortunately, our program service—the very reason for our existence—has not changed dramatically because of the tough economic conditions. But there are many children we are unable to take in because we are at our financial capacity for the number of children we can serve.

Our message and mission are spread by word of mouth. Many of our donors have us speak to their civic clubs or church groups. We appreciate those opportunities to tell others that there is a permanent home in Arkansas for children who have nowhere else to go. Many of you ask your friends and family to consider helping the children at the Ranch. What a wonderful way to share your interest in caring for children while helping the Ranch. Please keep communicating to those civic groups, clubs, friends and family what the Ranch is—that we are a non-profit agency (NOT part of the state) and we are a permanent home for children who have been abused, neglected, and abandoned (NOT a summer boot camp for children with behavior problems).

Contact Mike, Fred, or me if you'd like to visit about the Ranch's needs or if you would like one of us to speak to a group. We love to tell our story and to visit with our "extended" Ranch family.

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