



The best “last chance”
some kids will ever have

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

“For every look at self take ten looks at Christ”

I read this from one of Robert Murray McChesney's sermons that I recently came across that he had preached in Scotland in the 1800's. As I read this, it quickly reminded me of one of the continual glances that I take at Salem and think “how can Salem financially continue in the ministry... where will God's provision come from this month?” I am now quickly reminded as this thought stays on my mind morning, day, and night to look at Christ for His promises and provision. “For every look at Salem take ten looks at Christ.” That is convicting.

As I take ten looks at Christ I am reminded that His promised provision comes through people like you. That is the only way in which God will provide for us, through you. With this humbling thought I come on behalf of Salem Ranch asking for you to be the means in which God provides for us at this financially difficult time.

Because of the unexpected downturn in the horse market, expected lower levels of donations during the summer, and the typical turn-over in students with graduations, Salem is experiencing a significantly low level of financial reserves which require immediate attention.

Boys are still eating, going to school, using electricity, and in need of us to point them to Christ for the answers to their issues and reconciliation of family relationships. Every boy that comes to Salem leaves changed in some way. Our desire is for every boy to go through a heart change.

Please prayerfully consider giving to help boys like Justin.

Steve Marshall

Executive Director

PS Justin graduated in September. I trust you'll be inspired by his testimony:

Hello, my name is Justin. Last year on November 10 I was sent to Salem Ranch for my behaviors at home. I was not following instructions, I showed a hateful attitude towards everyone, I was getting in fights with my and parents, brother and sister, and pretty much not doing anything I was supposed be doing in the home, out of the home, or at school. I just didn't care, whatsoever!

When I came to Salem Ranch all I wanted was to be known and wanted people to like me. Well, they didn't like me because my heart was still filled with selfishness. I only cared about myself.

I always told myself that I should have known better and changed with a true heart before I was sent to Salem, but it's a good thing I was sent there because I would have never really changed. I needed advice from the godly people that I would see everyday at Salem because they are the ones that saw everything I was doing, saying, manipulating, thinking and then they would correct me, discuss my issues and encourage me. They really learned who I was, what I was doing, and why I was doing it.

Then, one day God changed my whole mindset on everything when a staff had the right words at the right time. That conversation had a great impact on me and was the big turning point for me at Salem. Thank you God, Salem Staff, and all of you that support Salem for changing my whole life!

News from the barn

THE GATOR! We love our Gator. Our wonderful John Deere Gator helps us do our many chores everyday! The Gator is held together with bailing twine, duct tape, and grain that has been heated by the summer sun to become a very good gluing



agent. Our Gator has over 3,500 hours on it and has seen its last good day of chores. We are in desperate need of a new vehicle to do chores with. A new Gator or something like it is about \$6000.00. The boys use the Gator all day



long to complete chores and do other necessary barn projects. Would you please consider giving to the "Gator Fund?"

Another possibility is a used chore Gator that could be donated to Salem. Do you have something like a Gator that you would like to donate for a tax deduction and then get yourself a new one? We would take anything that is offered.

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

Amount Enclosed: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Please make checks payable to **Salem Ranch**. Or charge your gift of \$ _____ to Visa MasterCard

CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ 2007OCT

Updated list of current needs

washing machines & clothes dryers

pitchforks

grain shovels

hoof picks

computers running Windows XP or better

We keep our website updated with current needs, too. You can always visit us online and check out the **Support Salem > Needs List** page to see what we're up to and what's needed most. As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

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