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The Ranch Program at Salem encompasses troubled teens with an environment of biblical truth. Structure, discipline, accountability, and teaching promote spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social, and physical development. Daily chores centered on the care of horses are woven into a schedule of diligent education to build values and integrity. We make decisions knowing that God has provided everything necessary for individuals through His Word. We teach that we should seek to know Him and to live in a way that is pleasing to Him. Salem is licensed by the state and provides additional clinical services to foster change.

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'Round the Campfire

CATCH UP WITH THE NEWS FROM SALEM RANCH

‘I was able to turn my life around.’

BY T.J. BECHTOLD

I first came to Salem back at the end of October, and I was a mess. I think for the first month I barely talked to anyone and really kept to myself. I felt totally isolated in every way: I missed my friends, my family, and did not believe in God. I grew up in the typical Christian family that went to church every weekend, but I still was far from Him.

I knew the typical Sunday School answers just like everyone does who grows up in a Christian family. In the months leading up to me coming to the ranch, I was a out of control. I did what I wanted to do when I wanted to do it. I think the only reason I ever went to my youth group was so my parents wouldn't yell at me. Over time, I started to open up and talk to a few guys and that's how it was for me the first couple of months. During that time, I felt like there was something missing, and I needed something to fill that void in my life. Once I accepted the fact that I was not in control of my life, I gave God control. I really started to change.




T.J., a Salem success story

It says in Proverbs 3:5-6 to trust in the Lord with all of your heart, do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths right.

As soon as I trusted in Him, my life started to change, and my troubles didn't seem so huge. With God's help I have been able to turn my life around. Now instead of living for what I want to do, I live to glorify Him.

I thank all the people that God has placed in my life and that support Salem Ranch in anyway because without your help, I wouldn't have been able to change.



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 BENEFIT CONCERT FOR
 SALEM RANCH

Friday, Oct. 13 • 7pm DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

Hosted by **Northwoods Community Church**
 10700 N. Allen Road, Peoria, Illinois 61615 • www.nwoods.org

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door
 Available online at www.iTickets.com or by phone 800-965-9324
 or from Berean Book Stores, Northwoods Church, or Salem Ranch

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**We need your support.
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I'd like to invest in the young men at Salem Ranch to help transform lives. Here is my gift!

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Urgent vehicle support request

We need your help. It has become apparent after a recent vehicle failure on an outing with the boys that our vehicles are very quickly getting past the point of maintenance; they are in need of replacement.

In order to continue our work we must replace our vehicles with newer ones that are reliable and safe. With the help of Dan Kniep of Morton, Illinois, we have located a 2002 Ford E350 15-passenger van with 46,000 miles available to us for the remarkable price of \$10,000.

We have agreed to purchase this vehicle on a 6 month note, and we need your help in reducing this debt as soon as possible.

Our other vehicles are still in need of replacement, and we have located a company that has activity vans coming off of lease. These vans are in great shape and cost about \$20,000 each.

We are praying that we will be able to purchase at least one of them.

Can you help us cover the cost? If you are not led or able to donate the full cost of the vehicle, please consider a smaller gift of \$1,000.00, \$500.00 or \$100.00. Whatever amount you are led to give will be extremely helpful.

We thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support for the ministry at Salem Ranch. May God continue to bless you and your families.

— Greg Richardson

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