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# A Message From Our President



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Bachelor of Social Work - Univ. of West Florida

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Employed in various aspects of the helping profession since 1973.

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1990 - Accepted the position of Resident Director for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

1992 - Promoted to the position of Vice President of Program.

1998 - Appointed by the Board of Directors as President of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

You have received this special edition of *The Rancher* as our way of introducing you to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. I travel the state of Florida and come in contact with people every day who tell me, "the Youth Ranches is the best kept secret in Florida."

With over 49 years of distinguished history, six locations around the state, and over 80,000 children served, the Youth Ranches has been a vital part of caring for Florida's needy and deserving children. Funded primarily by charitable gifts, we have seen countless miracles in the lives of these children as they grow from scared and troubled youngsters to productive and positive members of our society. Our Alumni (many are grandparents now) are a living testimony to the dream of Florida's Sheriffs to provide a home for abused, neglected and forgotten children who were at high risk for trouble and unproductive lives.

In this magazine, you will read a few of the stories about young lives who were turned around because of their stay at one of the Youth Ranches programs. You will also read about what makes this agency a model of success that many other programs have copied over the years. I hope you enjoy the stories and develop a desire to become involved with this work. After spending half of my professional career at the Youth Ranches, I can say there is no finer charitable organization anywhere.

As the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches nears its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we need caring people to join with us in providing the resources necessary to carry on this charitable work. Very few of the kind and concerned donors who helped start the Youth Ranches in the early years are still alive, yet their generosity provided the base for the children we are serving this year. We are looking for another generation of caring people who will join with Florida's Sheriffs to insure these services remain available for the next generation of our children.

In these days we live in, there have been many news stories about non-profit agencies who misuse donor's gifts. Charitable donors should carefully consider where their dollars go to insure their gifts are yielding their desired results. The Youth Ranches is proud of our history of including donors in the life of our agency and being completely transparent with our finances. I would encourage you to ask questions and if possible, tour one of our programs. I think you will be impressed with what you find and hope you will become a vital and important part of our donor family.

Sincerely,

**Roger Bouchard  
President, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches**



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**I**n 1955, two veteran Florida Sheriffs took a trip to Texas - a trip that changed the lives of thousands of troubled, abused, and neglected youngsters in Florida.

Hillsborough County Sheriff R. Ed Blackburn, Jr. and Marion County Sheriff Don McLeod went to Amarillo, Texas, to return a pair of armed robbery suspects to Florida; a boy of 18, injured in his escape attempt and a frightened 17 year old girl, about five months pregnant.

While in Texas, they learned about a ranch for needy and neglected boys founded by an ex-wrestler, Cal Farley. The two Sheriffs, who daily saw youngsters in trouble and children being neglected, knew Florida Sheriffs could also capture the vision of helping neglected and unwanted boys.

In 1955, the idea was presented to the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) but it was tabled because no funding was available. In 1957, FSA voted to approve an Honorary Membership program, and in less than six months, the Association had a bank balance of \$7,000. The Sheriffs voted to go ahead with the vision of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis persuaded the Elks Club, which had been given some 20 acres for a youth project by Live Oak businessman Tommy Musgrove, who owned 120 acres to the south of that site, to donate the acreage for a home for needy boys.

With \$5,000 of their \$7,000, along with \$26,000 loaned from two local banks, they

purchased additional land on the Suwannee River bringing the total acreage to 550 - leaving just \$2,000 to embark on the business of building the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



# Early History

**The story of the birth of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches proves miracles do happen. It tells how an impossible dream grew into one of the finest delinquency prevention programs in the nation.**

As news of the Boys Ranch project spread, Floridians learned Sheriffs had virtues few had seen before - they cared about youth and were taking steps to help them before they entered the juvenile justice system.

Ground was broken for the first cottage in the summer of 1958. Staff were hired, and the first boys arrived in February 1959. Needed support came in various forms including cash and donated services. The first cottage was named in memory of Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders, as his death triggered an outpouring of memorial gifts. These "monuments of love" gave birth to the memorial giving program - precious gifts of love and hope for future boys and girls in need.

In 1961, Harry K. Weaver was hired to head the fledgling organization. He, too, had a strong vision to help children and led the way for 33 years.

As the next generation of Sheriffs and staff step up to continue this legacy of love, Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard maintains a focus on delinquency prevention and service to children as we raise the next generation of boys and girls to become productive, law-abiding members of our community.

*Will you help us, too?*

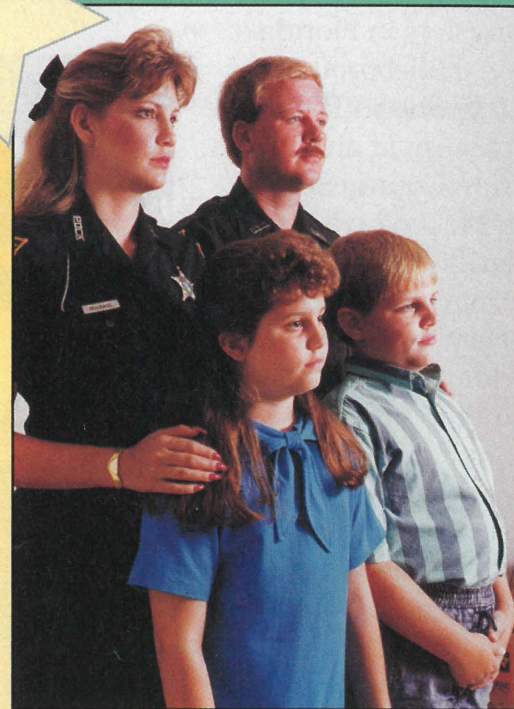
# Shielded By a Star

The Sheriffs of Florida protect our children and help provide a safe haven for deserving boys and girls.

In 1957, Florida's Sheriffs were visionary leaders as they founded the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch to help prevent juvenile delinquency. At that time, no one else in the nation understood the need to provide a safe home for these abused, abandoned and neglected children better than the Sheriffs of Florida. It was unconventional to think of law enforcement reaching out to help the community in this manner, but they proved the old saying, "Where there is a will, there is a way!"

Today, this faithful commitment has been passed on to a new generation of Sheriffs who continue to carry the torch of support for Florida's deserving children. Their remarkable fortitude and compassionate determination to protect and serve these youngsters is evident as they encourage local citizens to get involved with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Whether an individual endeavor such as hosting a local fundraising event or a collective effort through the support of the Florida Sheriffs Association, each Sheriff has the ability and influence to continue the legacy built by those before them. As we begin to approach 50 years of service to the children and families of Florida, your local Sheriff can and will play a key role in the fight against juvenile delinquency.



*Preventing Juvenile Delinquency Since 1957*®

## VALUES

### "Children First"

Doing nothing less than the best for children every day in every way.

### Integrity

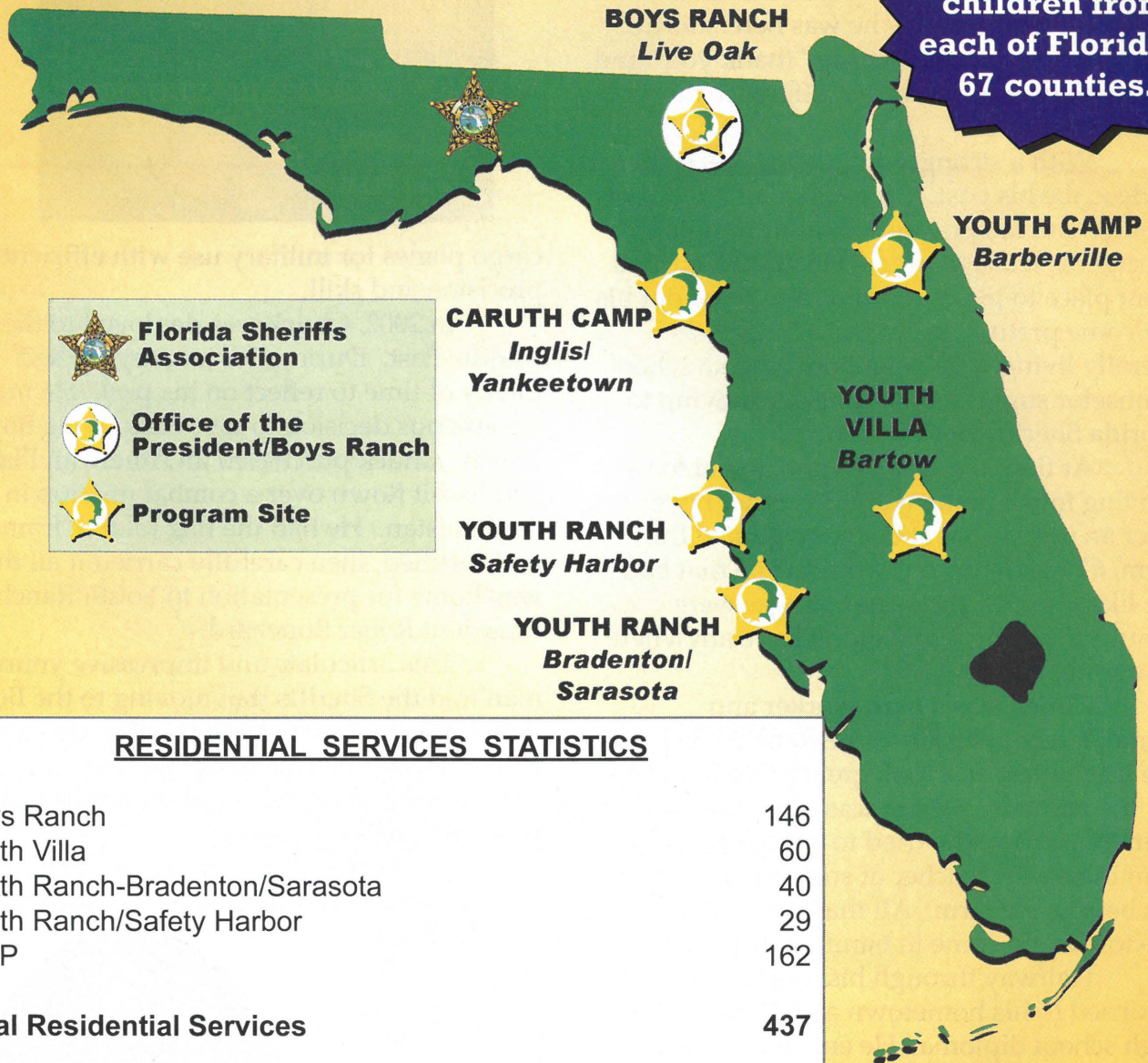
Earning the trust of others every day through word, thought, and deed.

### Stewardship

Taking responsibility for personal attitude, behavior, and assets that have been provided through the gifts and sacrifices of others for the betterment of children's lives.

# STATEWIDE NETWORK OF SERVICE TO FLORIDA'S CHILDREN

We serve  
children from  
each of Florida's  
67 counties.



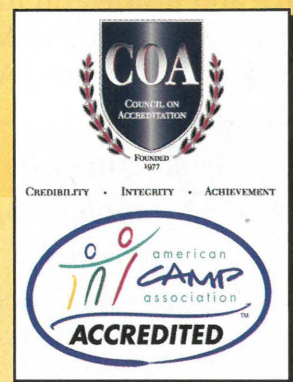
## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES STATISTICS

Boys Ranch	146
Youth Villa	60
Youth Ranch-Bradenton/Sarasota	40
Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor	29
EDIP	162
<b>Total Residential Services</b>	<b>437</b>

## YOUTH SERVICES STATISTICS

Average Age of Youth in Residence	15 years, 2 months
Average Length of Stay in Residence	1 year, 1/2 month
Youth Served in Campus Learning Centers	134
Youth on A/B Honor Roll	43
Number of Youth on College Scholarship	12
Number of Youth Volunteering in Community	47
<b>Total Cases Opened Since 1957</b>	<b>79,072</b>

\* Statistics from 2004-2005



# HONOR AND DUTY

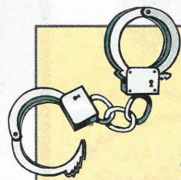
As he stood with honor before the Sheriffs of Florida in his crisp, immaculate uniform, Charles "Chuck" Register drew a deep breath and smiled slightly. He knew why he was here...his duty was clear - it was time to say "thank you" and tell these people about the difference they made in his life!

With a strong, confident voice, he began to describe his past. Chuck explained that his mother and father were not around much during his teenage years. He moved around from place to place and typically wore out his welcome pretty fast. In fact, Chuck was literally living with neighbors when a school counselor suggested he consider moving to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

At first, the idea did not appeal to him - moving into a home with nine other boys. But, after an initial visit and a good look at the farm, Chuck figured it wouldn't be that bad. He liked horses, the large cottages were beautiful and he really didn't have anywhere else to go.

Chuck was a hard worker and immediately got a job at the Ranch. He passed the tractor test and took great pride in caring for the animals. School was okay, but there were many days he tried to get out early by convincing the teacher of some great need for his help at the farm. All that time driving the tractor would come in handy in the military.

Halfway through his senior year, Chuck returned to his hometown and obtained his high school diploma. He enlisted in the Air Force and headed off to basic training. Currently assigned to McGuire Air Force Base, Chuck instructs other Airmen to properly load



***Juvenile crime, including violent offenses, peaks at around 3 p.m., generally right after school lets out.***

*Source: FL Dept. of Juvenile Justice  
Key Juvenile Crime Trends*



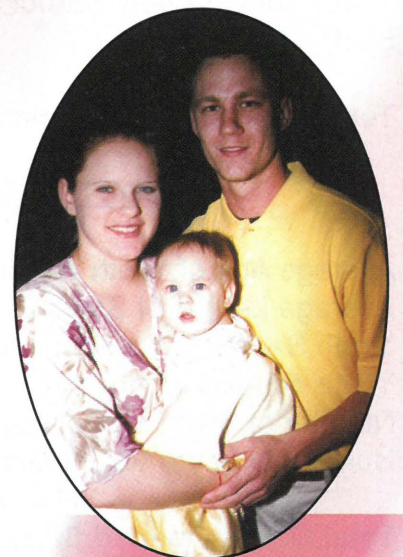
cargo planes for military use with efficient precision and skill.

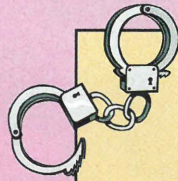
In 2002, Chuck was deployed to the Middle East. During this journey, he had plenty of time to reflect on his past. He made a conscious decision to give back to the Boys Ranch. Chuck purchased an American Flag and had it flown over a combat mission in Afghanistan. He had the flag folded, framed and certified, then carefully carried it all the way home for presentation to Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard.

This articulate and impressive young man told the Sheriffs that moving to the Boys Ranch was the turning point in his life - a life turned away from the temptation of delinquency and focused on the service and protection of our country.

Chuck Register is proud to be an American and an Alumnus of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch!

Today, Chuck is married and the proud father of a little girl named Liberty. He and his wife have purchased a home and they are active members in their local community.





*One out of four juvenile offenders in Florida is a girl. There has been a 67% increase in the number of girls referred for delinquency over the past decade in Florida.*

*Source: FL Dept. of Juvenile Justice Key Juvenile Crime Trends*

## Teri Marino: *From "Soccer Star" to "Soccer Mom"*

Just like any family, we love to brag on our kids. We celebrate their achievements and rejoice in their success. We admire their courage and applaud their accomplishments. We stand with them and by them as they begin to make their own way in the world.

Terry lived at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor from 1991 until 1994 and became known as our great "Soccer Star." Throughout her high school years, she won many awards for her skills and drew great attention from several colleges seeking her athletic ability.

She selected Anderson College in South Carolina, attending on both an athletic scholarship and a Youth Ranches scholarship. We knew she was well on her way to a productive, successful life.

All of our kids are encouraged to develop positive employment skills, so Teri combined her athletic knowledge with her outgoing personality and landed a job at a local sporting goods shop. There she met Scott and they became high school sweethearts. No one was very surprised to learn when she moved to South Carolina, he did, too.

In 1997, they were married and began a new life as husband and wife. They returned to Florida and Scott continued his career as a cellular communication commercial real estate expert. Teri had just become certified as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) when she learned she was pregnant. She decided to delay her employment in this profession so she could be a full time mom.

With the birth of young Nicolas, our "Soccer Star" has become a loving, nurturing "Soccer Mom." She still plays soccer on a local city league and can't wait until their son can join her on the field. But, there is no doubt being a "Mama" is her first priority. "I no longer think about things in terms of just 'me'...'we' think as a family. I enjoy my new role as a mother and Nicolas is just a wonderful baby."

Scott agrees, "She has been a great mom from day one." And in the background, Teri received a smile and nod of approval from her mother-in-law. We echo this unspoken affirmation and high, quiet praise of this new mother's love. We welcome young Nicolas to the Youth Ranches family!



*"I no longer think about things in terms of just 'me'...'we' think as a family. I enjoy my new role as a mother..."*

# SENDING OUT AN S.O.S.

Helping the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches can be a matter of Sacrifice, Oppportunity, Security



Helping those in need requires sacrifice, determination and will power. For decades, our generous donor family has shouldered the responsibility of providing extraordinary gifts of love and devotion to help prevent juvenile delinquency and neglect.

Without the personal **sacrifice** of so many donors and volunteers, the boys and girls at the Youth Ranches might have turned to a life of crime. Instead, because of the concerned retiree who mails a generous check each month or the generous widow who remembers children of the Youth Ranches in her estate plans, deserving children are successfully redirecting their lives and finding hope for a brighter future.

By repairing broken families and providing guidance to troubled youth, all of Florida's citizens reap the benefits. As you support the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, you have the **opportunity** to help these young men and women become productive law abiding members of our communities. This, in turn, reduces crime and stops violence as we educate the next generation of young adults by building upon the traditional work, study, play and pray philosophy taught at the Ranch.

An investment in the life of a child is an investment in your own future... in our collective future. If you believe in the lifesaving

work of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, there are several ways to further our ongoing mission to prevent juvenile delinquency and develop lawful, productive citizens through a broad range of family-centered services.

By making a generous gift today, you can expect to enjoy added **security** and other unique advantages in your golden years. Investing in the lives of children through a registered, nationally accredited, non profit charity run by the Sheriffs and citizens of Florida is a great way to prevent juvenile delinquency.

By supporting the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, you will secure stability for yourself and future generations of children who will need our help. Thank you so much for being a part of the miracle that is the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



*There was a 229% increase over the last decade in juvenile offenders referred for drug use.*

*Source: FL Dept. of Juvenile Justice  
Key Juvenile Crime Trends*



# It Takes Lots to Care for Our Kids

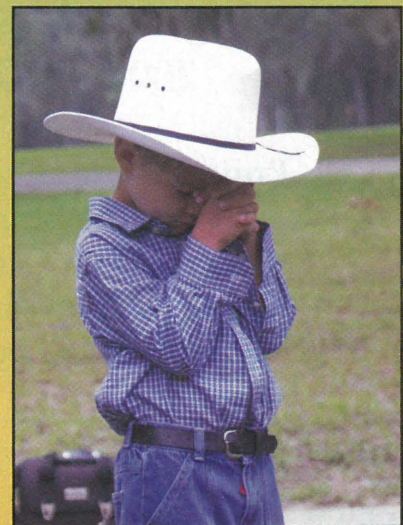
The list of items needed to operate an agency the size of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches continues to grow. At last count, the Youth Ranches owned:

- 7,000+ acres of land**
- 167 buildings**
- 131 vehicles**
- 90 refrigerators**
- 70 cooking stoves**
- 45 washing machines**
- 40 clothes dryers**
- 48 trailers**
- 21 tractors**

...that's a lot of washing and cooking to keep the boys and girls well-fed and neatly clothed. Our staff, with assistance from the boys and girls, also maintain 7.5 miles of paved road, 16.4 miles of unpaved roads, and 50.64 miles of fencing. All this takes money. For example, during the average year, it costs the Youth Ranches more than:

- \$511,000 for utilities**
- \$509,113 for food**
- \$61,200 for youth clothing**

**The Youth Ranches operating budget for 2005-2006 is \$15,864,981.**



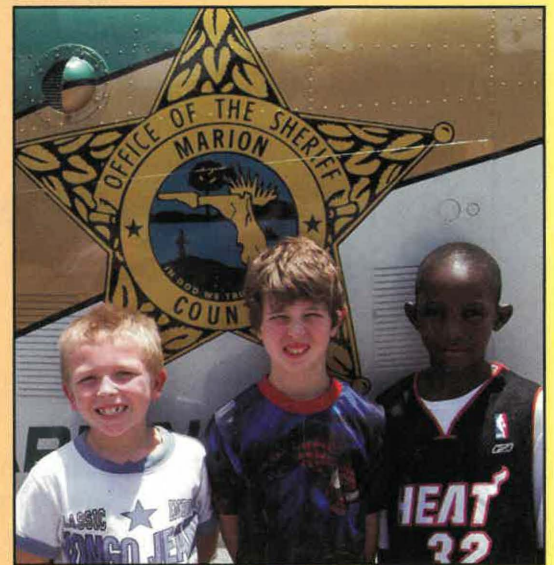
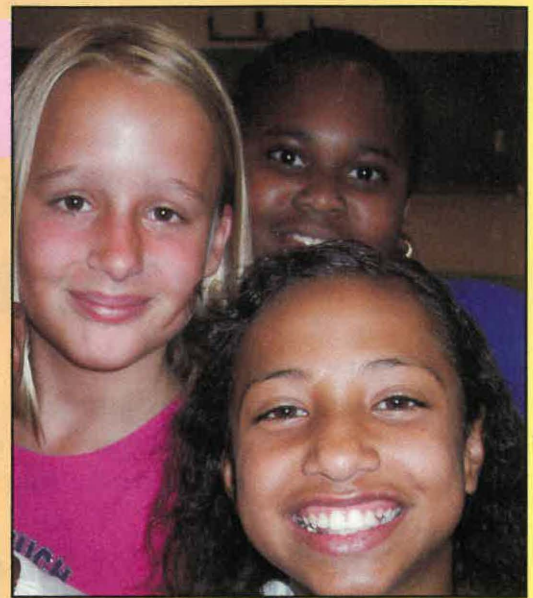
# Camping Services

Three camping programs have been established to reach forgotten youth and provide positive support for more of Florida's troubled children.

**Project Harmony®** is a week-long leadership retreat for middle school students aimed at reducing violence, racial tensions and negative behavior. It increases communication and cooperation, promotes cultural understanding, and builds positive leaders among today's youth through character development.

**Harmony in the Streets®** is a mobile camping program that combines two highly successful programs of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches (Summer Camp and Project Harmony) and brings this unique service directly into local communities which may be socially and/or economically challenged. Harmony in the Streets includes a variety of program options such as Harmony in the Schools, Wellness in Nutrition and other day camp services.

**Summer Camp** includes many different exciting activities such as canoeing, archery, swimming, horseback riding and other recreational exercises which allow youth the opportunity to build basic teamwork and peer communication skills. Additionally they can spend the week enjoying the beautiful, tranquil outdoor environment and learn the camp theme, "Law Enforcement Officers Are Your Friends."



## Camping Services Statistics 2004 - 2005

Project Harmony - 1,162  
Harmony in the Streets - 1,399  
Summer Youth Camp - 977  
Wellness in Nutrition - 6,223  
Harmony in the Schools - 1,068

**Total Children Served 2004-05 - 10,829**



# ...Please Come to Camp Anyway!



The brochure she read listed the items each child should bring to camp. ...jeans, shorts, shirts, bathing suit, socks, underwear, raincoat, shoes, flashlight, sleeping bag and more. It read like a laundry list of basic necessities, but for her family, it was more like a wish list for the holidays.

Her hopes were crushed, and she dreaded telling her son. They had been so excited – a chance to attend this dynamic summer camp for free. Some anonymous, caring person had sent in sponsorship money to pay for her son to attend camp, it was such a blessing for them. But now, with this list of items she knew they didn't have, she felt their dream slipping away.

As she continued reading the list, her eyes began to fill with tears. Then, something changed ~ she read on...at the bottom of the list there was a note in bold print. **If you do not own some of these items, please come to camp anyway!**

On the first day of camp, she clutched the brochure in her hand and approached the registration table. Miss Nelson greeted them with a huge smile and welcomed them to camp. Yes! Her son's name was on the list. Things were going to be fine.

As they moved to the end of the line, Miss Nelson asked them to bring the boy's luggage to the wagon. The mother edged closer, and softly whispered, "This backpack with stuff was all we had that was on the list. We didn't have enough money to get the other things on the list."

With a quick nod of reassurance and a loud voice, Miss Nelson proclaimed. "OK, everyone, we are all ready to go!" She then leaned over to the mother and said, "He will be fine. Don't worry about a thing."

Tapping the resourcefulness of an Alachua County Deputy Sheriff, Miss Nelson set a plan in motion. The Deputy made contact with a local store and had four school outfits, underwear, socks, shirts and other items donated for the boy. Camp staff went to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Opportunity Store and got him other items including a sleeping bag, suitcase, shoes and a teddy bear.

Children are being helped in so many ways at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. No child or parent should ever have to worry about not having what they need to attend camp. Because of the generosity of so many caring people in our donor family, we can do what is right for a child in need.



*Juveniles remain responsible  
for about one out of four  
violent crimes in the state.*

*Source: FL Dept. of Juvenile Justice  
Key Juvenile Crime Trends*

# Willie Nickerson: Just One More Boy

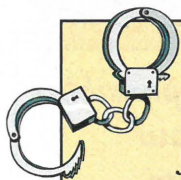
**W**illie came from the poorest part of town – an area full of crime and delinquency. He knew his future would be very limited if he stayed on the street. In his mid-teens, a Counselor asked him if he would like to attend a free summer camp. Without hesitation, Willie agreed.

After experiencing the *Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp*, Willie asked about the Boys Ranch. "Was there room for just one more boy?" The answer was yes, and he began the journey that gave him the opportunities to succeed. Gratefully, Willie knows how very different his life could have been.

Willie spent four years at the Boys Ranch. Initially, the school wanted to put him in special classes, but Willie objected - pleading to stay up an hour past bed time to complete his homework. Night after night, the lamp stayed on at his desk as he worked twice as hard to be successful.

Not only did he graduate from high school on time, he went on to get his AA, BA and Masters Degree. Today, Willie is employed by the Polk County Sheriffs Office. He has fulfilled his dream of becoming a law enforcement officer.

We are proud of Willie's success. From those early days at camp, through his years at the Ranch, he made good choices that led to great opportunities. He stands tall among his peers, but never hesitates to reach out and help a child in need.

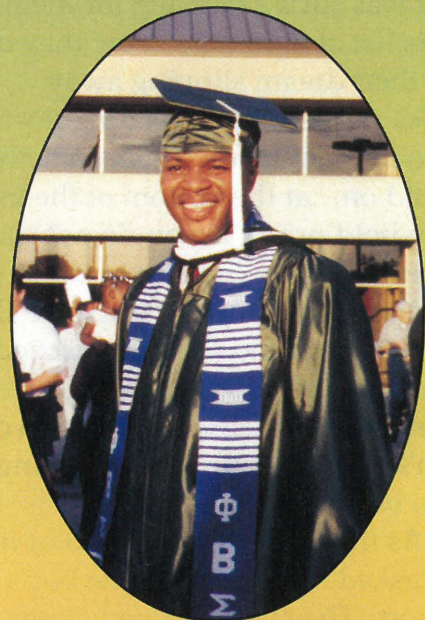


*Burglary is the felony crime committed most often by juvenile offenders. There were 16,941 burglary cases involving juvenile offenders in FY 1999-2000, an average of 46 per day.*

*Source: FL Dept. of Juvenile Justice  
Key Juvenile Crime Trends*



*"The Boys Ranch has supported me in everything that I wanted to do. They have taught me that success is not a destination, it is a journey."*



# STATEMENT OF FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

Founded by the Sheriffs of Florida in 1957, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has always embraced and applied the principles of faithful stewardship in all of our donor-based relationships. We recognize and understand that we would not exist without the charitable gifts of our donor family. The resources they provide are purposefully given in support of our mission to prevent juvenile delinquency and develop productive, law abiding members of our communities through a broad range of family-centered services.

Many caring individuals have chosen to support the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches by making an unrestricted gift that can be used to further the general purposes of the organization. Each year, the Board of Directors approves the annual budget. When a gift is made payable to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, without any specific restrictions, it is carefully and thoughtfully used where it is needed most.

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has always valued and respected the right of a donor to designate or restrict the use of a particular gift for a specified purpose or service. We are committed to honoring these clearly



defined requests with great care. Our goal is to work diligently with the donor to carefully plan a gift that will best meet the donor's wishes and appropriately serve the needs of the children in our care.

At times, we have had to decline a gift because we could not, in good faith, fulfill the donor's wishes. On other occasions, we have defended the donor's gift in court as others have tried to change or alter the donor's specific directions. Proper planning and complete documentation helps us maintain our ethical commitment to the donors who choose to share their gifts with us.

The bottom line is the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Board of Directors and Staff pledge to honor and respect each donor's instructions regarding the use of their gift.

**Reaffirmed on February 16, 2006 ~ Board of Directors ~ Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.**

## Ways You Can Help

Without faithful friends like you, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches could not have survived and prospered over the past 49 years. Thanks to our generous donor family, more than 80,000 youth and their families have received help from the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Listed below is just a sampling of the variety of ways in which you can help continue the Youth Ranches tradition of saving young lives.

- ❖ Cash Gifts ❖ Volunteering
- ❖ Stocks & Securities ❖ Gift Annuities ❖ Memorial Gifts
- ❖ Non-Cash Gifts ❖ Bequests

For more information about making a tax deductible contribution, please contact the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches at (800) 765-3797.

[www.youthranches.org](http://www.youthranches.org)



*A 10% increase in 10 to 17 year olds is anticipated from 2000 to 2009 in Florida. The state's current juvenile population is approximately 1.5 million.*

*Source: FL Dept. of Juvenile Justice  
Key Juvenile Crime Trends*

## How Your Support Can Change Lives!

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches could not exist without the help of interested and generous donors. You give us the tools to help us change the lives of deserving boys and girls.

Why should you commit your hard-earned money to help the needy youngsters of our organization?

The answer is simple... We value the same things you value!

We believe in raising children the old fashioned way by teaching them

- WORK** A day's wage for a day's work.
- STUDY** A good education can never be taken from you.
- PLAY** Healthy recreation can reduce boredom and delinquency.
- PRAY** Commitment and love will enable you to build a strong marriage and help you raise healthy children, and faith in God does make a difference.

Work, Study, Play and Pray...it sounds simple, but not easy. We strive to provide consistent love and care within a family setting.

Back to the basics - dinner around the family table, homework, helping with chores, going to church - all the things many of our youngsters are missing in their lives.

As our children grow into healthy young men and women, we want them to accept responsibility for their behavior, build a brighter future for themselves and become successful parents who provide for their families.

But the answer is not always so simple. In today's world, it is not easy to raise other people's children...and it's even tougher to do it with other people's money - but this is what charity, responsibility and stewardship is all about.

We recognize and understand we would not exist without the charitable gifts of our donor family. The resources they provide are purposefully given in support of our mission to prevent juvenile delinquency and develop productive, law abiding members of our communities through a broad range of family-centered services.



We are asking you to join us with your financial support to help us serve the next generation of children in Florida.

If you would like to join our donor family and help turn youngsters' problems into solutions and bright new futures, please consider making a donation. There are many ways you can help continue the Youth Ranches tradition of saving young lives. One way to start is by making a cash gift with the coupon below.

**Florida's  
Charity  
for  
Florida's  
Children<sup>®</sup>**



**YES!** I want to give youngsters the opportunity to become productive, lawful citizens. Enclosed is my gift for the needs of the children at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches:



Enclosed is my gift of:

\$15     \$30     \$50     \$100     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

*Use this form to make certain your gift is properly identified and return it in the enclosed envelope.*

Yes I would like more information about including the Youth Ranches in my estate plans.

***The proper legal name to provide a bequest is: "I bequeath to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., Boys Ranch, Florida 32064..."***

Please send me more information on:  Giving Securities     Giving Through My Will

Giving Real Estate     Other \_\_\_\_\_

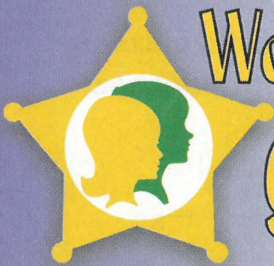
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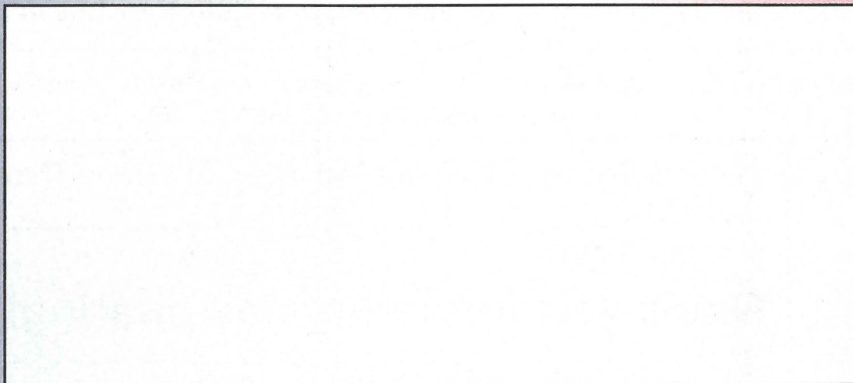
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