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**Celebrating
Christmas on
the Boys Ranch**



President's Perspective

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HONORING OUR HEROES

“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”

– Joseph Campbell

America has lost many icons this past year; the most notable has been Senator John McCain. A decorated military veteran and long-standing United States Senator, he was known for his straight talk and willingness to work with others even when their personal opinions differed. Senator McCain's passing became a national event, with parades and his body lying in state both in the Arizona State Capitol and the Capitol of the United States. During the ceremonies, eulogies were given by statesmen, former U.S. presidents, vice presidents and many others. Our country's flag flew at half-staff for the week-long period of mourning before he was buried at Annapolis. It was truly a hero's memorial service.

Here at the Youth Ranches, we too have mourned the loss of our own heroes. While neither were televised or gained national or statewide notoriety nor were our flags flown at half-staff, their passing was to us just as memorable. You see, this past year we lost two of our former Cottage Pops. These men played a very important role in the lives of many boys and girls who called the Youth Ranches home. Both Allen "Pop" Barnett and A.C. "Pop" Davis were long-term cottage parents with the Youth Ranches. Over their years of service, hundreds of boys and girls came to know, love and respect both of these men. They represented the very best of what it meant to be a father, husband and role model.

On two separate occasions, current and former staff, along with former Ranchers — many with their own families — came together at our Boys Ranch Chapel to honor these men and their own families. They came to say farewell and thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many.



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While there were no parades or long processions, there were speeches, and better yet, testimonies from the men who were once boys living and learning under the watchful eyes of these two outstanding role models. There were also tears, smiles and laughter as stories were told by staff, family members and alumni. I heard more than once an outpouring of love and devotion that our alumni held for both of these heroes. While Pop Davis' wife, Sandy, had previously passed, Pop Barnett's wife, Francis, was there in attendance, and the men who were once boys in her cottage embraced her and repeatedly referred to her as "Mom".

For me, this was a very special moment to say goodbye or "see you later". I knew and respected these two men because I saw their unconditional love for children. They, along with their wives, dedicated themselves to helping the boys and girls who call the Youth Ranches home, and they did it with passion! Not all heroes are nationally known figures. Some are ordinary people doing extraordinary things, like providing love and compassion to a hurting child.

Thank you to all of our Sheriffs, donors and supporters for allowing us the opportunity to serve so many children who are in desperate need of love and support. You, too, are our heroes because without your unconditional love for our children and generosity, we could not exist!

God Bless,

Bill Frye

P.S. As I finished writing this article, Hurricane Michael was bearing down on Florida's Panhandle Region. Our brave Law Enforcement Officers and Emergency Responders were preparing to meet the needs of their communities both during and later in the aftermath. Hurricane Michael would make landfall as a Category 4 Hurricane and leave in its path devastation and broken lives. Many children who live at the Youth Ranches came from these areas and remained safe and secure in their cottages all because of the generosity of our donors and supporters. When we look for heroes, we need not look too far to find them all around us. You are all our heroes and we remain grateful for each of you!

Quotes & Notes



I was a throw away kid. I went through so many foster homes; most were really abusive. Beatings, hunger and abuse. I came to the Boys Ranch when I was 10. When I arrived, Pop gave me a big bear hug. My brother and I were given a room. He loved each of us boys as much as he loved his own daughter.

I want the Moms and Pops working with the ranches to know the impact you have on the lives of the children you are caring for. MOM AND POP aren't just words to them. You may be the only family they remember.

- Curtis B.
Alumnus

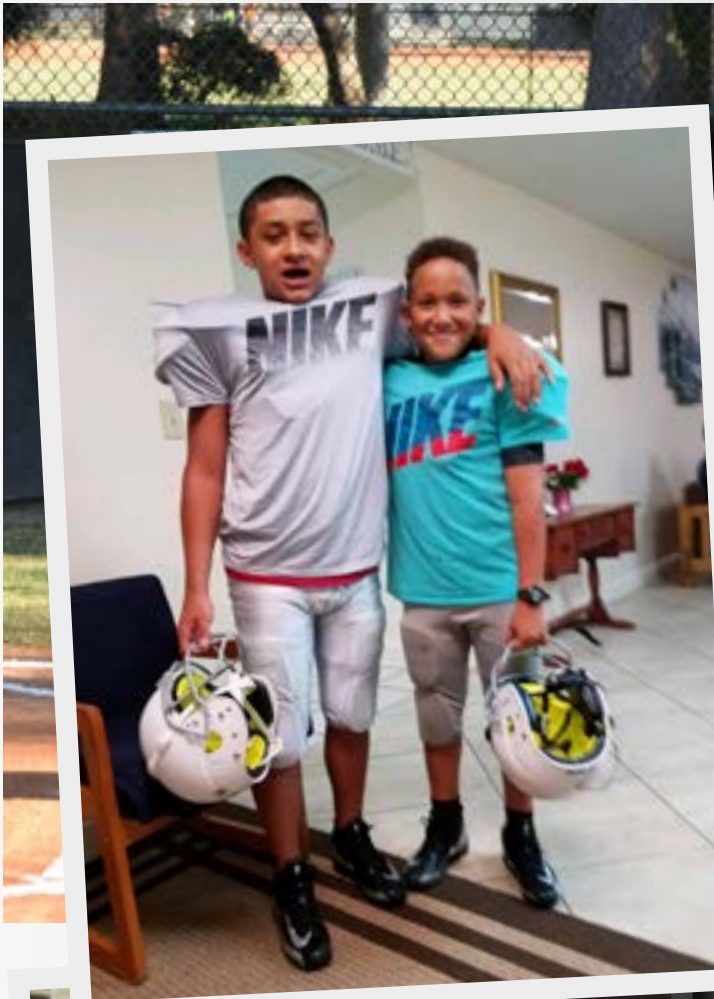
Editor's Note: These are just a few of the notes we receive in the mail, Facebook or from our website — www.youthranches.org.

Minor adjustments may be made for clarity within the content, but the context remains the same.

Youth sports are more than a chance to express athleticism or go after a trophy or hit a home run — they are about being a good team member.



▲ Ke'vaun, number 33, ready to do his part to complete the play.



▲ Malik at bat.

◀ Zane and Danyon headed out to practice.

Fall Sports at the Youth Ranches

What does it take to be a great team member? Honesty, work ethic, respect for yourself and others? What about humility and patience? How about resilience, commitment and a large amount of fun?

These qualities are things we try to teach our Ranchers every single day, and when our youth have the opportunity to showcase these skills and strengthen those qualities off campus in youth sports, we are always there to encourage them. After all we are their biggest fans.

Youth sports are more than a chance to express athleticism, go after a trophy or hit a home run — they are about being a good team member. We help Ranchers learn how to cooperate and realize that no matter how good you are, you can't win by yourself. ★



▲ Lilli, Yasmine and Carli ready to cheer their team to victory.

Making a Cottage a Home

Girls transform Villa game room

When a game room was going unused at their cottage, some of the girls decided they had a better idea for the space: their very own beauty salon.

decide what works best. Many of our cottages with boys opt for video games; younger kids sometimes prefer puzzles

or board games; and many of our girls enjoy video games as well. For the girls at Dorista Cottage their activity room wasn't being used because, like a lot of young women in their teens, part of what they find fun to do in their spare time is experiment with hair and makeup.

So the girls got together, created a plan, and pitched the idea to their cottage parents on a better use of the room. They were worried such a big change would be too far outside the box, but they discussed the pros and cons of remodeling the space and pleaded their case.

The biggest pro: The room would finally be useful again.

While hair and makeup might seem like

Each of our cottages across all four campuses has an activity room. Most Ranchers use them as a game room or recreation space to hang out and blow off steam. It is up to each individual family to



All it took was a "yes" for these girls to get to work making a space just for them!

a small thing, for many young women it is a way to express their individuality, it helps them build confidence and many even see

it as a form of art. Style and fashion can be a daunting challenge for young ladies. Sometimes you need another perspective on how to get a hair style just right or if some makeup colors are good for your



Kaley and Alexis enjoy time together in their newly renovated game room.

skin tone. The new room was seen as an opportunity to collaborate, encourage each other and help build positive self-image.

All three of those things incorporate traits we encourage at the Youth Ranches, and these ladies were ready to put in the hard work to make it happen.

The young women looked at paint samples and color palettes and added their own personal style along the way. A generous donor helped cover the cost of retiling the outdated flooring, and the girls painted the walls themselves

Game room before. Cottage salon after.

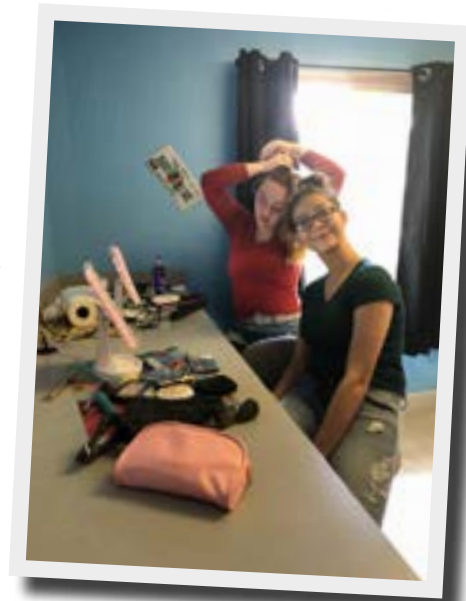


and refinished the cabinets to create custom cosmetic stands.

“They’re super proud of it!” Youth Villa Program Director Robin Sumner said of the newly finished in-home salon.

With hard work, determination and a little bit of vision, these girls took an outdated unused space and made it a welcoming place where young women for years to come will be excited to live and express themselves.

It is thanks to donors like you that our youth have these kinds of opportunities and the confidence to engage and create spaces that reflect just how unique and awesome they truly are. ★



Tierrah and Kylee just enjoy having someone else in the room to share their perspective on daring new hair styles.





A place to call home for Christmas

Aiden and Alexis

“We’ve never had a real Christmas,” Aiden said, as he shook a box neatly wrapped with colorful paper, trying to figure out what gift was hidden inside.

He wasn’t saying it to be dramatic or to try to get the chance to open his gifts early. It was just a quiet comment to his sister, Alexis.

The truth is, for the fifth-grader and his older sister, their lives before the Youth Ranches had been anything but consistent and being able to celebrate Christmas each year wasn’t a given.

“My favorite part of Christmas is the food,” Alexis said with a smile as she carefully read the instructions to assemble an artificial pre-lit tree. “This is the first time I have ever put together a Christmas tree,” she said, enjoying the tedious work of bending the branches into a full and iconic tree shape.

Aiden and Alexis are like a lot of children across the state of Florida. Simple joys like unwrapping Christmas gifts or decorating a Christmas tree aren’t guaranteed to them. For so many underprivileged and needy boys and girls across the state, their next meal isn’t guaranteed, and celebrating the holidays isn’t something they know they are missing out on.

Our sibling program has allowed the pair to stay not only at the same campus, but in the same cottage as well. However, the transition from being bounced around to coming to the stability of the Youth Ranches hasn’t been completely easy. There have been some outbursts, a few tears and a learning curve to understand what is expected of them, but the pair has been excelling. Now, with no hesitation, they know the Youth Ranch as their home.

Alexis, who struggled to find her niche in town school, is thriving with a little more individualized attention at the on-campus Cooke School and now looks forward to her walk to school each morning. Aiden, like a lot of boys, doesn’t love school, but he is incredibly bright and his favorite subjects are math and science.

School is a top priority at the Youth Ranches, but if Aiden is honest, sometimes his main focus is his little league football team, the Gators. Both he and his sister know they finally have the opportunity for a stable life with people who truly care about them, their well-being and their future.

Many children like Aiden and Alexis come from home lives they didn’t choose. It wasn’t their choice to have no other options than to call the Boys Ranch home, but because of you, they never want to leave.

“I want to stay here!” Alexis said passionately. “I want to graduate high school and go to college.”

Aiden and Alexis got to have their first real Christmas at the Boys Ranch. There was a tree, an amazing meal, a banquet and even presents. Best of all, they got to celebrate with cottage parents who care about them and dozens of new Rancher brothers and sisters.

It is because of people like you that we can provide a loving home to young men and women like Aiden and Alexis. It is because of your commitment to the Youth Ranches that we have a flourishing sibling program and can keep families together under one roof and give them hope for the future. ★



Our smallest folks were making a fall display at their house. Taking care of our home and property is important. We teach our youth to respect their homes and to take pride in their environment.

Learning Values in the Workforce

Few things set up our young men and women for adulthood more than helping them learn to craft a strong work ethic. The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches believes that dedication and work ethic are learned through having regular chores as well as various jobs while growing up. These are the basics: every Rancher is expected to keep their room clean, do their own laundry and help with chores around the cottage. They are not paid for these chores but are expected to do them as a part of the cottage family.

In addition to their daily chores, each child has a specific job on or off campus. In order to get a job, just as in the real world, they must fill out an application



Cameron is working hard to help keep the Cafeteria clean and neat.

and interview with their potential supervisor. Through their efforts, our boys and girls can receive raises, promotions and demotions. If things are going poorly or the job isn't a good fit, on occasion a Rancher may be let go. Our students are expected to treat these like real jobs, because they are.

Jobs are located at worksites around campus, which include farm work,



Jason and Ke'Vaun recently finished fall sports so they don't have an on-campus job. They decided to work on sprucing up their cottage while the weather is nice.

maintenance, food services with Aramark, groundskeeping, mechanics or office work. Some jobs require special skills, and Ranchers may have to show proficiency through a test to use tools or equipment. When a Rancher shows a specific interest or aptitude in other areas, additional



Work experience on campus in our cafeteria gives our students a marketable skill in the restaurant industry. Gary is learning how to cut a whole chicken into parts. While this is a cooking lesson it is also a lesson in economics.

importantly, they learn work skills and how to work with a supervisor and co-workers.

positions may be created to spur engagement and help with on-the-job training for their future careers.

In their job, Ranchers earn a paycheck. Each Rancher has a savings account and is taught how to budget, which enables us to teach financial responsibility. More

service skills and gaining valuable retail experience.



Brian is helping prepare hay for baling. Tractors are a great place to start learning about operating and maintaining large equipment.

With the work program, our students develop a sense of responsibility and become accountable for the work they produce. They learn to practice time management skills as they complete assignments according to deadlines.

Thanks to you, we are able to offer our young men and women the opportunity to earn money and learn valuable real world skills that will help them prepare for their future. ★

Some of the skills we are able to teach our Ranchers include operating large equipment, such as zero-turn mowers, tractors and vehicles. Ranchers can also find their calling with cooking and food management or horticulture and landscaping, recreation, agriculture, livestock, general maintenance, plumbing and more.

In addition, several of our students work at the local Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises Thrift Stores and local restaurants learning customer

FAILURE IS AN OPTION



Have you ever heard the phrase, “Failure is not an option”? Wow, talk about pressure! Yet it is a phrase that is used on so many different levels: A high school football coach telling his players, “Go out there and win! And remember — failure is not an option.” Or an employer telling their employees when working on a project that “failure is not an option”. To some, this phrase might be thought of as motivational,

a projection of confidence and possibly inspiring. To others it could be seen as challenging, provoking and inducing fear.

Fear is a powerful motivator. Fear of failure can either motivate or deflate someone trying to accomplish a task, goal or maybe a new activity. This is because others often look at failure as something weak or bad and see the person involved in the same light. Maybe this is why many of our children are afraid to try new things, struggle to make friends and too often say, “I can’t do that.” without even trying. After all, many were told over and over again that they were failures, worthless, unlovable and at times even worse.

When I was a boy, three friends and I decided to build a boat. We were 11 and 12. For an entire summer, we built a boat using scrap lumber found at construction sites throughout the neighborhood. We used leftover nails, emptied the remaining putty out of used up putty tubes, scraped paint cans empty until we had a full gallon and more. It took us the entire summer to build that 12-by-3-foot flat-bottom boat, but built it we did. On the day of our maiden float trip, the boat sank into about 3 feet of water about 30 yards offshore. It remains there today.

Here at the Boys Ranch, boys and girls in the past have worked with calves for months trying to get them trained to



enter them into the heifer showing at the county fair. They work daily with their calves, feeding them, brushing them, walking with them, and talking to them in soothing voices. Some youth have been injured in the process, but they continued, never giving up in hopes of winning a place in the showing. Then on the big day, in front of many spectators and judges, the young heifers do not react as planned in the judging arena. The ribbon they were



striving for was not awarded to them but to another child.

Each year we have a young artist series with our three central Florida campuses, where boys and girls spend weekends with

various artists learning to paint, sculpt and more. Their artwork is later displayed at the St. Petersburg Museum of Art in one of their gallery sections for up to 10 days. Each year at least one or two pieces of art are chosen for our birthday and Christmas cards. However, that means many are not selected.

There are people who believe winning is everything. Some would argue successful people are winners, and losers are unsuccessful. I beg to differ: The boat my friends and I built sank, many of our boys and girls who work hard at preparing their calves to be showcased at the county fair never win a ribbon, and not all young artist's art is used for a special project. However, we all have something in common: WE TRIED! Winners try. They put themselves out there and they do their best even when knowing they might not succeed. You see, here at the Youth Ranches, "Failure is an Option!" It is not a negative



event but a positive one because when someone fails, it means they tried! Our kids come from all kinds of backgrounds. Some come to us scared, some worry about how others see them and some have been told that they would never succeed as they were already failures. But here in our homes and communities, they find encouragement, compassion and, most of all, opportunities to fail or succeed — because we celebrate the effort, not the outcome! ★



Washing Away the Past

“Take me to the river, there’s a place deep with hope, to saturate the weary soul ...”

The lyrics to this hymn have a powerful meaning where the tradition of river baptism remains a uniquely Southern experience.

One Sunday over the summer, along the sandy banks of the Suwannee River, Boys Ranch Chaplain Dennis Young delivered a motivational message to Ranchers, staff and local community members in a tranquil outdoor church service.

At the Youth Ranches, one of our four pillars is Pray.

While we are not a religious organization, we do offer our youth a worship experience and encourage them to attend other church services of their choosing. We do teach and hope our youth understand that there is a God who loves them, but our views are never forced on our young men and women. It is not uncommon for young people who are making huge life changes and getting their lives back

on track to also desire to further their spiritual relationships. Along with several staff and community members a few of our Ranchers took advantage of the opportunity for baptism.

For many, baptism was rooted in their faith and was a step they took to help proclaim their relationship with Christ. For others, it was a symbolic gesture of the changed person they had become. They washed away their former lives and came back up a new person.

No matter the reason or meaning the event had for each individual, seeing a visual representation of the new person our Ranchers had become as they were brought back up from the waters of the Suwannee River was a beautifully moving experience for all who attended.

The Youth Ranches help change lives each and every day, thanks to the generosity of donors like you. Without your help, many of these young men and women may never have the opportunity to hear about Christ or to get their lives back on track.



Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch



61st Annual Open House & Horse Show

February 22-24, 2019

**Gates Open Wednesday,
February 20th at 8:00 a.m.**

Admission - \$10.00 Per Vehicle

**Horse Show Registration includes Pole Bending, Texas Barrel Weave,
Arena Race and Clover Leaf for only \$35.00.**

A ticket for the BBQ Luncheon on Saturday at the Boys Ranch Arena is included with event registration. Additional BBQ Luncheon tickets are available for \$5.00.

Personal Pick-Up is \$20.00 per team.

(Does not count toward High Point Award.)

Games begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 22nd.

**Horse Clubs &
Individual
Riders
Welcome!**

**Reservations for camping and
trail rides must be made online
at www.youthranches.org**

***Coggins papers are required and will be checked before entering the campus.
Please have them available upon arrival.**

For the safety of all our guests NO ATVS/Bicycles/Skateboards allowed.
Golf carts will be allowed. If golf carts do not have lights, they are to be parked
at dusk. Drivers must be at least 16 years old.

A warm-up pen is provided. ALL HORSES outside of the arena and warm-up pen
MUST remain at a walk.

**For more information, please contact Joanne Thomas at
(386) 842-5501 or jthomas@youthranches.org.**

A Real Christmas

Because of you... Alexis and Aiden had their first real Christmas

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This is all because of you. Because of you, Aiden and Alexis had their first real Christmas!

Children like Aiden and Alexis didn't choose their home situations. It wasn't their choice to have no other options than to call the Boys Ranch home, but because of you, they never want to leave.

Don't forget to send your holiday gift today!

Because of you, our youth have a loving and happy home for the holidays and beyond!



**Please help a child have a Christmas to remember!
YES! I want to make a gift to help a child this Christmas!**



Here is my gift of \$50 \$25 \$10 Other \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope or mail your gift to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches - P.O. Box 2000 - Boys Ranch, FL 32064.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARING AND TIMELY GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

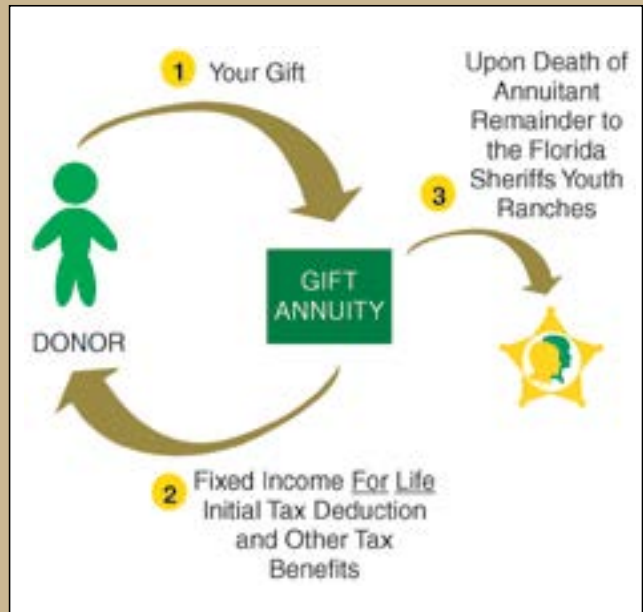
NEED MORE RELIABLE INCOME?

Convert your assets into a stream of guaranteed income and be sure the remainder goes to help our kids.

Your gift of \$10,000 or more in the form of a Gift Annuity (cash or stocks) can help deserving youngsters and secure a reliable 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. 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. Available to Florida residents age 65 or older.



RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Please call us at (800) 765-3797 if you have any questions.

AGE	RATE	ANNUAL PAYMENT
65	5.1	\$510
70	5.6	\$560
75	6.2	\$620
80	7.3	\$730
85	8.3	\$830
90+	9.5	\$950

Schedule of Annual Payments for Single-Life Charitable Gift Annuity at indicated ages based on a \$10,000 agreement.

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Please send me “no obligation” calculations showing the income and tax benefits of a gift annuity. Please base the calculations on a potential agreement in the amount of \$_____ (minimum of \$5,000.)



First Life _____ Phone _____

(Date of Birth) Month Day Year Area Code

Second Life _____

(Date of Birth) Month Day Year

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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. Others have made specific plans to ensure their charitable 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 OR the opposite, 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 \$5,000 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
- Contributing a minimum of \$10,000 and creating a family named endowment fund at the Youth Ranches



- 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 remember to update your will annually 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 possibly list us as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy?

Your gift, small or large, will help us prevent 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

INSURANCE POLICY BENEFICIARY
"I bequeath to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.,"

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 beneficiary to your investment or retirement account.

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.



Your will should be reviewed annually.



About your estate planning...

Many of our friends have thoughtfully made provisions 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.

Please send me the booklet:

- Giving Through Gift Annuity Giving Securities Giving Through Your Will Giving Real Estate Visit me when you are in my area.
 Other _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Telephone No. (____) _____

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 100% of the residual amount of my estate • a specific amount of \$ _____ • a description of the property
 a certain quantity of stocks." (or any combination of the above.)



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Leaving a Legacy

The lasting impact of Frank and Mae McCune

One of the highlights of being funded by voluntary gifts from the public is we often get to sit down and talk with our donors in person and get to know them. They often talk about how they want their family to be remembered. Frank and Mae McCune created a legacy of generosity as they championed a mission of compassion throughout their lives.

The McCunes began giving to the Youth Ranches in the late 1970s. Mr. McCune said in an interview in 1993, “We were looking for an honest charitable organization that we could help. We wanted to share our good fortune with others while leaving a lasting tribute to Mae’s mother... the deciding factor was learning that the Youth Ranches was run almost entirely on voluntary contributions, making it distinct from so many of these other organizations.”

The McCunes were firm believers that every young man and woman had the potential for growth and development. They saw the work the Youth Ranches was doing and their efforts to prevent juvenile delinquency and made it their personal mission to help.



This was a mission that became their legacy.

Frank and Mae’s interest in the Youth Ranches was not limited to financial support. During their lives they also gave of themselves. They visited several of our programs across the state and kept regular correspondence with some of the youth. Their investment in the lives of our youth was unique and exceptional in every way.

“If in our lifetime we can help save just one child...We’ll consider our lives well spent.”

This common quote was uttered on numerous occasions by Frank and Mae McCune; and not only were their lives well spent changing the future for thousands of children, their impact continues to be





felt as the McCune Foundation continues to help our mission to prevent delinquency and develop lawful, resilient and productive citizens.

The McCunes truly knew how to leave a lasting legacy and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches are eternally grateful to them.

If you are curious how you can leave a lasting legacy, here are a few of the 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 OR the opposite, 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
- 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 remember to update your will annually as things and people in your life change! ★



Glimpses of Success: Albert Williams *Driven to Serve*

If you ever have the pleasure of being invited into the home of Albert Williams, you will quickly learn two undeniable truths about him: Albert loves his country and he loves the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

“Without the Ranch, we wouldn’t be where we’re at today.” Albert said. “The Ranch saved our lives.”

Albert and his two brothers, Ronnie and Tommy, were toeing the line of being on the wrong side of the law in the late 1950s. The trio was dangerously close to having criminal records, and their options seemed limited. The three young men were about to be split apart and sent to separate foster homes when the Boys Ranch intervened and made a promise to keep them together and let them grow up on our campus



together. In 1960, the young men came to the Boys Ranch to fulfill that promise.

When he was 10 years old, Al and his brothers found themselves with a new group of brothers and a cottage mom and pop who were ready to make sure they had

the best care and got their act together. For that love and attention Albert is eternally grateful. “I am what I am today, because of the Boys Ranch,” he added.

Albert and his brothers were at the Boys Ranch from 1960 to 1969. The three young men graduated from high school in Live



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Oak and later that same year Al joined the United States Air Force. He served four years in the military and is a Vietnam veteran and has never lost his passion for patriotism.

Even after leaving the Boys Ranch and spending time in the military, Albert always makes time to come back home, as he refers to it. Since the 1970s, Albert and his brothers have been a fixture at Alumni events. Albert has also served in several positions in the Alumni Association. Keeping a strong Alumni Association is important to him. For Albert, it is like a family reunion, and he takes keeping this family together very seriously.

Albert can often be found behind the grill during events, making sure there is enough food and it is cooked to perfection. He has never shied away from a little hard work, a trait the Boys Ranch taught and reinforced in him.

“I don’t know where I’d be right now if it weren’t for the Youth Ranches,” Al said. “They helped make me the man I am today.”

Thanks to the Youth Ranches, Al and his brothers received an education, had three square meals a day, had a loving home and, perhaps most importantly, had people who believed in them. They had high expectations placed on them, and they rose to meet the challenge.

Al worked as a diesel technician for many years before retiring, but retirement doesn’t mean his commitment to the Boys Ranch has slowed down. If you ever run into Al, there are two things that are certain: He is going to greet you with a firm



handshake and a smile — and, even more than 50 years later, he is going to tell you about how the Boys Ranch saved his life. ★



AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



Hillsborough County Sheriff Chad Chronister presents FSYR President Bill Frye with the proceeds of their 2018 Ranch Run event. Over the past 13 years this fun community event has raised over \$200,000 in support of the boys and girls we serve.



FSYR Board Member Scott Stephens presents the Diamond award to Mrs. Carole Crocker. As the daughter of M. Austin Davis, one of the first donors to the Youth Ranches, Mrs. Crocker continued their family legacy of giving. Mr. Stephens is the nephew of Mrs. Crocker and he has expanded the family's legacy by also becoming a donor and a member of the governing board of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. We are fortunate to be recipients of the Davis family's continued generosity.



Manatee County Sheriff Rick Wells presents the proceeds of the annual Michelle Wells Golf Tournament to Youth Ranches Special Events Manager Kayla Bianchi and President Bill Frye. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our programs by the Manatee County Sheriffs Office.



FSYR DRO Debi Girard is pictured with Deputy Grand Regent Tudy Cundiff, Tommy Moose, visiting Grand Regent Wendy Mathew from Canada and Grand Council Member Dawn Mackland. Tudy and Jimmy Wells (Tommy Moose) received Certificates of Appreciation for the Tommy Moose Camp Event where they visited our summer camps and provided Tommy Moose comfort animals for our boys and girls.

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Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Bill Frye presented Hillsborough Chief Deputy Donna Luszczynski and Col. Kyle Robinson with the payroll contribution trophy for the Sheriff's Office with the most donors. The payroll contribution program for Sheriff's Offices and Community partners has been in place for over 20 years. Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office launched the program and still has the most participants today!



Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast presented a special gift to FSYR Donor Relations Office Arvid Cowell. It is due to the support of our Sheriffs Offices and the citizens of Florida that we can continue to provide a warm and caring home or outstanding camping programs to the children of our state.



The Youth Villa Classic Golf Tournament Committee presented the proceeds from their annual event to the Youth Ranches. Pictured left to right: President Bill Frye, Committee Member and Ranch Alumnus Wally Edwards, Villa Classic Chair Karen Guffey, Bartow Golf Course Pro Chris Banks, Committee Member Pam Renew, Bartow Golf Course Manager Lynn Zemba, Committee Member Pam Mitchell, FSYR Special Events Manager Kayla Bianchi, PCSO Committee Member Lekeyia Lott, Youth Villa Program Director Robin Sumner and FSYR Board Vice Chair Dan Hager.



Jefferson County Sheriff Mac MacNeil accepted the payroll contribution award for his office. The Jefferson County Sheriffs Office has the highest percentage of staff participation in the Youth Ranches payroll contribution program.



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Helping Our Children through a Memorial Gift.

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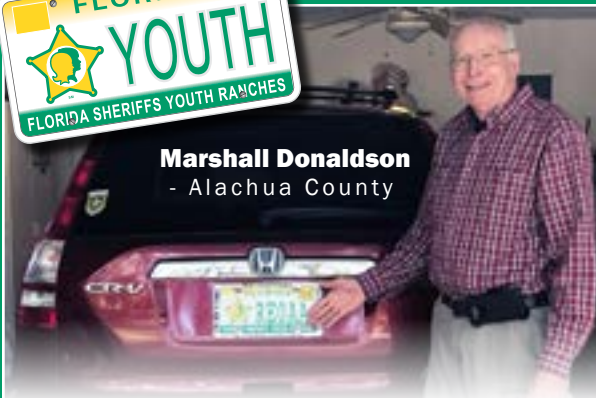
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Caruth Camp Challenge Golf Tournament

November 16 – The tournament is being held at The Plantation, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429. For more information contact Kayla Bianchi at (386) 842-5501.

Manatee County Sheriff's Office Row and Run

January 5 – For registration and sponsorship information please visit manateesheriffcharities.org or call (941) 747-3011 ext. 1000.

Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Golf Tournament

February 8 – This event will be held at Maddison Green Golf Course in West Palm Beach, Florida. For more information please contact Shannon McWilliams at (561) 688-3023.

Lake County Sheriff's Office Bass Tournament & Fish N' Fun Day

February 9 - This event will be held at Hickory Point Recreational Complex in Tavares, FL. The address for the Hickory Point Complex is 27341 SR 19 Tavares, FL. For more information contact Kayla Bianchi at (386) 842-5501.

Boys Ranch Open House and Horse Show

February 22-24 – 61st annual open house and horse show. Riding events begin on Friday afternoon. The highlight of the weekend is the Grand Entry parade on Saturday, February 23, beginning at 10:30 AM followed by a delicious barbecue lunch. Call (386) 842-5501 for more information.

McCulley Farms Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Benefit Ride

March 2 – 5th Annual Event hosted by McCulley Farms. Come ride the beautiful trails with the Ranchers, have fun and enjoy lunch. Location: McCulley Farms, 3019 McCulley Farm Road, Jasper, FL 32052. For Camping Reservations: Carol McCulley (386) 938-1147, mcculleyr@yahoo.com. For information Janet Sampson, Donor Relations at (386) 688-4336.

Youth Ranch Safety Harbor Open House

March 2 – Join us for tours of the campus and a complimentary barbecue lunch served from 11:30 AM until 1 PM. The St. Pete Community Orchestra will be performing and the Pinellas County Sheriffs Office will have some exciting items on display for you to enjoy. Please RSVP to Sue at (727) 725-4761 by February 23rd.

Annual Indian River County Sheriff's Office Barbecue

March 6 – The address for the Sheriff's Office Barbecue is 4055 41st Avenue, Vero Beach, FL – Tickets are available at the Sheriff's Office, at the door or call (772) 978-6404.

Caruth Camp Picnic in the Pines

March 16 – We will host our annual Open House including tours of the camp and music by Jazzed led by Alicia Page. Tours begin at 11 AM and lunch will be served at noon. RSVP to Diane at (352) 447-0400 by March 9th.

Youth Ranch Bradenton/Sarasota Open House

March 23 – Join us for a complimentary barbecue lunch and tours of the campus from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM. Please RSVP to Naomi by March 20th at (941) 776-1777.

Youth Villa Open House

April 6 – Please join us for tours of the campus and a delicious, complimentary barbecue lunch will be served from 12:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The Central Florida Street Rod Association and the Olds Club of Florida are joining us to share their beautiful cars with us. Please call Herlinda at (863) 533-0371 to RSVP by March 30th so we can prepare for the correct number of guests.

Join us for our special events!

For additional information visit www.youthranches.org, contact the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Donor Relations Department at (386) 842-5501 or the Sheriff's Office sponsoring the event.

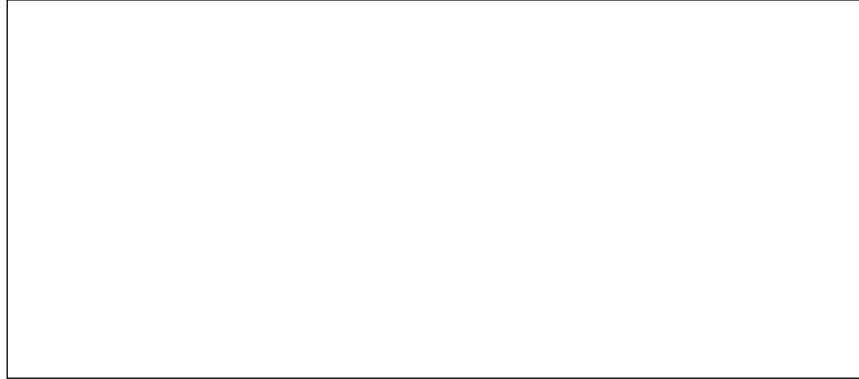
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