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Sweet Christmas Smiles



President's Perspective

Roger O. Bouchard, Jr. President, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Inc.

It is always enjoyable when we get a chance to visit with some of our alumni who have lived at one of the Youth Ranches. Last month, many of our former Ranchers came back to the Boys Ranch in Live Oak for our Open House and their Alumni Reunion. As they gathered at our Alumni Building on Saturday morning, there were lots of handshakes, hugs and backslapping as acquaintances were renewed and new introductions were made. Some of our alumni had only been gone from the Boys Ranch a few years while others who attended brought their spouses, children and even grandchildren with them.

What a pleasure it is to hear about what these men have done with their lives after leaving the Boys Ranch. Their successes in business, marriage and life offer strong confirmation of the life skills learned while at the Ranch. It is especially encouraging to hear the tough times these boys had before coming to the Youth Ranches and how they were able to overcome adversity, becoming productive members of their communities.

Let's face it; raising children (especially teenagers) is tough and challenging work. Our current group of boys and girls at the Youth Ranches come from all over the state and from a variety of home situations. Most have already faced severe problems in their young lives and often do not have any sense of trust in adults. While in our programs, they have the opportunity to get to know adults who care about them and want to help. Through trusting relationships, they begin to learn those things that will allow them to move past defeat and on to success.

Our goal is to see this current group of children come back years from now to share their successes and accomplishments. The children we are caring for today are the alumni we will be proud of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Kogen Bouchard

Roger Bouchard, President



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Anotes and Notes

"When I think about the donors... how people take time out of their day to think about us – to make a donation – that's someone with a good heart right there... someone who has the character to care for others like me who have had troubles! They inspire me to be a good citizen – maybe one day, I could be like them – donate and give back to the Ranch"

~ Rancher Witchler

"I really liked the Youth Ranch. It was a lot different from what I was expecting."

"I liked that we got to see everything and walk through the cottages."

"It was truly amazing to hear how the Ranch serves to provide limitless opportunities for underprivileged children."

~ Comments from a group tour at the Youth Ranch in Safety Harbor

"A quick story... I live in New Jersey now, 35 years to be exact. A few weeks ago, at Home Depot, I saw a Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch sticker on a car. I introduced myself, my years at The Ranch, 1971-1973, and thanked them for their contributions, however large or small. They were flabbergasted. The gentleman and his wife had given donations to the Ranch for over 40 years, never visited it, and had <u>NEVER</u> met a Rancher. They just read about it one day, many years ago, and decided that it was a worthwhile cause. Well, I assured them that their gifts were appreciated in more ways than they could imagine." ~ Don Mills, Boys Ranch Alumnus

"Just saying hello to all my boys ranch family! Funny - when somebody asks me 'what's your parents name?' Instinctively I say the boys ranch and it's not up for discussion. Love you all!"

~ Stacy Smith, Boys Ranch Alumnus

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

SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR 54th Anniversary and Horse Show

"Spectacular" "Amazing" and "Fantastic" were just a few of the comments made by the crowd as they watched our Riding Ranchers perform a complex and impressive pattern on horseback in the arena.

"These young men make us so proud," echoed Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard. "For most of these young men, this is the first time they have ridden in a Grand Entry parade. We are so proud of their confidence and skill."

Rancher Tyler, 13, was presented with **4** * THE RANCHER * WINTER 2011 the Tweed Trophy and then humbly spoke to the crowd of about 1,500 people. "Being here at the Ranch has helped me in many ways, for example, helping me to have a good work ethic, teaching me life skills like chores and the maintenance around a house and focusing on my education. My



favorite thing about the ranch is the farm... I am not the best rider on the Ranch but I am working on it!"

Thanks to many horse clubs, Sheriff's posses, and volunteers, our 54th Anniversary celebration was outstanding. Founded by the Sheriffs of Florida through the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1957, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has served over 120,000 boys, girls and their families through a variety of programs and services.

Remaining faithful to our mission to prevent delinquency and develop strong, lawful, resilient and productive young people, our partnership with the Sheriffs



and the citizens of Florida has been remarkably successful. Each year, we rely on our donor family to provide the financial support to help us achieve this suc-

cess. <u>Making the Florida Sheriffs Youth</u> <u>Ranches YOUR charity of choice gives us</u> <u>the resources to impact the lives of many</u> <u>children and change their future forever.</u> Thank you for your gifts, your prayers and your willingness to join us on this journey of success! ★



OUR FRIEND Dr. Frederick T. Mickler, Jr.

B ack in the early days of the Ranch, we had boys everywhere and pieced together the gifts we received to make things work. Over the years we have grown to include girls and now have four Ranches and two camps serving children from all over the state of Florida. Still, we continue to rely on many people who consistently send in financial support, include us in flu vaccinations for the entire campus. Needless to say a few boys scampered off before saying hello to the good doctor as they feared the thought of a flu shot, but the other boys gladly corralled them and brought them back to see Dr. Mickler.

Since retiring from his practice, Dr. Mickler remains a dear friend to the Boys Ranch. He attends the awards banquet

their estate plans or simply just give what they can when they can.

Dr. Mickler is one of those steadfast. faithful friends who has generously shared throughout his lifetime. For years, Dr. Mickler was the physician who cared for the immediate medical needs of our boys... and we never saw a bill. He would



(Left) Boys Ranch Alumni President Bill Riggins and Youth Ranch President Emeritus Harry K. Weaver join with current President Roger Bouchard (Right) to present the "Our Friend" award to Dr. Fred Mickler (Second from Right)

come out to the Boys Ranch regularly and tend to the typical things experienced by rambunctious boys. The boys loved seeing him because they knew he had their wellbeing at heart.

One year, after a particularly bad flu season, Dr. Mickler arrived with enough and other special occasions, taking great pride in the accomplishments of all our boys. This year, the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Alumni Association honored Dr. Mickler's decades of service and sharing by presenting him with the coveted "OUR FRIEND" award. ★ Alumni James "Greg" Barnes and wife, Kathleen (right) traveled from Kentucky to "come home" for this year's Boys Ranch Alumni reunion. They were accompanied by Greg's step-daughter Betty Jo who lives in Duval County. Donny Taylor (78-82) and wife, Lorri loaded up the kids (theirs plus 2) for a day of fun at the Boys Ranch learning about where their dad and his brothers - Lonny, Johnny, and Ronny (deceased) grew up. Posing for a family photo are front row (left-right) Donny, Samuel and Peggy Taylor. Back row left-right: Makayla Taylor, Shelby Underwood (Friend), Rachel Taylor, Dylan Underwood (friend)

Alumni Come Home and Share their Success!

Master mechanic, business owner, supervisor, farmer, FedEx driver, retiree from Pitney Bowes, crew leader, truck driver, executive, serviceman, corrections officer, retired law enforcement officer, entrepreneur, musician, accountant, EMT, nurse, college student, insurance salesman, father, brother, and husband... all of these descriptions and

"This Ranch not only changed my life <u>but also</u> <u>changed the life of my</u> <u>child.</u> So much of what I teach him, I learned here!"

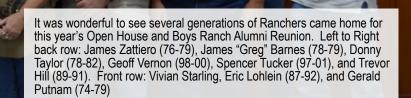
many more describe our Alumni from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Many of them gathered with their families at our Alumni dinner to celebrate the success in their lives.

Sharing a meal and telling stories (often with a bit of embellishment) of their childhood at the Ranch, milking cows (back when we had a dairy), building fences, riding the bus to school, going on outing sponsored by a Sheriff, or just being boys growing up on the banks of the Suwannee River, the joy and gratefulness was evident in their voices.

Triumph over troubles and the impact of being raised by folks who instilled morals and values with love and concern rested within these stories. Perhaps the most powerful testimony is when these men speak of their children...how much they love them and how living at the ranch changed how they raised them. "This Ranch not only changed my life but also changed the life of my child. So much of what I teach him, I learned here!"

We rejoice at the professional success of all our Alumni as they have become productive, responsible members of our society but when we hear about their kids, we know the difference we made changed them forever!

Thank you for investing in them then and for continuing your commitment today as we raise up another generation of children! *





James, here with wife Leanne Zattiero, spent his teenage years growing up at the Boys Ranch. They now enjoy coming home for the Open House weekend and Boys Ranch Alumni Reunion. Both James and Leanne are regulars at Alumni meetings and have taken on leadership roles in the Boys Ranch Alumni Association.



For alumnus Jimmy Hodges, who came to the Ranch in 1960 just before his 9th birthday, it was his first reunion and only his second time back in 40 years. Jimmy and Donna (wife) live in Tallahassee, Florida and are looking forward to next year's reunion and seeing some new and familiar faces.

 FSYR President Roger Bouchard welcomed back Rancher Geoff Vernon and his wife Kristen. Kristen happens to be the great niece of former Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung.

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Rememberine Bobby Vicenzi

Founded in 1957, the age of our Alumni stretches from their late teens into their late 60's and early 70's. Each year we inscribe the names of deceased Alumni on the memorial wall as a permanent remembrance of those we have lost.

Sadly, this year, we inscribed the name of Boys Ranch Alumnus Bobby Vicenzi on the memorial wall. Bobby was only 45 and died as a result of a medical condition that took his life on a boating excursion during his daughter's 16th birthday.

Tragically gone too soon, Bobby had already made his mark as a member of the Alumni Association. Bobby won the Tweed Trophy in 1981 and continued to enjoy his love of riding horses throughout his life.

In 1991, he wanted to add his personal touch to the Tweed Trophy presentation and ordered a one-of-a-kind, handmade belt buckle for the boy who won the prestigious horsemanship award. Every year, thereafter, Bobby continued this tradition and it became a regular part of our Boys Ranch Open House.

This year, in Bobby's absence, his wife, two daughters and granddaughter made the special presentation. They have vowed to keep his memory and this tradition alive every year as a tribute to him.

President Roger Bouchard recognized that Bobby himself never received a Tweed belt buckle so he had one made and framed, especially for Bobby's family. It was a special presentation to honor and remember Bobby Vicenzi who never forgot about his brothers at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. *

Boys Ranch Alumni President Bill Riggins and Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard present Marti Vicenzi with a memorial Tweed Trophy belt buckle for Bobby.

Editor's Note: If you would like to honor or memorialize someone special, the Boys Ranch Alumni Association will place an inscribed brick for your loved one on the walkway up to the Rancher memorial wall. Bricks are \$125 and we can inscribe three lines with up to 18 characters on each line. Should you wish to do this, you may send your check in the enclosed envelope with a note expressing your wishes along with contact information so we can verify your request. Thank you for caring and sharing!

Bobby Vicenzi presents the first belt buckle to rancher Jamie in 1991.

Bobby Vicenzi, Tweed Trophy Winner 1981.



he youth who live with us come in all shapes and sizes, with different backgrounds and ways of dealing with the challenges that bought them to us. Haley is one of those unique and special kids. With family problems and poor grades, she was adrift and alone ... and she liked it that way.

However Haley knew she needed a safe place to live and the guidance and structure to pull herself up and succeed in the world. She willingly came to the Youth Villa over two years ago and has diligently worked to improve herself.

Naturally athletic, Haley can always be found walking or running around

the campus. She had tried various sports but found she actually finds the conditioning and training aspects more appealing than the actual game itself. Her

they need someone to talk to, I just tell them 'Come walk with me!""

perspective is

clear, "When you train, you are competing with yourself. Every time you go out, you can improve."

Soon, Haley found her way to the local cross country track team where she

has won several ribbons for her speed but her sense of satisfaction does not come with ego or awards. "Walking and running helps me think through things,"

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caught up in the

daily drama of the

other girls, but when

she said. "It is an outlet for frustration, stress and pressure. I am a girl of action and movement. I am highly motivated to live a healthy life which includes

> exercise and proper nutrition. Maybe I will be a good example to the other girls at the Villa. Eventually, I would like to become a fitness instructor or trainer and help people get and stay fit." Living with

10 other girls has certainly helped her come out of her shell. She still prefers to be by herself, but is increasingly outgoing and building the social skills needed to achieve her future goals. "I

try not to get caught up in the daily drama of the other girls, but when they need someone to talk to, I just tell them 'Come walk with me!"

"I love nature and being outside. It soothes me and I know it helps them... the sun, wind, freshness - it helps you put things in perspective. Plus you feel better about yourself when you have had some exercise!"

Things are better with Haley's family now, but since she is 18, she has chosen to launch out on her own. "The Youth Villa helped me strengthened my independence. I can see a future for myself filled with good choices. I will use what I have learned here to succeed!" **★**

First Lady Ann Scott Visits the Boys Ranch

n her official role as Florida's Chief Child Advocate, First Lady Ann Scott took an immediate interest in visiting the Florida Sheriffs Bovs Ranch. She took a complete tour of the Ranch and learned about our "Work, Study, Play and Pray" philosophy.

Rancher Dillan met Mrs. Scott in the All Faiths Chapel and shared of his experiences at the Boys Ranch. Rancher Tyler drove her on a horse drawn wagon and explained his life at the ranch including his job at the farm. Rancher CJ gave the First Lady a tour of Hauer

Cottage and made sure she saw his football jersey laid out for the next game. Rancher Bo showed her around the Arts and Crafts/Vocational Development Shop where the boys make pens, chairs, and learn the basics of home maintenance and upkeep.

The First Lady then met with all the boys on campus and gave them a few words of encouragement. Bo presented her with a pen he had made and a framed photo of the chairs (see the story "Chairs - Three Times a Gift!" to the right) made by the boys.

As she was preparing to leave, Mrs. Scott made one final request. She



Pop and Mom Bryant with C.J. and Mrs Scott in Hauer Cottage.

would like to see the library located in the Donald Ralph Cooke school. Jordan was thrilled! He knew the First Lady loved libraries and it is his job on campus to keep the library neat and clean. Even though it wasn't on her "official" tour agenda, he prepared for the visit "just in case." Somewhat shy but proud of his job, he did beam with pride as Mrs. Scott talked to him personally about life at the ranch. There is no doubt her visit made his day!

As Mrs. Scott began to leave, Youth Ranches President Bouchard invited her to visit all of our other campuses located across the state and stated, **"We are** very proud of the great partnership between our

Dillan and Chaplain Fletcher talk to

Mrs. Scott in the All Faiths Chapel.

donor family, the citizens of Florida, and the Sheriffs of our great state. We are humbled by the charita-



ble gifts we have received to continue this great work and appreciate your interest in the wellbeing of the children and families we serve." * Chairs – Three Times a Gift!

The boys at the Ranch made these two beautiful Adirondack chairs in the wood shop and gave them to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office who chose to auction them off to the highest bidder at the Florida Sheriffs Association annual conference. Quick to offer support, the winning bid

> was voiced by Governor and Mrs. Rick Scott. The Scotts immediately donated the chairs back and Escambia County Sheriff and Mrs. David Morgan matched the Governor's bid which doubled the funds raised for the Boys Ranch. After the Governor signed the back of the chairs, Sheriff Morgan said to Youth

Ranches President Roger

Bouchard, "Take the chairs back to the Ranch and put them in the Alumni Building so everyone can see the boys' great work!"



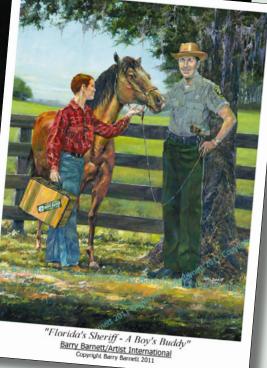
"A Boy's Buddy" was officially unveiled at the Florida Sheriffs Association summer conference held in Volusia County. (I-r) Mike Phillips, Mrs. Mary Jo Phillips, Volusia County Sheriff's Office LT. Thomas Bertolomi, Ms. Oleao Barnett, Sr., Artist Barry Barnett, Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard and Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson admire the work of art which is now proudly displayed at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

"A Boy's Buddy"

Internationally recognized artist Barry Barnett was contacted by LT. Tommy Bertolomi of the Volusia County Sheriff's Office and asked to create a painting for the Sheriff's of Florida. After much thought and consideration, they decided to honor Sheriff J.M. "Buddy" Phillips, who is also known as "The Sheriff of Florida" and celebrate the countless young people who have been helped by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

After several visits to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch near Live Oak, Mr. Barnett painted the masterpiece known as "A Boy's Buddy" with Sheriff Buddy Phillips shown as a young Deputy Sheriff bringing a boy to the Ranch where he could start a new life.

The original painting is permanently displayed in the Diaz Administra-



tion Building at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and replicas were made for all 67 county Sheriffs Offices, the Phillips family, the Florida Sheriffs Association headquarters in Tallahassee and each of the five other Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches sites located across the state. ★





At the Youth Ranches, we provide a safe, loving home and strong educational opportunities to boys and girls between the ages of 8-18. Knowing there is structure and consistency in their lives, many youngsters blossom in our care.

Beyond fulfilling the basic necessities of food, shelter and safety, we also are equipped to provide both individual and group therapy to help these children deal with issues that affect their overall wellbeing.



without vulnerability. Many times therapists can learn more about a youngster's motivations, struggles and views on life through selfexpression in a comfortable setting rather than a formal office.



Not all teens are capable of "talking out" their difficulties and engaging them in different activities enables them to express their thoughts and feelings Some of our counselors use creative expression or artistic experiences; others use physical exercise like walking or tossing around a baseball; and some select board games, puzzles

or other avenues to help engage the teen in a comfortable relationship. We take a "Rancher centered" approach and start with things that are naturally enjoyed by the youngster and build up from there.

On-site therapy is especially beneficial because most kids do not just face challenges at "appointed" times. Their therapist is on campus and available as needed to listen, counsel and create a sense of accountability. From the most severe crisis situation to the daily preparation for the next step in a youngster's life, our Therapists

On-site therapy is especially beneficial because most kids do not just face challenges at "appointed" times.

are invested in helping our children heal the hurts from the past and plan for a brighter future. \star

Will you help make this ... A Christmas O Remember?

Ake a moment this Christmas season to reflect... on holidays past and present, on family gatherings and quiet moments, on things gained and given. <u>Surely you are thankful for the many</u> <u>blessings you have received.</u>

The magical world of childhood transforms Christmas into a winter wonderland (even when you live in Florida) with bright twinkly lights and surprises at every turn.

Not every child is experiencing childhood. Some have been forgotten or are caught in the middle of adult situations. Some have found themselves suddenly without a home. <u>What does Christmas</u> <u>look like for them?</u>

Your charitable gift, your Christmas gift to the Youth Ranches this year, can provide the most simple but basic needs for any child in our care. You can give our kids a safe home, plenty to eat and clothes that fit and caring staff to help them see the brighter side of the holiday season.

I am not asking for toys, games, sports equipment or other things. <u>I am asking</u> you to care for a child right here in Florida and give them the basic necessities of life. <u>Please remember our children and give</u> generously this Christmas season.

Some children have so much, some have so little –PLEASE HELP us even this out and <u>send your gift</u> to help a truly needy child <u>right away</u>!

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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. These rates are consistent with the recommendations made by The American Council on Gift Annuities.

If you have cash, stocks or property that you would like to transfer into a Gift Annuity with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and want to lock in this annual payment rate, please contact Debbie Parnell at 1-800-765-3797 for a free, personalized example. Joint rates can also be given upon request.

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Today, Kodie is a typical "All American" kid! He is good looking, well rounded, popular and very focused on his future.

This is a far cry from the skinny, tough teen who arrived at the Ranch just two years ago. "I was a pretty angry young kid whose grades were in the pits," he said matter-offactly. "Home was not a place I wanted to be and my attitude showed it."

"When I heard about the Ranch, I was skeptical but knew anything was better than a future filled with trouble." Soon after arriving, Kodie earned a spot on the Riding Ranchers team. He enjoyed working with horses and began to demonstrate patience, discipline and a good work ethic.

As the school year went by, Kodie's grades improved significantly. He wanted to move from the school "on campus" to the school "in town" and knew it would take both good grades and good behavior. Kodie finally reached his goal and entered Suwannee High School this fall.



Encouraged to expand his horizons and take on new challenges, Kodie joined the swim team. He skims quickly through the water as his lean muscular frame moves him on to victory. "I like the swim team... you compete both individually and as a team. It is challenging, tiring and exciting all at the same time!"

Back on campus, Kodie has emerged as a leader in his cottage. When the Ranch received the financial blessings to re-open a closed cottage, Kodie was asked to move into the cottage with the new boys. At first he didn't understand why he had been chosen, then Boys Ranch Program Director Brad Gregory explained to him that his leadership skills and positive peer influence was exactly what

the new kids would need as they adjusted to life at the Ranch. Kodie immediately stepped up and took on this challenge with a sense of confidence and pride.

Striving to carve out his future, Kodie plans on a strong finish during the next two years of high school. He would like to go to college and eventually become an Agricultural Teacher which will blend his love of animals, earth and the outdoors with his leadership skills and talents. Kodie is a bright, healthy example of the change that can be made in the life of a boy in need. "The Ranch is the best place in the world for a kid who needs help. I am so thankful our donor friends made a place like this possible for me." *



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

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
- Investing in a charitable gift annuity where the remainder after death goes to the Youth Ranches
- Making a cash gift of \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches in honor of a family member and request they be made a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association

HELPING HAND SOCIETY **Family Legacies Come in Many Forms**

- Contributing a minimum of \$10,000 and creating a family named endowment fund at the Ranch
- Establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust where distributions (set amount or %) are made to family members for a period of years and once complete, the balance is donated to the Youth Ranches
- 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 your will</u> <u>annually</u> as things and people in your life change!



Thank you for Caring and Sharing!

Make a Great Charitable Gift!

Would you consider making a gift to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches through your will, trust or <u>possibly list us as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy</u>?

Your gift, small or large, will help us prevent juvenile delinquency and develop lawful, productive members of our communities.

Many people believe in our children and want to help, but they need to preserve the money they have right now to cover the rising cost of medical care and other living expenses. We understand this dilemma and know you should first care for yourself and your loved ones. However, one way you can fulfill your intent to support our boys and girls is by including the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in your will or other estate plans.

As you think about your plans, a simple way to make a commitment



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 Roger Bouchard at (800) 765-3797.

Your will should be reviewed annually. 🏹

About your estate planning	1
Many of our friends have <u>thoughtfully made provisions in their estate planning for our boys and</u> <u>girls</u> . 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.	Address inquiries to: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Office of the President P.O. Box 2000 Boys Ranch, Florida 32064 Telephone: (386) 842-5501
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Andrew will clean and prepare this fresh fruit for the boys at the ranch. 0

ARAMARK

"It Can't Get Much Better Than This!"



Led by Aramark Chef Paul Mehalko (second from left) these boys have completed the culinary program and get paid to help with special dinners hosted at the Ranch.

ndrew, 14, has only been at the Boys Ranch for four months but already he is moving forward with his life. "I LOVE it here!" he exclaimed with pride. "It can't get much better than this!"

Ending last school year with D's and F's, Andrew indicated his poor grades were the primary reason he came to the Ranch. At home, he was distracted and couldn't care less about school. Now he is focused and shooting to the top of his class. In fact, he made the honor roll in his first nine week report card.

"I get more one on one instruction here," Andrew stated as he described going to school on the Boys Ranch Campus. "Extra study time is built right into the schedule and all the boys know good grades lead to more opportunities." "This place is far better than I ever expected. After all where else can you live that you get to ride horses, enroll in culinary classes that will lead to a job and learn Taekwondo from your Cottage Pop!"

Andrew is in the first few weeks of his culinary class. Taught by Aramark Chefs Paul Mehalko and Paul Meeker, the boys in the culinary class have both book work and hands on experience. Food preparation, handling, cooking, storage and presentation are all covered in this vocational

program. "After I finish, I will have a certificate that will last for three years and it can help me get a job," shared Andrew. "When I finish this class, I may explore other training classes like welding. The Boys Ranch is full of opportunity for kids like me!"

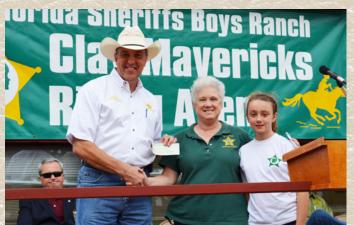
Many young people like Andrew have found a place where they fit in and where they can improve themselves. With positive encouragement and a structured focus on education and vocational opportunities, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is preparing them with life skills so they can become productive young men and women.

Thank you for your continued support which gives Andrew and so many others like him the opportunity to face the future with a sense of direction, ability and hope!

👤 AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



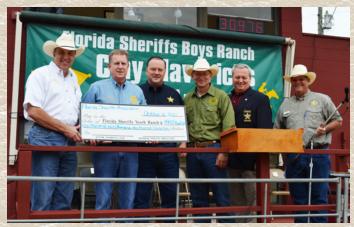
First Federal Bank of Florida was the title sponsor for the 13th Annual Boys Ranch Golf Tournament. First Federal Executive Vice President Robert Turbeville (third from right) presented their sponsorship to Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard (third from left.) On hand for the presentation were (L-R) Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron, Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid, Senator Steve Oelrich, Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter, Baker County Sheriff Joey Dobson, retired Madison County Sheriff Pete Bucher and retired Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner.



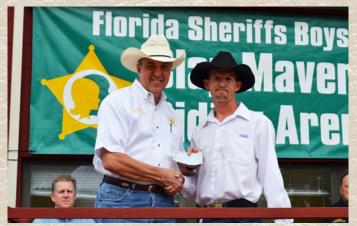
Bradford County Sheriff's Posse member Rose Sansing (center) presented the proceeds from their annual fundraiser to Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler.



Baker County Horse Association President Tim Hodges presented a check to Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler to help care for the children of the Youth Ranches.



The Florida Sheriffs Association presented their annual donation to the Youth Ranches at our 54th Open House and Horse Show. On hand for the presentation were (left to right) Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler, Florida Sheriffs Association President Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson, Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith, Madison County Sheriff Ben Stewart, St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar and Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard.



Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler accepted a generous gift from Union County Riding Club President Robbie Thornton.



The Clay Mavericks Riding Club made a special gift to the Youth Ranches. It was presented to Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler by Glen Ireland, Crystal and Joe Altstatt, and Linda and Don Worthington.

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Bay County Sheriffs Office's Sally Sparks, left, and Washington County Sheriffs Office's Andrea Gainey, right, present Youth Ranches Special Events Manager John Szaroleta with proceeds from The Annual Bay/ Washington County Sheriffs Office Golf Tournament.



The summer picnic for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office included a popular "dunking booth" where employees raised \$300 in a short time for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches by simply being given the opportunity to pay a dollar for a chance to dunk a co-worker or supervisor! Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Ashley (left) presents the donation to Special Events Manager John Szaroleta.



Volusia County Sheriff Johnson presents Youth Ranches President Roger Bouchard with a check for \$65,000from VCSO Charity Committee's fundraiser "Larry the Cable Guy." They are pictured with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office Charity Committee members who generously give of their time to raise much needed funds for the Youth Ranches.





Committee members present the proceeds from this year's Youth Villa Classic to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. The event raised over \$21,000 for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. To date the Youth Villa Classic has raised over \$764,000 for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. This year's gift was used to purchase a van to be used by the girls of Sunshine Cottage at the Youth Villa.

Pictured from left to right: Committee Member Wally Edwards, Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd, Youth Villa Program Director Jim Semple, Committee Chairman Freda Ridgway, Vice President of Donor Relations Alison Evans, Committee Member Pam Perdue-Mitchell and Executive Director of the Bartow Chamber of Commerce Jeff Clark.

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Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler presented Sheriff Susan Benton with a Golden Star for the Highlands County Sheriffs Office support of the boys and girls we serve.



Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler presented Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson with a replica of the Helping Hand Statue for the Sheriffs Office's ongoing commitment to the children in our care.



Sheriff Mike Scott accepted a Crystal Star from Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler on behalf of the Lee County Sheriffs Office for their fundraising efforts to benefit the Youth Ranches.



Youth Ranches Board Chair Clay County Sheriff Rick Beseler presented Sheriff David Tatum (right) a Golden Star for the Calhoun County Sheriffs Office generous contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



On behalf of the Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office, Sheriff Rick Bradshaw (right) received a replica of the Helping Hand statue for the Sheriff Office's dedication to the boys and girls of Florida.



Dr. Robert Bates and his wife Dr. Carol Bates stopped by the Ranch for a visit. The Bates donated a microscope earlier in the year to be used at the school. This visit they dropped off a donation to help in other areas of Ranch life. Dr. Bates is pictured with Eric (left) and Tyler at the Donald Ralph Cooke School.

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Helping Our Children through a Memorial Gift.

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Moose Legion Memorial Golf Tournament

January 28 – Contact Bobby Baker at (386) 561-0937 for more information and location. Hosted by Moose Legion #227.

Greater Southeast Volusia Chowder Contest

January 29 – At J.J. Fin's Restaurant (Formerly Gilly's Pub 44) in New Smyrna Beach, FL. Contact Everett Goodwin at 386-428-2621 for more information. Hosted by Moose Legion #227.

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February 17 – Trap Shooting Tournament to benefit the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches at the Markham Park Target Range in Sunrise, FL. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and lunch will be provided to event participants. For more information contact John Szaroleta at (386) 842-5501.

Columbia County Sheriff's Office Bowling Tournament

February 25 – Tournament will be held at the Lake City Bowling Alley at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Sarah Wheeler at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office at (386) 758-1148.

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