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# Open House Smiles



# President's Perspective

Bill Frye, President, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

#### "I will venture to go...but remember that you must hold the ropes"

#### - William Carey

Several months ago I had an interesting conversation with one of our ranchers. Rancher John decided while out on the tractor clearing undergrowth, as this is one of his job responsibilities, that he needed to share his thoughts with me. He told me that he had been thinking about some things for a while and decided to go right to the top and speak to the President. At the time John was 17 and has been living with us for over three years. John has plans to graduate high school this year and sign up for the Marine Corp. As you might imagine, he is also a role model for the young men just coming to the ranch and adjusting to our old fashioned culture.

On the day John and I met, we talked for well over an hour and now here it is several months later and the conversation still resonates in my mind. We were talking about a young man who had been injured during heifer practice while getting ready to show his cow at the county fair. When I asked John about the accident, he explained to me that showing a heifer takes a lot of practice and patience. You have to continually show the heifer who is in control and how much you care for the animal. According to John, you do this by having a rope tied to the halter, worn by the cow and a big knot tied on the end of the rope itself. When I asked about the knot, John told me that the knot is there to make sure you never let go of the rope. You're there to guide the heifer through the paces and to keep her calm in an arena where there are lots of other cows and crowds



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of people. It is important to always have the rope in case the cow tries to break away and run. You are there to keep the heifer safe and to make sure no harm comes to her or others. Again, I asked about the accident, and he told me that his fellow rancher never let go of the rope but got too close and received a kick from a very stubborn cow. As we continued to talk, John said to me, "Mr. Frye, kids at the ranch need to know that you (meaning all the ranch staff) will never let go of the rope."

That statement has been on my mind ever since he made it that day with such confidence. You see, "never letting go of the rope" is what we have been doing for almost 60 years now. In fact, it is what I would call the necessity of parenting and over the years we have helped both children and parents by either holding on to the rope personally or helping a struggling parent hold on. Just as my parents were there for me as I grew up, got married and raised my own family; we are there for our daughter and her family today. While the rope has grown longer over the years, the knot is still there at the end and we are still holding on in case the need arises where our help is needed.

Here at the Youth Ranches, our staff is the family for the children who come to us, whether it is in one of our residential programs like the Boys Ranch or our camping programs. Once they arrive, we take hold of the rope, we tie a knot at the end and we do not let go! For almost 60 years now we have held on to many ropes! That is why men and women from their 20's through their 70's still keep in touch and bring their families to visit "home". We have attended graduations; various swearing in ceremonies, weddings and child births and sadly, funerals throughout these years. All because our kids and their families know we continue to hold on to the rope. As the years go by the symbolic rope still represents the fact that we are here just in case we are needed. Like the time when one of our former ranchers became disabled

and we made sure his electricity stayed on while he recovered. Or one of our former youth, now a mother herself struggled with her own child and reached out to her former cottage parents for guidance. Or the

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relatives of a fallen rancher not being able to afford the cost of his funeral and reached out to us for help. The knot which is now the "bond" remains intact forever.

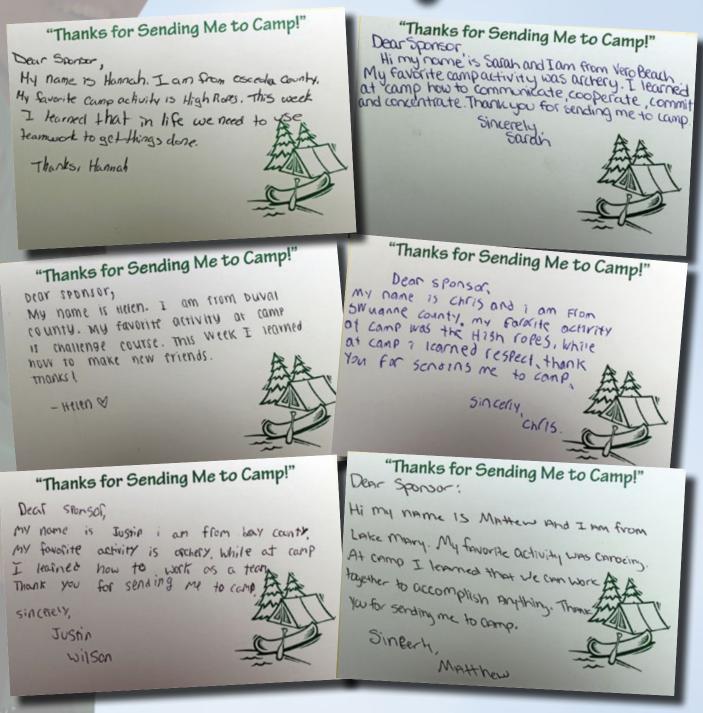
In this issue of the Rancher, you will read about some of our youth, hear their stories and see their pictures. Like every year before, many of our ranchers will be preparing to leave us to be reunited with their families or move into adulthood. Some will seek higher education and go off to college or trade schools, some will join the military and others will go straight into the workforce with skills learned while living in one of our residential communities. We that remain, with your help and support, will continue to hold the rope just in case they need a helping hand or a calm and reassuring voice as they continue their paths to success!

Thank you for your love, support, generosity and belief in what we do every day for God's children. Most of all, thank you for holding on to our rope with its big knot at the end and allowing us to serve children and families in need!

God Bless,

Bill

# Thank you from our Campers!



New Beginnings

### From changing a life to life changes: Cody and Shelly

ver the last few years, Cody has been one of our most outspoken Youth Ranch alumni. His story has been watched thousands of times since being featured in one of our "I am a Rancher" videos. "I had people from work come up to me with tears in their eyes and wrap their arms around me, telling me they had no idea my life had been like that," he said. "I told them that it wasn't like that anymore because of the Boys Ranch."

For more than six years, the Boys Ranch provided a safe and stable home for this troubled and lost young boy. Among other things, Cody had been caught stealing on numerous occasions. When law enforcement explained his options, he begged to come to the Ranch. "It's only by the grace of God that I ended up at the Boys Ranch," Cody said. "Without the Ranch, I don't know where I would be."

"The Ranch helped make my husband the man he is today," said Cody's wife



Cody Pressley and his wife Shelly decided to have their wedding at the Boys Ranch. Its beautiful, natural landscape and sentimental meaning were perfect for the couple's big day.

Shelly, with a smile and a quick glance at Cody. The couple, who were married in February, both understand the positive, life-changing impact of what the Youth Ranches strive to do for every child on our campuses. The Youth Ranches offer a second chance, a new beginning.

When it came time for Cody and Shelly to have their own new beginning, starting their lives as husband and wife, the Boys Ranch was the perfect fit. "I knew that I wanted to have the wedding outdoors," Shelly said as she described her dream wedding. "And I knew the perfect place." Cody chimed in: "I grew up here, so I know just how beautiful the Ranch could be. I showed her this place down by the river with a canopy of oak trees." "I loved it!" Shelly said. "It was perfect."

As they began their lives together as husband and wife, it seemed fitting to have the ceremony take place where Cody had begun his own new life years before. Here they would start a new life in the home that helped make Cody the man he is today. The couple were surrounded by staff who have become family. "I am blessed," Cody said. "The Youth Ranch molded and shaped me into the man I am today." He paused and gathered his thoughts. "I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches."

For Cody and Shelly, each and every day is exciting, and they are even more excited to share that they have their own "new beginning" on the way: The happy couple are expecting their first child this November.

Success stories and happy endings like this are only possible with the generous support from our donor family. Each year, we see countless children who, like Cody, are looking for a second chance and the opportunity to turn their lives around. Our donors make that happen. \*

Angel is off to a great start! In preparation for his CNA license, he has learned a lot about nutrition, taking vital signs, patient care and administering medications.

# Paving the way for great things Angel sets his sights on a bright future



eyond being excited about graduation, like any other young man his age. this senior at the Boys Ranch in Live Oak is paving the way for amazing things in his future. It is hard not to be just as excited about that as he is.

Not only will Angel be graduating from high school in May — a few short weeks after he walks the stage and collects his high school diploma, he will be taking a written exam and performing a skills assessment to obtain his certification as a nursing assistant. For Angel, earning his Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) status is just the first step to reaching his dreams of being a sports medicine doctor.

Angel's past could not have been more different from the future he has before him. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, he divided his time between his mother and father. He would spend time in Puerto Rico with his mother and then come to Florida to be with his father. After his mother passed away, Angel came to live permanently in Florida and trouble began to brew. When he was in the ninth grade, this came to its boiling point and resulted in a conversation with a judge. This compassionate man directed Angel's family to the Boys Ranch.

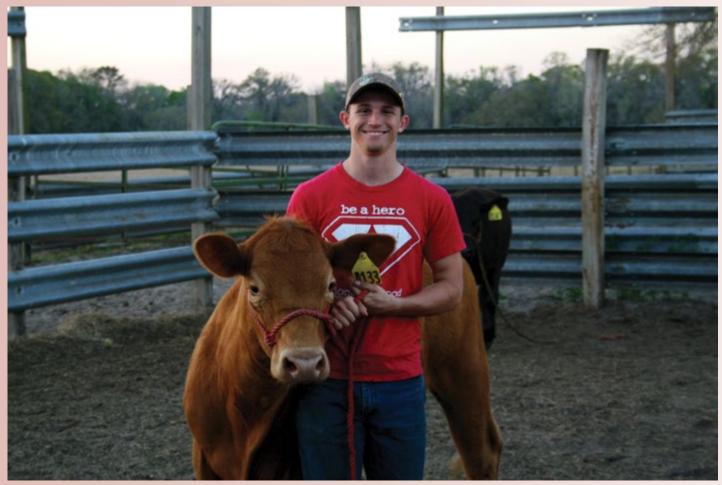
When you speak to Angel now, it's hard to believe he was ever anything other than an intelligent, respectful and charismatic teenager, but he credits much of that to what he learned at the Boys Ranch. "It's hard to explain," Angel said, "but the Boys Ranch has taught me to be an overall better person. Every part of me, everything they do, adds up. Every piece of it goes into making me better. From teaching me how to be respectful and earn respect from others to teaching me about time management, I'm a better person because of it."

After three and a half years at the Boys Ranch, Angel is preparing for a new journey. He excitedly shared that he had just received confirmation that he had been accepted into the Youth Ranches Scholarship Program, which will help him pay for college and living expenses after he leaves the Ranch.

The scholarship program is not a free ride for our youth. Angel is ready to take the next step in learning to juggle the real world challenges of maintaining his grades while working and becoming a productive adult. "In the fall, I will be starting at Santa Fe College and from there, I will transfer to the University of Florida," he said.

Angel, who played football for the Suwannee County Bulldogs, hopes to one day work for a large sports organization. His dream is an opportunity to work with the NFL or Major League Baseball, combining his love of sports and the medical field.

Angel is off to a great start! In preparation for his CNA license, he has learned a lot about nutrition, taking vital signs, patient care and administering medications. This background has provided him with a wealth of knowledge and a solid foundation to continue his education in medicine. Angel will gladly tell you that he owes it all to the Youth Ranches, "It is home." ★



Greg is all smiles with his heifer as he leads her around the arena as they practiced for the fair.

# Heifer Program Road to the fair

f it's spring at the Boys Ranch, that can mean only one thing — it must be time for the annual heifer show at the Suwannee County Fair. Shortly after Christmas each year, several young men begin a 16-week journey to the heifer show. This year, three of our Ranchers made it to the show: Alex, Greg and John.

The road to the show began with choosing a cow, which isn't as simple as it sounds. While they must have a keen eye for sturdy build and good breeding, the Ranchers must choose from cows that are not accustomed to human contact. Each boy must form a bond with an animal, putting in time and energy to build trust with their cow. Without that trust and friendship, they would not be able to train the cow to walk with a lead. In cattle terms, this is referred to as "halter broke."

As you can imagine, getting a cow to walk obediently on a leash takes an incredible amount of work and patience on the part of our young men, and occasionally involves a few bumps and bruises. Without that steadfast dedication to completing the project, they wouldn't be able to make it all the way to show day, which is an accomplishment in itself.

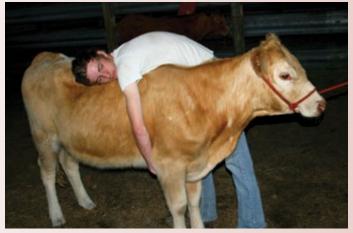
Of our three Ranchers who participated this year, Alex was the only one able to show in all the classes he had signed up



There is an old saying that refers to leading a horse to water, but not being able to make him drink. Alex realized that at times cows can be just as stubborn.

for. When the day of show arrived, John and Greg realized that their animals were not going to cooperate. Even with all the hard work the boys put in, cows — like any animal — can be temperamental and stubborn. Whether it was the excitement of the fairgrounds spooking them or the heifers just simply being difficult, it became clear that it would be too dangerous to try to show them.

Our Ranchers took their disappointment like true professionals. "Even though they knew they weren't going to get to show this year, Greg and John still pitched in and helped everyone at the show, including other participants that they didn't even



The cows can sometimes be a handful and don't always cooperate, but at the end of the day the boys still had a great experience and formed a bond with the heifers.

know," said Haley Eatmon, Assistant Farm Manager, of their upbeat attitudes in the face of adversity. "I was very proud of the showmanship and good sportsmanship all the boys showed."

While not all the boys were able to experience getting to show their cows, this was still a learning experience for them. Over the course of four months, as the young men worked with their heifers to prepare for the show, they also learned a lot about cattle

and the industry as a whole. As part of the program, they learned about raising cattle,



John and Greg take a quick breather in the back of the farm truck while working with their heifers to prepare for the show.

from breeding to identifying what a good specimen looks like, along with all of the steps and preparation involved in how to show a heifer.

Eatmon, who worked with the boys along the way, reinforced that although the end result might not have been what the boys were hoping for, the time and hard work it takes to make it to show day is a goal to be proud of. "They all put in quite a few hours of hard work every week," she said. "At the end of the day, they had a great time at the fair and in getting the heifers ready for the show. It is certain to be an experience they'll never forget." \*

# Making a positive impact Alexis uses her career to give back



Alexis poses with her Bachelor's degree from Florida Southern College. The fifth grade school teacher plans to continue her education and obtain her Master's Degree.

From a young age, Alexis always knew that she wanted to be a teacher. It wasn't until the Youth Ranches turned her life around that she understood why.

Alexis came to the Youth Ranch at Safety Harbor in 2010. Her mother had Ranch taught me how important it is for children to have good role models. A lot of them don't have good family support, so I'm their cheerleader. That's the main reason I do what I do."

Alexis confesses there were times at the Ranch when she didn't understand the

remarried and Alexis and her stepfather never saw eye to eye, which had caused a lot of family problems. The Youth Ranches seemed like her last resort, but what Alexis really found was the support to grow as a person and follow her dreams.

"Ever since I was younger, I've always sort of known that I wanted to be a teacher," Alexis said of her blossoming career. "My time at the Youth Ranches helped me to solidify that decision." She now teaches the fifth grade in central Florida and sees a lot of herself in her students. "I teach in an area with a lot of lowerincome families and a lot of kids who don't have the best lives at home," Alexis said. "Being at the Youth



During her time at the Youth Ranches Alexis loved to read. It definitely helped prepare her for college, studying and teaching in a classroom.

point or purpose of the skills and lessons being taught in the cottage. "As a teenager, I never understood why it was so important that we all had to gather together at night for daily skill lessons, or even the cottage parents asking each child in the cottage how their day was," she said with a laugh. "I get it now. I can't tell you how many times in my daily life as an adult I have used those lessons we were taught by Mom and Pop. I never realized how much that helped me develop my social skills and interactions, which are now a key part of my job."

She is quick to add that it wasn't only the support and skills she received from the Youth Ranches that shaped her life; she got the chance to follow her dreams and she hasn't slowed down. "I was so fortunate to be a part of the Youth Ranches Scholarship Program. Without that, I doubt I would have even been able to go to college at all, let alone have so many options available to me." Alexis received her bachelor's degree from Florida Southern and is now planning to continue her education and pursue her master's degree in educational leadership so one day, she will be able to work in school administration. "I want to make a difference," Alexis said. "As my long-term goal, I see myself as vice principal of a school."

For Alexis, above and beyond everything the Youth Ranches has given her and taught her, what it really gave her was a



Alexis received the Director's award from Scott Halbach for being a shining example on campus.

family. "The Youth Ranch, that's my family," she said with pride. "They are as much of a family as you can be without being related. When I get in a tough spot or just need someone to talk to, I know they are there. Still to this day, I have them to help guide me. I wouldn't be who I am or where I am today without the Youth Ranches." ★

Blink and you'll miss him! Jerrel, the lightning-fast, wise-beyond-hisyears seventh grader at our Safety Harbor campus, is always active. Whether he is on his bike or running around the campus, Jerrel is always moving. When he joined the track team, he really began to shine.

"I was always running around," Jerrel said in starting his story. "One of my friends at the Ranch said jokingly that I should try out for the track team." He thought it might be something fun to do, but hadn't expected to be the third-fastest out of all of the kids who tried out. "I would always try to run faster than my older brother, so I guess I've always been a little competitive."

> Two years later with numerous first- and secondplace finishes under his belt, Jerrel is something of a track star, but he is humble about it all, reiterating that he just loves to run. To be on the track team, he has to maintain a pretty impressive GPA in all of his classes. His favorite subject is science. "I love that there is a method to it. I like seeing one thing be able to change into another."

It's no surprise that Jerrel is a fan of transformation. Since he came to the Youth Ranches, he has witnessed an

incredible change in himself. "I was troubled," Jerrel admits. "I was stealing, fighting. I was getting into a lot trouble." He was at another children's home before he was given the opportunity to come to the Youth Ranch. "I was curious about the Youth Ranch, but I mostly wanted to come because I knew I would be safe," Jerrel said. "My siblings were here already, so I knew I was coming to a place where I would be safe and protected."

While he may have only been looking for a safe place to call home, Jerrel got so much more.



Jerell runs track for his middle school track team. For the best speed proper form is important. He is so fast it often looks like his feet barely touch the ground.

"It's been amazing to see how much I can change even with just the power of words," Jerrel said of his new attitude toward life since he came to the Youth



Ranch more than three years ago. Work, Study, Play and Pray have been a daily part of his life at the Ranch and have definitely made an impact on this awesome voung man. "The Ranch

has taught

Jerell may be a track star at his school, but he is still incredibly humble about his gift of speed. He just loves to run and stay active.

me to grow. It is so great to look back at where I came from to where I am now and who I know I can be." He still has a few years in school before he has to make any decisions about a career, but right now, he is looking at law enforcement — maybe even something like a SWAT team.

Jerrel plans to continue on the track team, but being as active as he is, he is looking forward to trying some new sports in the future as well. "I think I'll definitely try out for football once I'm in high school and maybe even something like rugby," he says with a smile. He does know one thing for sure, though: He will always keep running. "I like to put on my music and just go run to clear my head." He adds, "It's a time where I can just be with my thoughts."

As fast as Jerrel runs, he still likes to slow down every now and then, and look at his journey and the transformation he has already made in his young life. "This is a



Jerrel gives a racing pose in front of his favorite scene at the safety harbor wall.

great place to be," Jerrel said. "I've changed so much and I know that I am safe. I am so grateful to get to be here."  $\star$ 

# Scenes from our Caruth Camp Bradenton, Safety Harbor and Youth Villa Open Houses



















"Hello and welcome to the place I call home. My name is Raiya and I am 11 years old. I have lived here at the Youth Ranch with my younger brother Josh for nine months now. I go to Gene Witt Elementary School and I am in 5th grade.

The Youth Ranch has had a big impact on my life because before I got here my grades were horrible! I got D's and C's and probably like one or two B's. Now I am a straight A student and I have been able to achieve two Dean's List Awards with the help of our awesome staff Ms. Iris, Ms. Jenna, Mr. Javony, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Lisa, Mr. Doug, Mrs. Julie, and Ms. Debbie.

This quarter I kind of ruined my straight A streak because I got a B in math, but now I am back to straight A's. In fact I have a folder full of all the A's my brother and I have gotten for as long as we've been here.

There are also other smart kids here too. For instance my friend Armoni just got an award recently too. She got the Soar Award for living above and beyond the line in her class.

Another way the Youth Ranch helps me is when I have a problem with someone they always help to fix it. I have had many problems with my roommate Krystal, and she has probably had many problems with me. But in the end we always make up.

The Ranch has really grown me from cooking with Mr. Javony, random beach trips with Ms. Iris and shopping with Ms. Jenna. I've made some life long memories that I will always cherish and look back on.

Living here always is an adventure. No two days are ever the same. I guess that's a perk of having one big nonconventional family. Thank you for coming out and celebrating with us today."  $\star$ 



At school, his classmates had no idea just how poor his family was. No one knew why Jax wore the same clothes over and over again or that everything he owned would fit into a single grocery bag. **Now here he stood with his paper bag for all to see.** While most of the kids parents were able to obtain the recommended items on the camper checklist, Jax's mom simply could not afford it all.

The story continues to be retold every summer—boys and girls arriving at camp with everything they own in a paper bag.

Some come from single-parent homes and others come from homes of grandparents and other extended family members. They live in extreme poverty. The only chance they will ever have of attending a real summer camp, with all the activities of swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, archery, outdoor adventures and camp songs, is by attending one of the summer camp sessions at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Boys and girls may come poor, but they leave rich in more ways than one. Our



children realize that it is not about how much you own or how well you dress. It is about accepting others, giving what you have and being a friend to those around you.

This us to

year, will you once again help us to make a difference in the life of a child? You can provide an opportunity for a child to make new friends and to develop trusting, lifelong friendships with caring adults. You can help children learn that law officers are indeed their friends and that deputies will come to their rescue when they are in need. ★

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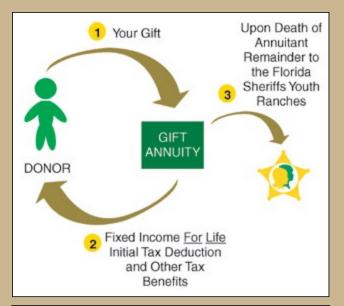
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# HELPING HAND SOCIETY Family Legacies Come in Many Forms

Visiting with different donors, we get ideas about how they want their family to be remembered. Some choose to leave all their money and property directly to their family, hoping they will continue to support favorite charities. <u>Others have made</u> <u>specific plans to ensure their charitable</u> wishes are followed.

Here are a few of the more creative ideas we have seen in recent years:

- Naming the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement account or bank account
- Specifying a particular percentage of your estate for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches <u>OR the opposite</u>, specifying a particular percentage or piece of property for your heirs and leaving the remainder of your estate to the Youth Ranches
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- Contributing a minimum of \$10,000 and creating a family named endowment fund at the Ranch



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- Establishing a Charitable Lead Trust where a distribution (% or set amount) is made to the Youth Ranches for a period of 10 or 20 years, then the balance is distributed to your heirs when they are older and better prepared to receive these funds

These are just a few options to consider. As always, we encourage you to discuss this with your personal attorney or advisors to chart the best course for your future and <u>remember to update</u> <u>your will annually</u> as things and people in your life change!



Thank you for Caring and Sharing!

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of this type would be to change the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or add the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, PO Box 2000, Boys Ranch, FL 32064

as a <u>beneficiary to your investment or</u> <u>retirement account</u>.

This will ensure the remaining funds will be used to help serve the children in our care. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about these gifting options, please contact President Bill Frye at (800) 765-3797.

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The proper legal name to provide a bequest is: "I bequeath to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., Boys Ranch, Florida 100% of the residual amount of my estate • a specific amount of \$ • a desc a certain quantity of stocks." (or any combination of the above.)	

# Annual Report 2015-2016 at a Glance

### Revenue 2015 - 2016

# Reimbursements, Medicaid & Fees - 7% Cumulative Investment Gain Transfers - 7%\* All Other - 1% Government Contracts & Grants - 22% General Gifts - 31% Wills, Bequests & Trusts - 29% Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises - 3%

General Gifts	\$4,709,568
Wills, Bequests & Trusts	4,340,131
Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises	467,835
Government Contracts & Grants	3,378,721
Reimbursements, Medicaid & Fees	1,117,209
*Cumulative Investment Gain Transfers	1,000,000
All Other	<u>86,972</u>
Total**	\$15,100,436

\*Cumulative investment gains were transferred to help meet budget expenses.

\*\* Represents total public support, revenue and net assets released from time and use restrictions.

Chart Reflects Percentages of Operational Expenses.

**Donor Relations - 13%** 

Youth Care Services	\$11,399,503
Donor Relations	2,023,987
Administrative & General	<u>1,947,700</u>
Operational Expenses	\$15,371,190
Capital Outlay	<u>\$732,725</u>
Total Operational Expenses & Capital Outlay	<u>\$16,103,915</u>

This report is a summary of our financial activity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. A complete audit prepared by Batts, Morrison, Wales and Lee, Certified Public Accountants, Orlando, Florida, is also available. The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### For a copy of the complete audit, contact:

Bill Frye, President Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. P.O. Box 2000 ★ Boys Ranch, FL 32064 www.youthranches.org

Youth Care Services - 74%

**Expenditures 2015 - 2016** 

> Administrative & General - 13%

### **Programs & Services**

#### **Residential Services**

Our trained and devoted staff are wellequipped to nurture needy, neglected boys and girls and provide a warm sense of security, guidance and tenderness. Youth are cared for by "cottage parents" who help develop a strong work ethic, sense of responsibility, teamwork and respect in each boy and girl.

107
81
44
<u>55</u>

#### Total Children Served in Residential Services

#### **Community-Based Services**

Serving the 67 counties of Florida, we work with the families of the children in our care. Our therapists are available to assist parents as necessary offering aftercare and referral services to the families of Florida.

Total Served in	
<b>Community Based Services</b>	517

#### Camping Services

**Harmony in the Streets**<sup>®</sup> is a mobile camping program that brings the four "R's" directly into local communities that may be socially and/or economically challenged. Our staff and law officer volunteers teach children to Respect Themselves, Respect Others, Respect their Community and Respect the Environment.

**Harmony in the Schools** is much like our Harmony in the Streets mobile camping program in that it brings the leadership, cultural understanding and team building skills directly into the schools. It encourages building relationships between students and peers, as well as with school staff. **Summer Camp** includes many therapeutic camping activities. Canoeing, archery, swimming, arts and crafts and other activities allow youth the opportunity to build basic teamwork and peer communication skills. Deserving boys and girls also spend a week enjoying the beautiful, tranquil outdoor environment.

Our camps also provide centralized locations for additional leadership training and educational opportunities for our children in residential care.

#### Youth Served

287

Harmony in the Streets	1,245
Harmony in the Schools	288
Summer Youth Camp	956
Other Camping Services	1,265
Youth Leadership	<u>702</u>

#### Total Served in

Camping	Services	4.	456
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## **Youth Service Statistics**

Total Cases Opened Since 1957145,219
Total Youth Served in 2014-20155,556
Youth Volunteering in Community 76
Youth on College Scholarship 19
Youth on A/B Honor Roll 40
Youth Served at On-Campus Learning Centers 80
Average Length of Stay in Residence10 months
Average Age of Youth in Residence 13 years



## Learning about legislature Four Ranchers represent at the state Senate

E ach year the Florida Senate gives students from around the state a chance to be a part of history by giving them the opportunity to participate in the legislative process. For a full week in the spring Angel, Evan, Greg and Devon travelled to Tallahassee to assist members of the state Legislature in carrying out the work of the people.

During the week, our Ranchers turned Senate Pages assisted members of the Florida State Senate by distributing materials and messages, learning about the legislative process through hands-on experience and were able to participate in a "mock session" where the students assumed the roles of Senators and engaged in debating, discussing and voting on legislation. For our Ranchers it wasn't just an opportunity to travel to the state capital, it was a firsthand experience in the role state government plays in our everyday lives. The importance and honor of the opportunity was not lost on the four young men. "What we were doing, being able to sit in on an actual session and see how it all works," Evan said. "I liked being able to see what I could be a part of."

For our young men, this was more than a chance to do something fun, it was an experience that opened their eyes to a different culture, it gave them a deeper look at local government and filled them with a sense of pride knowing that even if only for a week, they were a part of something important to the people of the state of Florida. ★

#### AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



The Caruth Camp Challenge Charity Committee presented the Youth Ranches with a check for \$13,700 from their 2016 annual golf tournament. This event directly benefits our Harmony in the Streets program in Citrus County. Bottom left – FSYR President Bill Frye, Committee Member Janet Mayo, Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast, FSYR Special Events Manager Kayla Bianchi, Committee Chair Bill Sizemore. 2nd Row – Plantation Resort General Manager Michael Mancke, Committee Member Jody Farmer, Committee Member Ray Jarzyna. 3rd Row – Committee Member Wendy Stauffer, Committee Member Kathy Sayadoff, Committee Member Andy McEwan, Terry Natwick and Jimmie Brothers.



The Red Roses of Woodfield in Vero Beach held a clothing drive for the Youth Villa which raised \$2,500 worth of brand new clothing, quilts and accessories. From left to right : Corrine Berman, Ronnie Duckett, Joycemarie Sabourin, Angel Brown and Carole Kaplan.



Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office Chief Michael Gauger (left) presents FSYR VP of Donor Relations Maria Knapp, and FSYR President Bill Frye, with a check for \$31,000 from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Golf Tournament. We are grateful for their ongoing support of our programs!



Farm Credit Chairman Mr. Richard Terry and CEO Rick Bitner made a generous contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches to help continue serving needy and deserving boys and girls from around the state. FSYR Donor Relations Officer Janet Sampson accepted this gift on behalf of the Youth Ranches.



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#### 👤 AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



Mrs. Barbara A. Hoffman and Mr. Harold P. Garner receive their Golden Star Award presented by retired Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron.



Mrs. Edith Deeg received the "Helping Hand" statude from retired Sheriff Tony Cameron. We are grateful for her continued support of our boys and girls!



First Federal Bank of Florida Vice President/Regional Sales Manager, Gloria Markham presents tickets to the 2017 Florida Gateway Pro in Lake City to students at the Boys Ranch. The tickets were generously donated by First Federal Bank of Florida and Columbia County Resources. Their donation gave an opportunity for all of our young men and women at the Boys Ranch to spend a fun filled afternoon at the rodeo.



Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Bill Frye receives a check for \$5,000 from retired Sheriff Buddy Smith and his wife Sharlyn along with James and Linda Hood from the 2016 Calhoun County Gospel Sing.



Clay County Sheriff Daryl Daniel presents a gift to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Vice President Donor Relations Maria Knapp. The gift is part of the funds from the Clay County Sheriffs Office "no shave" charity drive to support organizations that provide services to Clay County.



Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast presented Youth Ranches President Bill Frye with a special gift to help provide for the boys and girls in our care.

#### AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS 😟



Marjorie O'Loughlin, the wife of former St. Johns County Sheriff O'Loughlin who passed away in 2015 donated five cows and an Angus bull to the Boys Ranch on March 22nd. She feels very good about sending her four-legged children to the Boys Ranch. Knowing her gift would be in good hands made it easier for her to make this special gift. Present for this generous donation were Greg, BR Farm Manager Jeff Parker, Mrs. Marjorie O'Loughlin, John, Farm Assistant Haley Eatmon, and Irene Ferro.



The New York State Union Teachers – Teachers Retired in Florida recently presented a check to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches for \$600.00 for Egan Cottage at the Safety Harbor Campus. They have been supporting the cottage for several years. The group of retired teachers (primarily from New York State) meets in Pinellas County. They give financial support as well as hosting a Christmas party for Egan Cottage each year. This picture was taken at their "End of School Year" picnic held at Safety Harbor Activity Center.



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# **Caruth Camp receives new bike shed**

Our Deputies who volunteer at summer camp often stay in tune with the needs of our camps. Sumter County Sheriff's Office Deputy William Rappelyea took on our need for a bike shed as a special project. We would like to thank Weather King Portable Buildings for their generous donation of this 10' x 20' building to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Caruth Camp in Inglis, Florida.

We would also like to thank the following Sumter and Citrus County businesses for their generosity with helping complete this building project and making it an even greater donation: Shawn Denencourt, owner of Sumter Carpet Barn in Bushnell, for the flooring; Daryl Chandler of Owner-Chandler Electric in Lake Panasoffkee for the interior light fixtures, power sockets, switches and wiring for all the fixtures;



Steve Munz, owner of Galaxy Home Solutions in Wildwood, for sending his crew to install the electrical line, and connecting it to the building and Sean Gerrits, owner of SMG, Inc. in Crystal River, for prepping the site and laying the concrete slab for the building to be placed on.



#### Helping Our Children through a Memorial Gift.

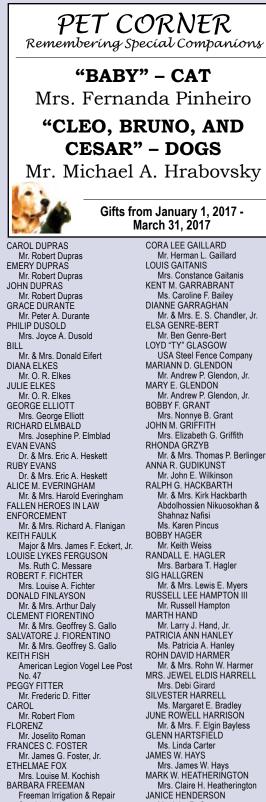
Contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches are listed in alphabetical order by name of the deceased. Donors are listed after the name of the person in whose memory they contributed.

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Spring Ranch Ride May 5-6 – Come camp at the Boy's Ranch and ride our beautiful trails with the ranchers. The Ranch Ride is held at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in Live Oak, FL. For information on this event contact Janet Sampson at (386)-688-4336 or Jeff Parker at (386) 842-5555.

#### **Bay County Sheriff's Office Golf Tournament**

May 6 - Golf tournament to be held at Holiday Golf Course, Panama City Beach, FL. For information on this event contact Sally Sparks (850) 814-2488 or email ssparks@bayso.org

Kentucky Derby Day May 6 – This event is presented by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office at The Villages Polo Club. Contact Beth Hunt at (352)-589-1687 for more information.

#### St. Lucie County Golf Tournament

May 13 - The golf tournament will be held at the Legacy Golf and Tennis Club in Port St. Lucie. The address for the Legacy Golf and Tennis Club is 9000 Clubhouse Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL. For more information contact Dorothy Shaw at (772) 462-3205.

#### Equine Trail Sports Obstacle Challenge Series

May 19-23 and November 17-19 - This event is located at the Florida Sherifs Boys Ranch in Live Oak, FL. To register for events, please visit www. equinetrailsports.com/events, or, for more information contact Cyndi Pittman at (703) 409-1138.

#### 54th Annual Youth Villa Classic Golf Tournament

May 26-29 - The Youth Villa Classic will take place at the City of Bartow Golf Course. The address for the Bartow Golf Course is 190 Idlewood Avenue, Bartow, FL. Please contact Kayla Bianchi at (800) 765-3797 for more information on any Youth Villa Classic activity.

#### Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Annual Ranch Run

Sept 16 – For more information contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Division at the following: (813) 247-8115 or email at communityevents@hcso.tampa.fl.us for more information.

#### **Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Golf Tournament**

Sept 25 - For more information contact Captain Sean McGillen at (727) 453-7212 or Captain Sara Spiva at (727) 464-7090.

#### 60th Annual Open House & Horse Show -

**October 4-7** – For camping, vendor, and program information visit www.youthranches.org or contact Lori Warner at (386) 842-5555.

#### Leverock's Seafood House Fish Fry

November 4 - Tickets are \$5 for an old fashioned fish fry dinner. Come by for entertainment and fellowship in support of the Youth Ranches. For more information contact Kayla Bianchi at (386) 842-5501.



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