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“Providing a Christian home to strengthen children and families today for a successful tomorrow.”

The HOTR Experience: One resident's story

For 61 years, Home On The Range has been helping children change their lives and be successful. While the children are at Home On The Range, they are given many opportunities to learn from mistakes they might make, or make positive changes.

The kids are involved in school, work programs, recreational activities, spiritual programs or in therapeutic groups. The children's achievements can be small or large, or happen right away or take some time.

“Jason” has been at Home On The Range for some time. He's had a tough and difficult life, and often his family hasn't been involved in his life or been there to support him in his treatment. Jason had his ups and downs here as well.

He was then recommended to participate in the equine assisted therapy program. We saw improvements in his behavior, he stayed in school full-time and is getting good grades, he controls his anger when he gets upset, and is even starting to be a dorm role model. This is his story in his words.

“The equine program has helped me because it has taught me to be patient, to finish strong, anger control and to be aware of my surroundings. The equine group has tenets. There are six tenets: responsibility, humility, finish strong, others before yourself, be aware of your surroundings, and dignity. These tenets tie into group and real life experiences. These tenets teach us in the group to be aware of the horse and on the outs people around us, to help others in need, to put others on the same level as yourself, to look at what you are doing, to say you were the one who did it, and to always finish what you are doing and never give up. Equine holds its group members to a higher expectation than others, so that the group learns the rules and not only that but to also go above the rules. The most important thing I learned in equine is to not blow up, or anger control. This is not one of our tenets but when you are with horses you cannot get angry. Because you aren't thinking clearly you can get into an accident easily and also horses are kind of like mirrors. They pick up your vibe and copy your mood so when you are angry you're more likely to get hurt.”

It took some time, but Jason is a better person, making better choices, and being successful in the equine group.

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.”

Robert Collier



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2011 HOTR Champions Ride Rodeo



For the first time in many years, the Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match took place on a Saturday...and a blustery day at that! Storms moved through the area the night before and morning of, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the organizers or guests. Nearly 1200 people lined up at the gates and came to the arena to claim their spot on the hillsides.

There was pre-rodeo entertainment sponsored by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation and the intermission entertainment was magician Keith Raymond, sponsored by Spirit Of The West.

35 cowboys from across the United States and Canada were invited to compete in the Match. This year's invitees were a Who's Who of Professional Cowboys including Cody, Jake, Alex and Jesse Wright, Louie Brunson, Wade Sundell, Rhett Fitzpatrick, Cody Taton, J.J. and Cole Elshere, Cody DeMoss, Dustin Hausauer, Jesse Kruse, Ty Atchinson, Will Smith, Josh Reynolds, Isaac Diaz, Jake Costello, and many more. Each cowboy rode one saddle bronc in the long-go.

The twelve highest scorers then went on to the Jim and Tom Tescher short-go round. It was an exciting final round. (The actual rides can be seen on the Home On The Range Facebook page.) Cody Wright drew the outstanding bronc named Tequila Howl owned by Outlaw Buckers from Canada.

Cody Wright scored a high point ride of 93 points. His score gave him the title of Champion. This was Cody's third win at Champions Ride Match. He also won in 2008 and 2006. Tequila Howl was named outstanding



2011 Rodeo Results

Place	Name	Score of 1 st Round
1	Cody DeMoss	88
2	Ty Atchinson	86
3/4/5	J.J. Elshere	83
	Wace Snook	83
	Isaac Diaz	83
6/7	Cody Wright	80
	Will Smith	80
8	Jesse Wright	79

Place	Name	Score of 2 nd Round
1	Cody Wright	93
2/3	Cody DeMoss	86
2/3	Isaac Diaz	86
4	Ryan Elshere	85
5	Hugh Connolly	80
6	Wade Sundell	78

2011 Outstanding Bronc: # 34 Tequila Howl owned by Outlaw Buckers





bucking saddle bronc and Outlaw Buckers received a special recognition plaque with a photo of Tequila Howl.

The 2011 Champions Ride was a great success because of the committee members: Brad Gjermundson, Joe Blankenship, Ted Tescher, Bill and Jennifer Davis, Rick Thompson, Gary Tescher, Kevin Holten, Greg LaBelle, Jay and Robin Johnson, and Jolene Obrigewitch. They would like to invite you to the 2012 Champions Ride Event on SATURDAY, August 4th, at the Home On The Range arena.



Home On The Range was honored to have the country award winning singer David Ball visit the facility. David and his band members enjoyed breakfast with the

boys and staff. Following breakfast, our staff gave the guests a tour of the facility and introduced them to the rodeo committee members. The guests were also in attendance at the Champions Ride Rodeo. David was present in the arena for the final bronc drawing. After the rodeo, he and his band performed at a night concert in nearby Beach. David expressed his appreciation of the work the staff do at Home On The Range and the outstanding rodeo.



Before the David Ball concert, Spirit Of The West board members Jim Wosepka and Kim Nunberg presented Home On The Range with a donation of \$1,100. This was from the proceeds of the Spirit Of The West weekend. Spirit Of The West was organized to promote the Champions Ride Match Rodeo and activities in Beach, N. Dak. The 2012 events will take place August 2, 3 and 4. More information can be found at www.spiritofthewest.us.





Down On The Farm

Summer is a busy time on the farm. Thanks to West Plains Inc and Dakota Farm for their equipment donations, we were able to cut and bale hay. West Plains donated 250 hours on a tractor and Dakota Farm donated use of a John Deere baler. We made 3500 square bales and 3000 round bales. This year we leased our land out on shares, and we have 1100 bushels of durum in the grain bins.



With the wet and rainy summer, there was ample grass for the cattle. We have approximately 80 head of Gelbvieh cattle. The calves were weaned October 4th. The children now feed the calves, carrying five-gallon buckets of grain to the feed bunks. Once the calves put on some more weight, they will be taken to the local cattle sales ring in Dickinson.

We were blessed with a generous bequest which we weren't expecting. We invested the money into our fleet of vehicles, which we really needed to replace. We were able to purchase a 24-foot Featherlite stock trailer, a ¾ ton crew-cab pickup, a sedan, and an all-wheel drive vehicle.

Having a farm and ranch has many advantages for the kids. The 4-H group raised chickens. The children then learned how to show the chickens in the county fair. These chickens are now laying eggs in their new chicken coop. Three of the students were in the summer school welding class. They worked together to build and weld a bale feeder. It is now in the pasture full of hay for the cattle.

There were many construction projects as our staff took advantage of the nice weather. Many buildings needed windows replaced, shingles replaced, and other basic maintenance. Our biggest accomplishment is completing the animal assisted therapy facility. We are very proud of this facility and even more proud about watching the kids do well in the program.



4-H Club

Once again we had an excellent turnout for our Prairie Plains 4-H Club. There were eleven residents who participated this year and six of them were able to attend the Golden Valley County Fair. Projects that the residents participated in were photography, quilting, poultry, horses and dogs. Ribbons received by those who participated included 6 Grand Champions, 2 Reserve Champions, 22 first place ribbons, 11 second place ribbons and 7 third place ribbons. Two of our residents also received a ten dollar cash award, a picture frame and a medallion. We are all looking forward to next year!



Submitted by Britta B.



The 2011 Basket Bash is December 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the LaPlaya in Beach, N. Dak. If you would like to donate a basket to the fundraiser, call us at 701-872-3745 or send an email to joleneo@hotrnd.com.



Kash Kremer, Dakota State Eagle President, with Jolene Obrigewitch and Jay Johnson

We are pleased with the progress we have made in the canine intervention program. If you have some of the items below, we would appreciate your donation. These items help us train the puppies and dogs to be service dogs, as well as take care of the animals.

- Wheel chairs
- Old no-longer-working cell phones
- Leashes
- Indestructible toys
- SD card and digital camera
- Lint rollers
- Rubbermaid large plastic totes
- Dog shampoo and conditioner
- Dog treats - (no raw hide)



Home On The Range is now on Facebook! Become a fan by searching for Home On The Range, and stay informed of our events and activities.

Spiritual Department



In recent months, HOTR Chapel was blessed with presentations by Mark Bosserman, Deacon Brother Sam Larson, Pastor J T Burk and Seminarian Robert Shea, as well as Marlo Nelson who presented "Make A Sound Choice," a 9 hour instructional program on abstinence. North Dakota Teen Challenge from Mandan was also here to tell their story July 15.

Other noteworthy events include the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion celebrated by two of our girls at St. John the Baptist, Beach. A family-style meal at HOTR was enjoyed after Mass. Badlands Ministry Camp, Medora, graciously hosted both our girls and boys on their high ropes course and Mark Bosserman's band provided musical entertainment for the enjoyment of all at our Fall Picnic on September 14.

SEARCH for Christian Maturity resumed September 23-25 and five more SEARCH weekends are planned throughout the winter and spring. Hopefully, we will be able to send residents to each one. We also hosted NET (National Evangelization Team) on October 8. These young adults from around the U.S. (and beyond) travel across the country conducting retreats for young people.

We've had a busy summer. As the days shorten and the temperature drops, we prepare for the winter season which brings its own enjoyments. What now is has already been; what is to be, already is; and God restores what would otherwise be displaced. (Ecclesiastes 3:15).

Eagles News

We were honored to have Dakota State Eagle President Kash Kremer and his wife Kim visit us. Kash chose Home On The Range as his charity. He travels to Eagles Clubs across the Dakotas to try and raise money for our programs.

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Care rates charged for services cover approximately 75% of the actual cost. The remainder must be raised through gifts, grants, our agricultural operation, fund-raising events, and investments.

Financial Statement Available

A copy of the most recent HOTR financial statement is available to persons or organizations upon request. Please contact our business office at (701) 872-3745.

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Summer Fun

During the spring and summer months, the children can take advantage of the weather and the campus for a variety of outdoor activities. This year the kids made

tie-dye T-shirts, had an Easter egg hunt, and picnics with games. On hot afternoons, the kids got to have water balloon volleyball contests and play on the giant superslide.

Summer off-campus fun included biking on the Maah Dah Hey Trail and horseback riding in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. A group of boys enjoyed the ropes courses at Badlands Ministries Bible Camp.

The girls decorated their dorm to get ready for the Golden Valley County Fair and Champions Ride Rodeo by decorating their windows. They received 1st Place prize for commercial decorations and creativity.



Staff Gauntlet



*Pictured at Right:
Sharon Raugutt, Teagan,
Laura Feldmann, Sarah
Gubbels, and Buster.*



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701-872-2447



In September, we said goodbye to Sharon Raugutt. She was the consultant in the canine intervention program and helped train our staff and supervise the training of the service dogs. Sharon was presented with a cake at a staff meeting.

Winter Wish List

- Men's and women's snow boots
- Hats, mittens and gloves
- Winter coats
- Ice skates
- Snow shoes
- Cross country skis
- Ice fishing poles
- Fleece – 2 yds per color
- Horse dewormer
- Yoga mats
- Free weights



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Donations made to Home On The Range Foundation may qualify for the new deduction(s). Please consult your accountant or tax advisor for details and how it would affect your financial status.

You can donate to Home On The Range online

Go to: www.hotrnd.com
and click on

“make an On-Line Donation”

The Network for Good website will pop up. Complete the necessary information and the funds will go directly to Home On The Range. A Network for Good charge will appear on your next credit card statement.



Upcoming Events

August 4, 2012 ~ Champions Ride Match Rodeo, Home On The Range



OUR ORGANIZATION PROVIDES A THERAPEUTIC RANCH ENVIRONMENT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WHO ARE DISADVANTAGED, NEGLECTED, PROBLEMATIC, PREDELINQUENT, AND DELINQUENT. CHILDREN OF ALL RACES, CREEDS, AND COLORS ARE SERVED AT OUR FACILITY LOCATED AT SENTINEL BUTTE, NORTH DAKOTA