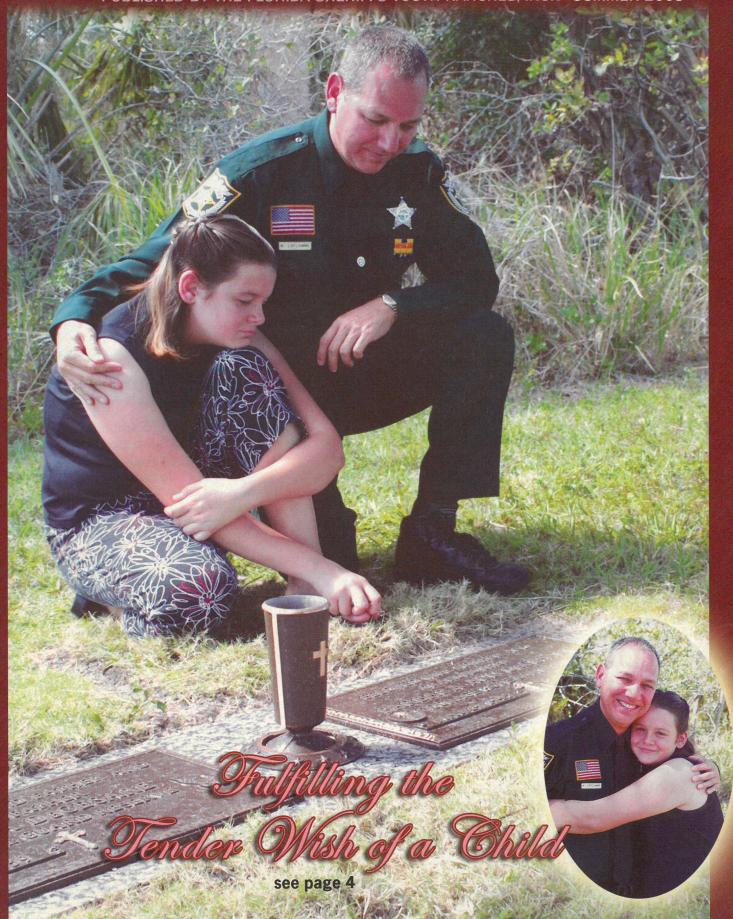


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# President's Perspective

A message from Roger O. Bouchard, Jr. President of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.



As I looked at the picture for the cover of *The* Rancher magazine, I could not help but wonder at the thousands of miracles we are privileged to be a part of every year. Each child who comes to one of our programs brings their own set of concerns, problems and needs. It is our job to understand and meet those needs whenever possible.

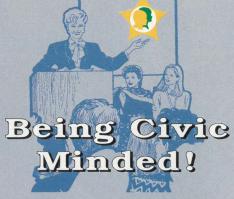
As we work with children, we see them mature and develop skills that will be with them for a lifetime. More importantly, they learn someone truly believes in them and will be there for them, even after they leave our care.

When Elaina came to the Youth Camp, she expressed a deep-felt need to see her grandmother's grave honored and memorialized with an appropriate headstone. At age 13, she wasn't sure how she could change things, but her heart still carried this burden. When she shared this at camp, a caring Deputy Sheriff brought the need back to others and made her dream come true. I can assure you this youngster knows she has been blessed in a very special way by others in her community. I know her impression of law enforcement officers has been forever changed for the good.

Each of you who support the Youth Ranches with your generous gifts is a part of these miracles. By sharing your resources, you make it possible for children to be taught the most basic lessons in life and to believe that miracles can happen to

Thank you and God bless,

Roger Bouchard, President



Want to know more about the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches?

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If you are interested in arranging a speaking engagement for your civic organization or club, please contact us at 1-800-765-3797.



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# Quotes and Notes



"Words cannot express the VIP treatment we received at the Boys Ranch. Seeing you good folks in action is proof of the fine work from all involved. Thanks!" ~ Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Austin, Donors

"I grew up at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch many years ago. It was mostly dirt roads back then. I used to drive the tractor around to each cottage to pick up the laundry. I remember having to put our names in the back of all our clothes so we would get them back to the right person... Initially, I struggled after I left the Ranch, but then got my life back on track. I served my country for 20 years and have been married to Sharon for 15 years.... Thanks for letting me introduce myself and I hope God blesses each of you who helps the kids at the Ranch." ~ Damon, Boys Ranch Alumnus

"Since I left the Ranch, I joined the Navy and did a five year tour. Then, I moved to California and became a Firefighter/EMT with the US Forest Service. Today, I am working with Union Pacific Railroad and I just love it!" ~ Eric, Boys Ranch Alumnus

Editor's note: These are just a few of the notes we receive in the mail or from our website (www.youthranches.org.) Minor adjustments may be made for clarity within the content, but the context remains the same.

"Our visit to the Boys Ranch was such a wonderful experience... We especially enjoyed our visit with the young men of Conn Cottage. They were kind enough to let us see a very small part of their day and share a meal with us. These young men truly impressed us...and we count ourselves fortunate to have had this opportunity!" ~ Maj. and Mrs. Dees, Donors

"Hi! My name is Nicholas. The many things I learned at camp were extraordinary. I conquered my fear of heights, rode a horse and made new friends. It was all really fun. Thanks for sending me to CAMPIII"

"Dear Sponsor, I am 14 and you know me as Levi. One of my favorite activities was playing soccer with Mr. Gordon. Just like controlling a soccer ball, I learned that you can control your life, whichever path you choose. Thank you for sending me to camp." Sincerely, Levi C.

"Dear Friends, Thank YOU!! While at camp, I really liked the skits, meeting new friends, and eating. I learned to respect myself and to help people. This is the best camp ever!!!!!!!!" ~ Dolly, Camper

# Fulfilling the Tender Wish of a Child

ast summer, Palm Beach County Deputy Sheriff Bill LaFlamme came to camp to teach our boys and girls I the camp theme "Law Enforcement Officers Are Your Friends." Little did he know that he was about to change the life of a child forever!

Deputy LaFlamme and several other Counselors worked with ten girls ages 12-13. They spent the week together enjoying great camp activities such as arts and crafts, canoeing, horseback riding, the Challenge Course, hiking and so much more. This particular group of girls became quite well known as boisterous, playful and full of energy. You could hear the giggles, laughter and silly songs each day as they walked around camp. And, it was no easy task to get them quieted down for bed each night. Life at summer camp was very, very good!

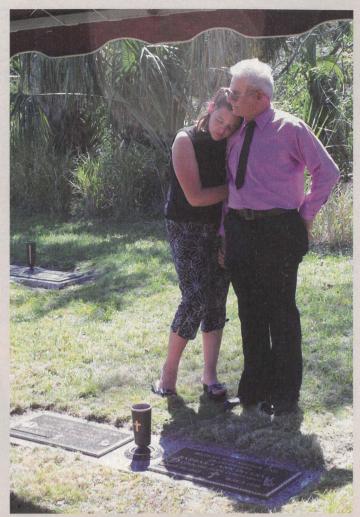
The bond of friendship and trust between this Deputy and these girls grew greater with each passing day. Then one night, near the end of camp, a sudden quiet came over the girls. During their evening Pow Wow around the campfire, he had asked them an unusual question. "If you had a MILLION DOLLARS, and couldn't spend it on yourself, what would you do

with it?"

There were some expected answers like "buy my mom a house" or "find my dad" and there were even some softer ideas like "build a camp like this for other kids like me" or "donate



At Summer Camp, Elaina (left) spent a few moments talking with her counselor, Miss Vanderlip, about the loss of her grandmother.



Sharing a tender moment with her grandfather, Elaina mourns the loss of her beloved grandmother.



it to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch." But, none of the responses hit home more than Elaina's quiet reply, "I'd give it to my grandfather so he can buy a gravestone for my grandma."

Stunned, Deputy LaFlamme swallowed hard as he watched the tears well up in Elaina's eyes. She spoke tenderly and told her new friends about her great love for the woman who raised her. Elaina's hurt and loss was very real...she just wanted to find a way to remember her grandmother with dignity and pride.



Mr. George Seliga (right) leads Elaina and her family to the site where her grandmother rests.

This was the desire of her heart!

Long after the summer had ended, through the hurricanes and holidays, Deputy LaFlamme remembered Elaina's million dollar wish. There were generous folks in Palm Beach County, including newly elected Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, who immediately offered to help. Deputy LaFlamme

made contact with the Sheriffs Office in the county where Elaina lives and decidedly took action to make this right!

With the support of Saint Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara, Chief Deputy Garry Wilson spoke to community leader George Seliga who worked for a funeral home near the site where Elaina's grandmother rests. The initial plan was to approach a local civic group to purchase a headstone for her grave. However, Mr. Seliga had a different idea.

"This is something I want to do myself," said Mr. Seliga. He stepped forward and took care of every detail.



Before leaving the cemetery, Elaina expressed her appreciation to Deputy LaFlamme and Mr. George Seliga for their kindness, generosity and compassion.

Not only did he provide for Elaina's grandmother, he purchased a double marker to ensure her grandfather would have the same dignity in the future.

One bright, sunny afternoon, a long black limousine pulled up to the DeCesare home. Elaina and her family journeyed to the cemetary to remember Barbara Ann DeCesare (1945-1999). Remarkably, Elaina

had carried this burden for six long years and finally knew her grandmother would rest and be remembered in peace.

Deputy LaFlamme and several of the Counselors from summer camp met Elaina there to witness the fulfillment of her tenderhearted wish. They comforted and consoled her, sharing in this special time of care and concern. Her family expressed sincere gratitude for this incredible gift. And, by the expression on her face, there is no doubt Elaina now has a unique and special understanding of the compassionate side of the citizens and Sheriffs of Florida.



Elaina tried to conquer her fears when she attempted to scale a telephone pole at camp. During this trip to the Challenge Course, her fellow campers cheered her on and she successfully completed the activity.

# Inspiring Our Ranchers to New Heights "Go Ahead and Volunteer!"

"Dreams do come true," exclaimed Kittinger, "All it usually takes is some good, hard work!" These words rang true as Colonel Joe Kittinger, the man who holds the record for taking the highest step in the world (parachuting nearly 103,000 feet back to earth) out of

an Air Force balloon, personally told our boys about

the adventures in his life.

As a young man, Kittinger thought it would be a

great thrill to fly airplanes...so he joined the United States Air Force to learn this skill. He became an experimental test pilot, researching and flying many different jet and fighter airplanes.

The rides were often rocky and rough as the golden era of aircraft development was honed to perfection. Each new invention



Colonel Joe Kittinger speaks to the boys at the Ranch about his adventures in the United States Air Force as an experimental test pilot.

occasion, he rode a rocket sled to test a new restraint that was the forerunner of today's vehicle seatbelts. Kittinger claims to have made a career of volunteering! When they needed a pilot to make a test flight in zero gravity, Kittinger stepped up. "I

was a challenge that included months of patient strategy,

initial testing and revision, but when the ride was ready, Kittinger got the call. On one

always believed volunteering gave you an advantage over those who don't. If you have the chance to go first, do it!"

In August of 1960, Captain Joe Kittinger's bravery and stamina were

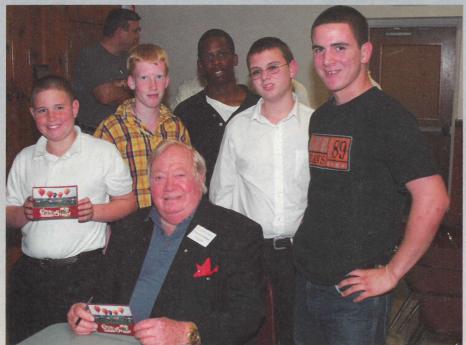
put to a brand new test. He was suited up and lifted to the edge of space in a gondola beneath a large balloon. Then, with a brief prayer "Lord, take care of me now," he took a huge step out, plummeting back to earth, breaking the sound barrier, falling at 714 miles per hour. The purpose of this great feat – to demonstrate that future astronauts could survive in

space with a pressure suit and that a man could eject from an aircraft at incredible heights and survive. And survive, he did!

Colonel Kittinger's career was far from over. He served three tours in Vietnam, commanded the Triple Nickel Fighter Squadron, and shot down a Mig fighter before being captured and tortured at the Hanoi



The boys are full of questions for Colonel Kittinger!



The boys were eager to meet Colonel Kittinger personally and have their photo take with a true American Hero!

Hilton, a North Vietnam prison, for 11 months. Yet again, another story of survival.

After retirement from the Air Force, Colonel Kittinger couldn't get the love for adventure out of his system. In 1984, he set the world's record for the first solo balloon flight across the Atlantic Ocean beginning in Maine and landing three and one half days later in Italy. Re-counting this journey to the boys, he mused, "the Concord [supersonic jet] sure makes a lot of noise when it buzzes by a balloon!"

Amidst the tales of super speed and aircraft adventures that engages the minds of eager young men, Kittinger's true message rings clear. He stands tall and proud, an American hero, who cares to teach these boys about one thing, many ways - RESPECT!

Respect for Country...as taught by a man who has been all over the world.

Respect for Religion...believe in it, care about it, take a stand for it.

Respect for Fellow Man...including other people, societies, cultures and communities.

Respect for Self...teaching that YOU are responsible for yourself and you must act accordingly in all circumstances.

Reaching out and continuing to volunteer, Colonel Joe Kittinger is a living testimony who inspires our children to take on the challenges before them and reach new heights in their lives.



After the presentation, Colonel Kittinger signed autographs for the Ranchers.

# To the Board Members and Donors,

I am 15 years old, and for the past three years, I have lived in Merrill Cottage. Before I came to the Ranch, my father used drugs in the presence of my sisters and me. My mom then received custody of us and later remarried. Her new husband was abusive.

After this, I was put in foster care and moved from foster home to foster home. This led to great instability in my life. Like my father, I used and sold drugs, got into fights and other illegal activity.

I ran away and was homeless for about six months. I did not need anyone! While homeless, I learned to manage money and my daily activities. Yet, I missed the feeling of being cared for and longed for a homelike environment.

The Ranch is my dream come true! My life has changed and my grades and outlook on life have improved.

With the help of the Learning Center, I was able to move to the local high school. Now, I participate in several athletic activities.

So, Board Members and donors, thanks for guiding me in my wonderful new life. Thanks for providing the necessary resources to make me a good citizen!



Jonathan (left) has not been at the Boys Ranch for very long, but he immediately got involved with the heifer program. Coming from a rural community, he was very comfortable with the animals and is quickly becoming a leader on campus.

Boys Ranch Senior Jeremy has participated in many events at Suwannee County Fair Livestock Show. This year he won a blue ribbon for placing first in his class.

Cole

Working with Animals Builds **Character in Our Youth** 

very year, several boys at the Ranch make a serious commitment of diligence, dependability and enthusiasm when they decide to show a ■ heifer at the county fair.

Beginning just after the first of the year, these boys begin the three month long process by selecting an animal for the show. The Boys Ranch Farm Manager and several other key staff begin working with the boys, teaching them how to groom

and handle the animal.

Demonstrating patience, initiative and responsibility are also a huge part of this endeavor. The boys often give up their recreation and free time to master the art of convincing a cow to walk on a lead line. With each passing day, there is progress and an occasional set back as they nurture the heifer along.

Finally, after months of preparation, the boys have the opportunity to bring the animals to the fair. Each begins to size up the competition and determine if their animal might win the Grand Champion title. Everything within their control has been perfected, but the judge will evaluate both the youngster's talent in showmanship and the animal's development against the breed's standard. The boys must now display attentiveness, flexibility, and ultimately discernment and honor as they accept the final decisions of the judge.

All of our boys did a wonderful job. And, while we didn't bring home the Grand Champion title this year, we know our Ranchers are champions of great character and plenty of hard work!

Attentiveness - Showing the worth of a person or task by giving my undivided concentration. Dependability - Fulfilling what I consented to do, even if it means unexpected sacrifice.

Diligence - Investing my time and energy to complete each task assigned to me.

Discernment - Understanding the deeper reason why things happen.

Enthusiasm – Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort.

Flexibility - Willingness to change plans or ideas according to the direction of my authorities.

Honor – Respecting those in leadership because of the higher authorities they represent.

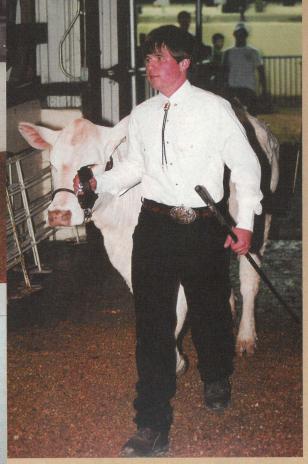
Initiative - Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it.

Patience - Accepting a difficult situation without giving a deadline to remove it.

Responsibility - Knowing and doing what is expected of me.

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Sean has lived at the Boys Ranch for several years. He is a Riding Rancher and spends a great deal of time out at the Van Ness Farm. He was very proud of his animal and stayed incredibly focused throughout the competition.

## Special Bequest, Special Request

A unique and meaningful gift was made to the Boys Ranch through the estate of John G. and Hilda S. Kressman Family Trust to create, strengthen and develop the Kressman 4-H Club and other farm activities at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

One of the greatest needs identified by our Farm Manager is a new stock trailer. The trust will fund part of this purchase but we need your help!

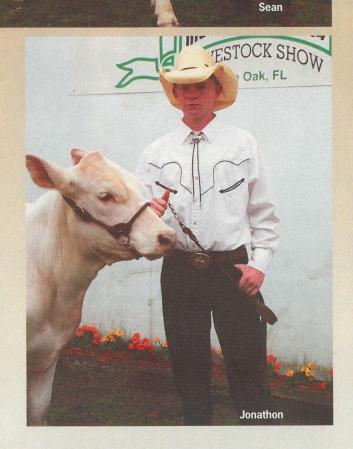
WANTED: NEW 24' Dual Axel Stock Trailer with floor mats and saddle racks -COST: Nearly \$15,000\*\*

PURPOSE: To transport horses and equipment of Riding Ranchers when they participate in horse shows and to transport cattle as needed.

SEEKING: Generous donors who will help fund the balance of this purchase by designating their contribution for the Sheriffs Boys Ranch Stock Trailer.

\*\*Any funds received over the above named amount will be applied to the Boys Ranch Farm program.

Thank you for Caring and Sharing





# First Annual Open House at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor

Originally established in 1978, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor never seemed quite big enough to host an open house event. But with recent renovations and some creative plans for parking, the staff and children were able to host a gathering of over 200 friends and members of our donor family.

The Ranch in Safety Harbor came to be through an initial donation of Charolais cattle by Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Salls. Later, they promised Sheriff Don Genung they would also donate their large home and the surrounding

land to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. This gave the Sheriffs of Florida a way to reach out to even more deserving boys and girls by developing a coeducational program - a facility which would allow brothers and sisters to stay

Mr. Howard Sachs and his wife, Dina (not pictured) are both avid volunteers at the Youth Ranch. The kids gathered around him at the open house to thank him for being a catalyst for this event and great friend to the Youth Ranches.



Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Lorusso and his K-9 officer Koda gave a special demonstration at the Open House. Young Katie really enjoyed the presentation and wanted to personally thank both of them for their dedicated service.



Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats (left) and his wife Kat joined with Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Board of Directors Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer (right) and his wife Linda to thank Rancher Steven for welcoming them to the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor.

together as they worked out their problems. With a few minor renovations to the Salls' residence, the first cottage was ready to accept siblings in August of 1978.

The Youth Ranch campus consists of an administration building, tennis courts, multi-purpose activity center, swimming pool, maintenance building, chapel and three cottages. The Youth Ranch has the capacity for 30 youth in three spacious cottages. All of the kids were eager to welcome our guests to the Ranch and provide a tour of their home.



Friends of the Youth Ranches enjoyed great food and fellowship at Youth Ranch Safety Harbor Open House. The delicious meal was provided by



A few of the children from the campus served beverages to our guests.

AmSouth Bank.



#### Give Thanks

Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill and young Logan take a few moments to express their appreciation to Millidene "Sarah" Kish for creating this beautiful "GIVE THANKS" work of art that now hangs at the Youth Ranch in Bradenton/ Sarasota. Sheriff Balkwill knows how important it is for folks like Mrs. Kish to visit the youngsters at the Ranch. "Sometimes it will break your heart, sometimes it will warm your heart...Talk to the kids, learn about them, let them learn from you...you won't regret taking the time to visit with these boys," said the Sheriff.



In 2004, Boys Ranch Farm Manager Dustin Jones presents Jeremy with the Special Activities Award for Jeremy's involvement in so many different aspects of Ranch life.

# What went wrong became RIGHT at the Ranch!

Jeremy failed the 7th grade – flat out failed! He was truly headed down the wrong path, running with a rough crowd and shrugging off any chance of graduating from high school. He knew his neighborhood well, perhaps a little too well, and saw little hope for a bright future. Everything changed when this boy from the city began a new life at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Initially, Jeremy was a bit skeptical about county living. After all, the only animals he had ever really known were his two bulldogs, Anna and Dunn. But soon, Jeremy discovered he had a special gift for working with animals, all sizes and kinds.

The Van Ness Farm became his new neighborhood. He spent almost every available minute riding horses, working the cows, feeding the chickens or bringing in hay. Sometimes grubby, often filthy, Jeremy loved his job at the farm. His bright smile said it all! Regardless of the task, Jeremy was diligent, trustworthy and always willing to learn.

Learn? This boy who failed 7th grade was eager about learning? Without exception! Jeremy had found his future at the Boys Ranch.

During his first year at the Ranch, Jeremy decided he wanted to become a large animal veterinarian. When he found out what it would take - great grades, a strong work ethic and lots of hands on experience – he set those goals in front of him and took charge of his future.

Less than two years later, he won the coveted Carleton F. Tweed

Memorial Horsemanship Trophy given to the boy on the Ranch who consistently displays excellent skills in horsemanship, significant interest in the care and well being of animals, and demonstrates high standards and



Jeremy graciously accepts special recognition for his 4.0 academic achievement from Walter Boatright, Superintendent of the Suwannee County School system.

positive behavior in all areas of Ranch life.

Jeremy worked hard academically and improved his grades so much, he was recently given special recognition from the local Superintendent of Schools for obtaining a 4.0 during the last grading period.

He saved the money he earned at the Boys Ranch to buy a vehicle and was recently seen trying to "horsetrade" it for a pick up truck donated to the Ranch.



Every year, Jeremy has shown heifers at the county fair. He enjoys working with larger animals, especially the Charolais cattle.

"When I go to college, I'll need a truck because I plan to get a job working with large animals."

His wisdom and planning are remarkable for someone so young. "I have been accepted at Santa Fe Community College for my first two years. Since it will be my first experience living on my own, I will need to be careful about college life. With an apartment, job and school, I will have serious responsibilities and plan to stay far away from any trouble. Then, after two years, I will go to the University of Florida to study animal sciences and then focus on the three additional years it will take to get a degree in Veterinary medicine."

Fortunately for Jeremy, years ago a group of people affiliated with the North Florida Appaloosa Club started a scholarship for a Rancher who wanted to become a Veterinarian. Over the years, this fund has grown and will be earmarked for Jeremy's future education. Remarkably, the Youth Ranches has also been blessed to receive several unrestricted scholarship gifts that will help him with his expenses between now and then.

What a difference the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has made in the life of this once wayward young man. Because of gifts (past, present and future) from our donor family, Jeremy has achieved and developed into a fine young man. This simply would not be possible without people like you who share your resources and trust us to help youngsters like Jeremy turn their lives around. His success is a reflection of your generosity - thank you for helping us turn him in the RIGHT direction!



As a leader on campus, Jeremy (center, left) was elected by his cottage to represent them on the Ranch Council. The other boys admire Jeremy for his ability to get along well with others and welcome new kids to the Ranch.



The guys who work at the farm found some creative ways to use rounds of hay and wish everyone at the Ranch a **Merry Christmas!** 



Siblings Strive to Keep **Their Family** Together

t 13, Stephen had just been accepted into the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor. He was referred to us from another children's home in central Florida. While exploring the family dynamics, we learned about his sister Mary, age 15.

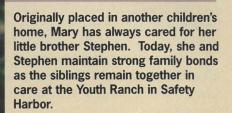
Their dad passed away when Mary was nine and Steven was only seven. Mom struggled, made some bad choices and soon the children moved in with grandma. After a period of time and attempts to keep them together, Mary went one way, Stephen another – the family really began to disintegrate.

Still, there was contact

between the siblings and the ever-present question "Would it be possible to raise them together?"

Nearly 16, Mary already had a taste teenage freedom and was tempted to focus on her own future, leaving Stephen to make it on his own. She had to decide if she wanted to come into the voluntary program and abide by the rules of the Ranch. Mary thought about it long and hard, but knew in her heart she could never leave her little brother and just walk away from what family she had left.

Now, two years later, Mary has just turned 18 and will be the first person in her family to graduate from high school. She plans to attend St. Pete College and



major in Culinary Arts. Ever aware of what she almost lost, Mary holds tight to the dream that one day she and Stephen will own a restaurant together.

Ironically, Stephen does work at a local eatery, but not because he shares his sister's dream. He has a few other things on his mind. Like most typical 16 year olds, Steven wants to save money to buy a GTO muscle car. He likes

working with tools and engines. Stephen thinks a job as a mechanic would be just perfect, as long as it leaves plenty of time to go fishing!

Fishing is a hobby he shares with fellow Rancher Danny. The boys strive to behave and earn the trust of Cottage Parent Mr. Carl so they can do the things they enjoy most. "Mr. Carl is my role model," said Stephen. "When I have bad times, he always there to talk to me...and he really likes taking us fishing!"

Stephen also thinks he might consider being a Cottage Parent, one day. "I've grown up in homes like this. I know what kids go through and I bet I could help them learn how to figure it out and be successful."



The two "award winning" siblings -Mary (left) and Stephen (right) are recognized with two other Ranchers by **Program Director** Joe Ballard for their leadership on the Ranch Council.

Mary, on the other hand, looks ahead to the time when she will have a family of her own. "I treasure the thought of being married and raising my own kids. We can build our own family traditions and have a good life together." She believes her desire to become a chef and mother will eventually come



Mary will be the first in her family to graduate from high school. In recent years, she has taken an interest in cooking and won a 2nd place ribbon for her entry in a culinary arts competition.

Mom and Pop Bianchi recognize Stephen's behavior and diligence by presenting him with the Best Worker award for 2004.

together. "I remember my mom was the best cook in the world! One day, I want my kids to think the same thing about me!"

Youngsters, like Mary and Stephen, have a brighter future because of the caring support of our donor family. You give us the resources to provide a safe, loving home for children in need. Thank you for your faithful generosity. Because of you, we can help siblings stay together and raise boys and girls to become productive members of our community.

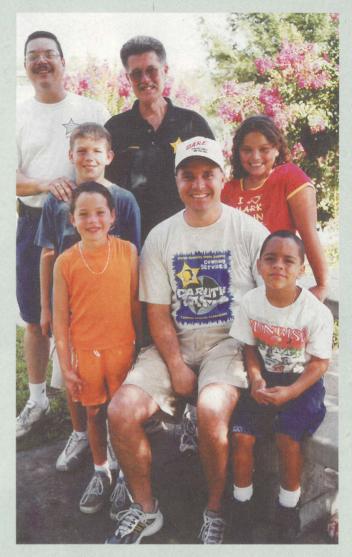
# So Much More Than Just Summer Camp -

Each year, YOU help the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches provide a meaningful, exciting summer camp experience for so many deserving boys and girls. Partnering with our volunteer Law Enforcement Officers, YOU give us the unique opportunity to change the life of a child.

Kids today are struggling. Often, we hear their silent cry, "Help me understand my value to this world. Give me strength and discipline, love me and teach me how to make my life better."

Many youngsters feel this way because they have missed the chance to connect with a caring adult role model in their life. Without positive guidance, they begin to stray down the path of destruction and delinquency. YOU can help break this cycle by sponsoring a child or several children at one of our camps this summer.

Will YOU give our boys and girls the gift of a very special summer camp experience? We hope to serve several thousand children in the next few months, but need your help! Please join us and change the life of a child forever.



#### Please help a deserving child attend Summer Camp this year! YES! I WANT TO SPONSOR A BOY OR GIRL AT SUMMER CAMP! Here's my gift to help sponsor troubled boys and girls at camp this summer: □ \$250 (full campership) □ \$125 □ \$75 □ \$25 □ \$10 Other \$ □ \$50 NAME **ADDRESS** STATE ZIP CITY\_ E-MAIL\_ Use this form to make certain your gift is properly identified and return it in the enclosed envelope.

Thank You for Your Caring and Timely Gift!



The flags of our country and state were presented by the Indian River County Color Guard at the beginning of the Annual Indian River County BBQ.



**Indian River County Sheriff Roy** Raymond thanked the faithful folks who attended the event. Sheriff Raymond was recently appointed to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Board of Directors and pledged his continuing support to the children in our care.

## Come Rain or Shine Indian River County Sheriff's Office **BBQ** is a HUGE Success!

After a season hurricanes and hail, the easy answer might have been to cancel the annual benefit for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Even as the day approached and more storm clouds rolled in, many called to ask if the event would be postponed. But, thanks to the dedicated folks at the Indian River County Sheriffs Office, the answer was, "The chicken is ready! Come on over and eat!"

As Sheriff Roy Raymond proclaimed, "We are used to serving the people of our community in all kinds of



**Indian River County Sheriff** Roy Raymond (left) and **Executive Secretary Mary** Ellen Jones presented Youth **Ranches President Roger** Bouchard with a very generous check at the beginning of the event. Don't let the amount fool you. By the time all the checks came in, the total amount of support raised at this event topped over \$41,000!

weather." The bad stuff doesn't stop when it rains, why should the good stuff stop? And so, despite the wind and weather, the event went on as planned. Soggy, yet full of enthusiasm, the faithful volunteers and members of the Indian River County Sheriffs never forgot the focus of the event was to help the children at the Ranch.

## Nassau County Sheriff Stands Up for Kids in Need!

Newly elected Nassau County Sheriff Tommy Seagraves has not only continued the great Nassau County tradition of support for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, but he has doubled the effort.

Working in conjunction with the members of the Springhill Baptist Church, Sheriff Seagraves hosted the first annual Nassau County Sheriffs Office Gospel sing for the benefit of the children we serve. Recalling a Boys Ranch Alumnus he met in Nassau County, Sheriff Seagraves told the



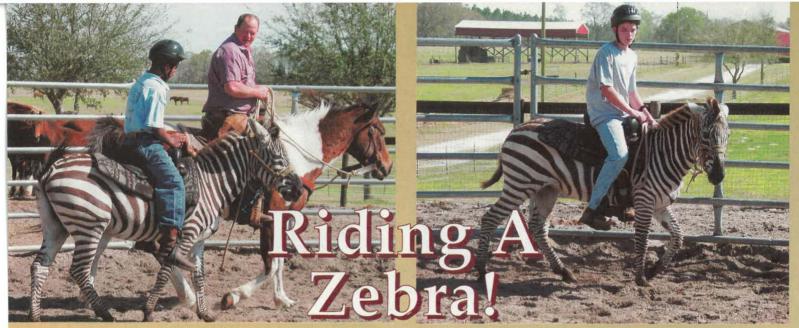
**Nassau County Sheriff Tommy** Seagraves presents Youth **Ranches Special Events** Manager Joe McLeod with a check for over \$10,000 representing the gifts given by caring individuals who supported the First Annual Nassau County Gospel Sing.



Led by Capt. Hoyt Johns (second from left) of the Nassau County Sheriffs Office, the Heritage Quartet was one of the more popular groups at the gospel sing.

crowd gathered for the sing that their contributions really make a difference in the lives of deserving boys and girls.

Pledging his ongoing commitment to an annual golf tournament, the gospel sing is the second major event organized in Nassau County for the Youth Ranches. As the "new Sheriff in town," we applaud his active commitment to the prevention of juvenile delinquency.



Stephen was one of the first to climb on and ride the Zebra. Mr. Jeff rode by his side and led the animal around the paddock.

hat is one of the most amazing things you have ever done? Well, for a few of our boys, it may just be riding a zebra! Recently, a donor called and asked if we accepted exotic animals at the farm. Normally, the answer is no because of the special care, permits and unique needs of these animals. In this case, the Farm Manager gave it some thought – a Zebra...not too different than a horse, and what a different experience for our boys.

The campus was buzzing the day the Zebra arrived. Even the boys who don't have much interest in farm came out to see the newest member of the farm family.

#### A Visit to the Youth Villa

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gobbi have a special place in their hearts for the children in our care. Although they live in southeast Florida, they made the long trip to the middle of the state to visit the Florida Sheriffs Youth Villa.

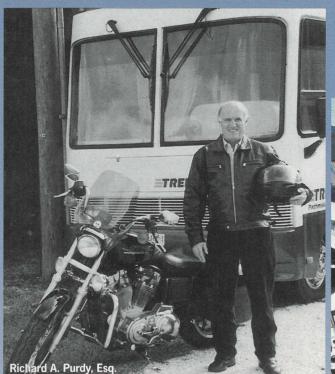
During their trip, they wanted to see the Izard stable and barn. Youth Villa resident Patricia works with the horses and agreed to give them a guided tour of the program site.

Patricia told them of her life and experience living with eight other girls at the Youth Villa. She let Mr. and Mrs. Gobbi know how much she values their interest and support. All of our youngsters take great pride in their accomplishments and truly enjoy welcoming our donors to their home.

Brian is very experienced on horseback. He decided to see how the Zebra would do without the guidance of another animal. Brian found the animal to have a sweet temperament and was very easy to handle.

After the zeal wore off, Mr. Jeff Parker, Forestry and Farm Assistant noticed the animal was quite docile and friendly. The boys asked, "Mr. Jeff? Can we put a saddle on him and go for a ride?" A few days later, several boys got the chance of a lifetime. The Zebra was comfortable with the saddle and Mr. Jeff had walked him around the paddock next to his horse a few times to gage his temperament. Then, with careful guidance and close supervision, the boys got their wish and can now claim they have ridden a ZEBRA!





(L-R) Martin County Sheriff Robert L. "Bob" Crowder, Terry Meek and many other law enforcement associates gather on a cool, bright morning to take a ride in memory of their colleague and friend Rick Purdy. Funds from this ride are earmarked for the Rick Purdy Memorial Endowment fund which benefits the children served by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



Richard A. Purdy, Esq.

# Memorial Motorcycle Ride

"We think about Rick every day. His spirit still drives how we conduct our business and live our lives."

Bruce Jolly - Purdy, Jolly and Giuffreda

Dear Mr. Bouchard,

I thoroughly enjoyed the Open House that was held at the Safety Harbor Youth Ranch. I attended with my mom.... We were impressed with the surroundings, the cottage that we visited and most of all, with Crystal, our guide. She gave us a warm welcome and conveyed to us very well how much the Youth Ranch has changed her life.

....My father was a supporter of the Sheriffs Youth Ranches. He spent almost his entire career doing legal defense for the Sheriffs Offices throughout Florida. He loved what he did, but now I will remember him more for how he was always helping people. It is in his memory that we make donations...your organization was one of many which he highly regarded. Now, after visiting the Youth Ranch, it is even more clear why!

Sincerely,

C. Lobley

Dear Mrs. Lobley,

Thank you so much the kind words of encouragement in your recent letter...Each year, we try to serve as many children in our care as possible, without compromising quality. Think about Crystal...we always want her to be proud of who she is and how she got there.

Simply stated, we could not do this without generous support from people like you, your mom, and of course, your dad! We do miss him, too!

Twice a year, at the Sheriffs Conferences, folks (friends of your dad) organize a motorcycle ride that raises money for us in memory of Rick. They always talk of his generous spirit and "soft spot" for kids. I am so glad you have now met Crystal and know how those funds are

Please know you are welcome to visit any of our campuses at any time. You are family!

Sincerely,

Roger Bouchard President

ohn and Pauline King were born and raised in a small, John and Pauline mid-Ohio town called Elyria. Both attended schools in their hometown. After serving in the military during World War II, John returned to Ohio and married Pauline. While she owned and ran the local beauty salon, he acquired a Nash Rambler franchise and opened an auto repair shop.

Retiring to Florida in the late 70's, the Kings built their own home on five acres of land on Pine Island. Both enjoyed gardening and planting citrus trees. They shared their harvest with many nearby neighbors.

The Kings became involved with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in 1986. The relationship developed and their commitment to our children grew. They were particularly pleased with our campus work programs where all youth on campus have a job. John was keenly work oriented. He

valued accountability and responsibility as utmost in his life.

The Kings would often visit the Boys Ranch campus on their summer treks to Ohio. They looked forward to the visits, eating in the cottages and talking with the boys and staff.

The Kings were very frugal and were of the generation who espoused "if you can't afford it, you can't have it." Careful money management and investments gave them an estate of high value. Having no children and little family involvement, they concentrated their estate planning on their church and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. They provided a sizeable gift to a construction project of their church and designated the remainder of their estate to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

The Kings passed away within six months of each other in late 2003 and early 2004. Both were in their 90's. They displayed a genuine interest and commitment to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches programs. With individuals like the Kings, we are able to provide the needed services to youth and families of Florida. For their help, we will be eternally grateful.

## About your estate planning...

In Memory of

Many of our friends have thoughtfully made provision in their estate planning for our boys and girls. If you are considering a gift of this nature or if you would just like to know more about the many and varied opportunities for sharing, we can help. At your invitation, it would be our privilege and pleasure to visit you in your home. If you prefer, you are welcome to visit us or we can furnish information by mail or telephone, whichever is most practical and convenient.

If you would like to know more about including the Youth Ranches in your estate plans, please complete the coupon below and mail it in the postage-paid envelope found elsewhere in this magazine.

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Please send me the booklet:

- ☐ Giving Securities
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- ☐ Giving Real Estate
- ☐ Other
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Address inquiries to: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Office of the President P.O. Box 2000 Boys Ranch, Florida 32064 Telephone: (386) 842-5501

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

### Would you like to help prevent juvenile delinquency and receive reliable income for life?

# Consider a Charitable Gift Annuity



Your gift (cash, stocks, bonds, or mutual funds) can help deserving youngsters and secure future income for you or someone you love. This irrevocable agreement is backed by the assets of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

A portion of your charitable gift annuity is immediately tax deductible. In addition, a portion of your annuity payment is tax free during normal life expectancy. The amount of the payment is based on the amount of the gift and the age of the annuitant. Please note the first two columns below to determine the rate for each age group. These rates are consistent with the recommendations made by The American Council on Gift Annuities.

Income for Life!

Schedule of Annual Payments and available charitable deduction for Single-Life Charitable Gift Annuity at indicated ages based on a \$10,000 agreement. Please call us at (386) 842-5501 if you have any questions.

AGE	GIFT ANNUITY RATE	ANNUITY PAYMENT	TAX-FREE PORTION*	TAXABLE PORTION*	INITIAL CHARITABLE DEDUCTION
65	6.0	\$600	\$319	\$281	\$3,656
70	6.5	650	375	275	4,036
75	7.1	710	444	266	4,499
80	8.0	800	537	263	4,956
85	9.5	950	693	257	5,294
90 - OVER	11.3	1,130	867	263	5,754

\*Computations assume a Federal Rate of 5.2%. The amount of income tax due each year is the product of the taxable portion of the annual payments and your individual income tax rates. You are encouraged to consult your attorney or other professional advisor for advice and assistance.

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# Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches HONOR ROLL

Roster of Builders - This Honor Roll gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and its six child-care programs: the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Youth Villa, Youth Ranch/Safety Harbor, Youth Ranch-Bradenton/Sarasota, Youth Camp, and Caruth Camp. Those who give \$250 or more in cash receive a Builder Certificate. Those who give \$1,000 or more in cash receive Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association. A large wall plaque is awarded to each Lifetime Honorary Member, and gold stars are added when that person's total gifts reach \$5,000 (one star); \$10,000 (two stars); \$15,000 (three stars); \$20,000 (four stars); and \$25,000 (five stars). For gifts of \$50,000 or more, there is the Golden Star Award. Donors of \$100,000 or more receive the Grand Star Award. We want our donors to know we have never permitted other organizations to use our lists of supporters, and we will continue to do everything possible to preserve their privacy.

#### BUILDERS

**New Builders from** January 1, 2005 to March 25, 2005

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**Sarasota County Sheriff** Bill Balkwill (right) and **Youth Ranches President** Roger Bouchard (left) present Mr. and Mrs. **George Faist with the Grand Star Award. For** many years, the Faists have been incredibly faithful in their substantial support of the children in our care.

#### **Grand Star Award**

**Sarasota County Sheriff** Bill Balkwill (right) and **Youth Ranches President** Roger Bouchard (left) present Mr. Charles **Hoffman with the Grand** Star Award. Mr. Hoffman's generosity has been extremely significant and repetitive recently.





#### Crystal Star Award

On behalf of the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort in Crystal River, General Manger Cliff Bonds accepts a Crystal Star Award representing cumulative contribution of over \$250,000 from Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (center). Also accepting thanks for their many years of work on this golf tournament are (I-r) Lt. Doug Dodd, Scott Twyman of Brighthouse, Bill Sizemore, Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy and Jimmie Brothers of Plantation.

**EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA RHO CHI 5351** MRS. MARILYN F. ERICKSON MR. FRANK N. FAGAN MR. JOHN FARFAGLIA

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**CHRISTMAS** 

#### **BUILDERS**



Osceola County - Mr. Dick Diener (right) accepts a Builder Certificate on behalf of the AARP Chapter 87 from Osceola County Sheriff Bob Hansell.



Bay County - Christopher Sammons (right) employee at the Bay County Sheriff's Office receives a Builder Certificate for charitable contributions to the Youth Ranches. The certificate is presented by Major J.B. Holloway, Chief Deputy (left).



Lake County Sheriff Chris Daniels recently presented a Builder Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Church for their contributions to the Youth Ranches.



Sumter County Sheriff William O. "Bill" Farmer, Jr. (right) presents a **Builder Certificate to Sumter County** Deputy Sheriff John Farfaglia.



**Suwannee County - Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard presented a Builder Certificate to Youth Ranches** employee Janiece Lang for generously "giving back" to the youth in our care.





Mrs. Gloria Sparks



Mr. Paul Tobey

Sarasota County Sheriff Bill Balkwill and Youth Ranches Donor Relations Officer Bill Brown presented Builder Certificates to following Youth Ranches donors: Ms. Diana Drake, Mrs. Gloria Sparks, Mr. Paul Tobey of Sun Telecom, Inc. and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Mottola and their son Capt. Rick Mottola.



Crystal Star Award

The Crystal Star Award was presented to Mr. **Robert Stephens by Pasco County Sheriff Bob** White for his support of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and the children we serve.

MR. GEORGE L. GETTEMULLER MR. AND MRS. THOMAS J. GILLESPIE MR. WILLIAM R. GODWIN II MR. LESLIE C. GRAMMER MR. CALDER C. HAAS

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Dr. and Mrs. Richard Mottola and their son Capt. Rick Mottola



Mr. Rhodney Hagle



Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Schulenberg

Also presented by Sarasota Sheriff Bill Balkwill were Builder Certificates for Mr. Rhodney Hagler, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Schulenberg, Mr. Derek Spurgeon and Mrs. Marjorie Stirling.



Mr. Derek Spurgeon



Mrs. Marjorie Stirling

#### **BUILDERS**



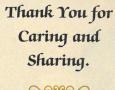
Palm Beach County- Sheriff Ric **Bradshaw presented Charles** Michalske with a Builder Certificate for his generous contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches



Holger Huels was presented with a **Builder Certificate by Sheriff Ric** Bradshaw for his commitment to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ernst are the proud recipients of a Builder Certificate presented by Sheriff Ric Bradshaw.







**Hernando County Sheriff Richard Nugent** recently presented a Builder Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kratzert for their contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell (right) presents a Builder Certificate to Leon County Deputy Sheriff Buddy Tricquet.



Lake County Sheriff Chris Daniels receives a very generous check for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches from Mr. Tom Brooks



Captain Hatchett of the Volusia County Sheriffs Office presented two checks to Youth Ranches Director of Camping Services Phil Shults. These generous gifts will provide camp scholarships for deserving young people. The first \$1,000 check to be applied to the Sheriff Robert L. Vogel, Jr. Camp Scholarship and \$1,000 for the James O.Taylor Camp Scholarship.

#### **BUILDERS**

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Mrs. Cynthia Getford and her late husband Sgt. Roger Getford have always been ardent supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. At Caruth Camp Open House, Mrs. Getford presented her Sheriff, Bill Farmer of Sumter County, with a generous check in memory of Sgt. Getford. Also pictured are Boys Ranch Alumnus Albert Williams (left) and Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (right.)



Boys Ranch Alumni Association member Bill Riggins and President Marlon Hall present Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard with their annual donation at the Boys Ranch Awards Banquet.

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#### **CHECK PRESENTATIONS**



Mr. Cedric Abbott (left) presents a \$700 donation to the Youth Ranches in memory of respected local businessman J. Lane Purcell to Sumter County Sheriff William O. "Bill" Farmer, Jr.



Sarasota County Sheriffs Office Chaplain Skip Ritter (left) of The Blue Knights Motorcycle Club and Sarasota County Corrections Officer Thomas Von Voight of The Enforcers Motorcycle Club present a check to Youth Ranch-Bradenton/Sarasota Program **Director Dawn Edwards.** 



Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy presents Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (center) with the proceeds of the Caruth Camp Golf Challenge. Also pictured are committee members (I-r) Lt. Doug Dodd, Scott Twyman of Brighthouse, Bill Sizemore (Committee Chair), Cliff Bonds, General Manager and Jimmie Brothers of Plantation Inn and Golf Resort in Crystal River.



**Sheriff Chris Daniels of Lake County** accepts a contribution for the Youth Ranches from Mr. Bruce Church.



Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter (right) and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Donor Relations Officer Bill Brown (left) accept a generous gift for the children from Colonel and Mrs. Kutschera of Naples.



Youth Ranches Donor Relations Officer, Frank Kenny, Sumter County Sheriff Bill **Farmer and Youth Ranches President** Roger Bouchard accept a donation from the ladies of the Pilot Club of Crystal River. Members from top left: Gail Granger, Marge Copley, Sheryl Merrey, President. Front row: Joyce Washburn and B.J. Lesbirel, President Elect.



Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter (right) and Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (left) accept a significant contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches from Mr. Cliff Saby of Naples.



The Blue Knights Motorcycle Club made another generous gift to the boys served at the Youth Ranch in Bradenton/Sarasota. Vice President Sid Jones (left) and President Skip Ritter (center) presented Program **Director Dawn Edwards.** Sarasota County Sheriff Bill **Balkwill and Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard** (right) with a check for \$1,700 plus a \$10 cash gift they recently received for our kids.

#### **Put a Star on Your Car!**

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Specialty License Plate provides Florida citizens with a unique and personal way to help in the ongoing fight against juvenile delinquency and neglect. Along with the regular tag fees, the additional specialty tag donation will help Florida's needy boys and girls find shelter, guidance and selfconfidence. To purchase your Youth Ranches Specialty Plate today, please contact your local Tax Collector.



# MEMORIAL FUND



Contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches are listed in alphabetical order by name of the deceased. Donors are listed after the name of the person in whose memory they contributed.

The Memorial Fund donations for this listing were received by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches between January 1, 2005 and March 25, 2005.

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## Ranchers visit with Senator **Bill Nelson**

Recently, Senator Bill Nelson traveled to Live Oak for a town hall meeting. Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard selected two boys to go with him to meet Senator Nelson and experience the opportunity of hearing "first-hand" about the Senator's work on behalf of the citizens of Florida.

Joined by Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron, the boys heard discussion about social security, national security, taxes and the impact of pending legislation on our local community. Toward the end of the meeting, the Senator recognized our young men and praised them for diligently working on their education and improving their lives.



Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron (left) and Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (right) joined with Ranchers Edwante (second from right) and Jeremy as they welcomed Senator Bill Nelson (center) to Live Oak for a town hall meeting.

#### MORE GENEROUS DONORS



Susan McInnis representing the School Social Workers of Manatee County presented an American Flag to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Bradenton/Sarasota. Accepting the flag on behalf of the campus is Program Director Dawn Edwards (left).



Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer (middle, right) accepts a check from Nature Coast Corvair Club President Mike Schlaudraff and Kathy Neumann, Treasurer (left) for donations to the Youth Ranches. Also present is Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (far right).

## **Youth Ranches Calendar** of Special Events

August 6, 2005 - Quarterly Vehicle Auction at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Auction begins at 9:00 a.m. Call 386/842-5501 for more information.

September 30,2005 - October 1, 2005 - Martin County Sheriffs Office Rodeo. For more information call contact Lt. Glenn Zirkle 772/220-7000.

October 7, 2005 - Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Annual Golf Tournament. Call Joe McLeod at 386/842-5501 for more information.

October 7, 2005 - October 9, 2005 - Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches 48th Anniversary Open House and Horse Show. Call 386/842-5555 for more information.

October 10, 2005 - Sheriff Jim Coats Charity Golf Tournament at the Bayou Club. Contact Claudia Patterson at 727/582-6450 for more information.

October 15, 2005 - Volusia County Bus Race. For more information call Sgt. Bruce Fleischmann at 386/423-3379.

For Additional Information Contact: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches **Donor Relations Department** at 386/842-5501 or the Sheriff's Office sponsoring the event.

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Since he arrived at the Ranch, Jeremy has enjoyed riding horses. Over the years, we have watched him grow from young boy to young man. One photo was taken in three years ago when Jeremy won the Tweed Trophy Award and the other was taken in Jeremy's senior year when he was selected to carry the American Flag at the Boys Ranch Open House ceremony.

Thanks to the generous and caring support of our donor family, Jeremy has moved away from trouble and looks forward to a productive, lawful future (see story on

page 12-13.)

For
Four Years,
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