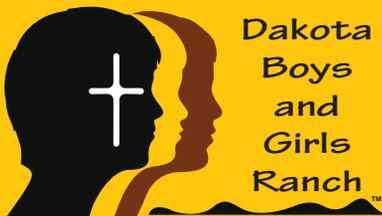


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Message from President/CEO



Joy Ryan
President

ON THE COVER

Fargo art teacher, Alana Wilhelm, assists student with book-making project.

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It is a little daunting to write my first Ranch Voice message as President and CEO of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Gene Kaseman, who continues to serve Christ and the Ranch as Executive CEO, spent 43 years visioning, leading, and loving this place and its mission. Most importantly, he was humbly grateful to Christ for guiding his path, and to you, our supporters, for your unfailing commitment to creating a better world, one child and family at a time.

I carry that sense of gratitude forward. Because of your kindness, and Christ's presence, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is truly a special place. The Boards of Directors, staff, and I are now dreaming broadly and boldly about the upcoming generations impacted by this organization's ongoing work. Thank you for your continued support of this incredible ministry. As the scientific world learns more and more about brain development and the impact of trauma, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch continues to reach higher and higher levels of sophistication in providing trauma-informed care. The concept of trauma-informed care starts with a simple question we ask when a troubled youth comes to us. Rather than asking, "What is wrong with this child?" we ask, "What happened to this child?" By understanding a child's actions in the context in which the behaviors began, we can adapt our care to meet the child where they are "at." This allows us to build treatment and medical plans, integrate school life, and offer spiritual support, in ways that help children become successful in their life and in their world—with Christ at their side.

The children who live at The Ranch continue to get younger, as young as 10. We also have many children, ages 16 and 17, living here, who are fully committed to their efforts to heal. I am troubled by the number of these older children who have no family or support system available to them when they turn 18. Ranch leadership, along with our Boards of Directors, have begun conversations about ways we might be able to help these young adults continue with their success. I cannot foresee what form that will take, and it won't happen overnight, but we will diligently examine our place in filling this gap in the continuum of care.

In the here and now, I see small miracles every day in the lives of our children. A child sharing his deepest fears with the horse he is riding, a therapist at his side; a young woman telling her own story of strength and survival through music; a boy asking to be baptized. Without you, these miracles would not be possible.

Thank you for finding it in your heart to support the mission of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

God bless,
Joy

Super Volunteer Julie Meyers

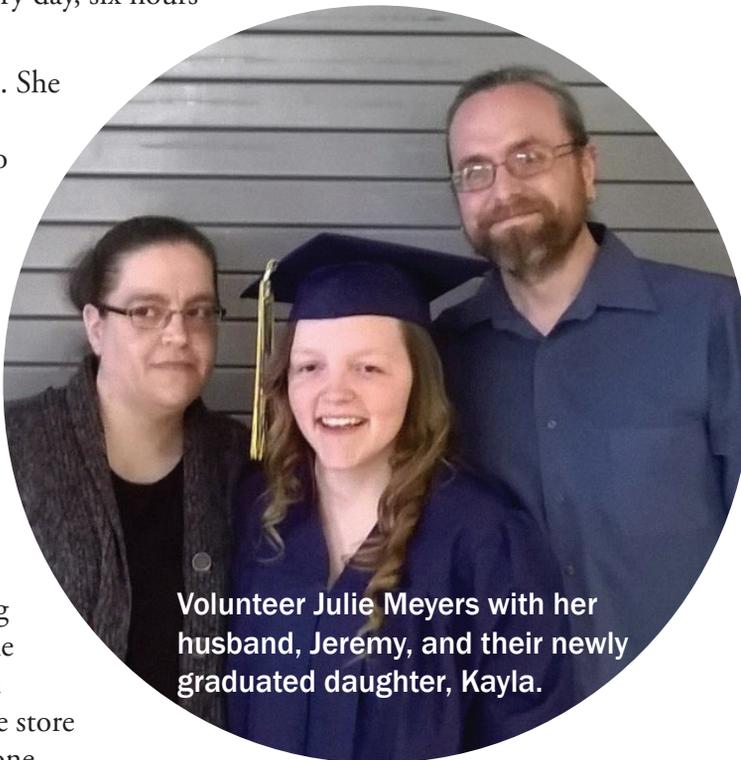
Most people volunteer in some capacity—teaching Sunday School, packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child, helping out at their child’s school—but how many of us volunteer every day, six hours a day?!

Julie Meyers does. She volunteers at the Ranch’s West Fargo thrift store every weekday from 12:30 – 6:30 p.m. She is in charge of the jewelry department—sorting through the donations, cleaning jewelry when necessary, pricing, and setting up the displays. She also helps out with anything else at the store that needs to be done.

Volunteering at the thrift store wasn’t exactly what Julie had planned for her life. She started at the Ranch as a paid employee in 2003. She worked in the north Fargo store awhile, and then took over the eBay store, which is housed in the West Fargo location. In 2008, Julie moved with her husband and daughter to Arizona. A year later, about the same time they moved back to North Dakota, she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

When MS knocked Julie down, taking away her ability to drive or hold a job, she didn’t only get back up—she chose to get back up and make a difference. “The Ranch is such a great cause and there is a

reason for the work we do. We are helping the kids...kids that feel like there is no one else out there,” Julie says. When she first returned to the store as a



Volunteer Julie Meyers with her husband, Jeremy, and their newly graduated daughter, Kayla.

volunteer, Julie was assigned mostly sedentary activities. As she has found treatments that work for her, she has expanded her capacity.

Dennis Grosek, manager at the West Fargo store, says, “Julie told me her doctor’s encourage her to do whatever she is capable of, and not put unnecessary restrictions on herself. She has done her best to follow those recommendations. As her health improved, she took on more and more duties until now she sorting, processing, pricing... actually, rather than listing everything Julie does, it’s easier to tell you what she doesn’t do. The only thing she doesn’t do is work as a cashier.”

According to Grosek, Julie does everything with excellence. “She wants to do a good job. She wants to be productive. She is diligent, dependable, methodical, and works at a steady pace. She has a tie-in with our mission and understands that her contribution is directly benefiting what this agency is about.”

Julie’s commitment to the Ranch is a family affair. Because she lives in south Fargo, works in the West Fargo store, and can’t drive, Julie’s husband drives her to and from the store. Every day during his lunch hour, Jeremy picks her up from home and takes her to the store, then returns after work to pick her up.

Jeremy also volunteers at the store, and when he learned that his employer, Microsoft, had an employee volunteer match program, he thought of the Ranch. He submitted an application with both he and Julie’s volunteer hours, and Microsoft donated \$5,000 to the Ranch. The Microsoft Employee Giving Campaign raises funds for thousands of nonprofits each year through this program.

Julie can’t imagine working anywhere else. “I know the thrift store business and the people are like family. It just feels right. And it sure beats sitting at home,” she says.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch thrift stores support the Ranch’s work with kids and families. They also provide employment for over 150 individuals and scores of volunteers.

Bedtime Prayers for Jenna

Nighttime isn't all sweet dreams and storybooks for kids at the Ranch. For many, it's a time when all their anxieties surface and keep them from a good night's sleep.

That was the case for Jenna.* When the Ranch youth care worker went into Jenna's room to say goodnight, it was clear she was struggling. As they talked about things that might help her fall asleep, the youth care worker mentioned that tonight they would pray for Jenna to find peace.

Surprised, Jenna said, "Do you

pray for me every night?" "Yes," said the youth care worker. "We pray for each of you every night. And if you need to be lifted up, we add a special message to our prayers."

Jenna was still for a few minutes. Then she said, "Like how do you pray? Do I have to be on my knees, close my eyes and fold my hands like in the pictures? And what do I say to God? Like, do I ask for stuff or how does that work?"

The youth care worker told Jenna that those things sometimes help

people pray, but there isn't a right or wrong way. "Just talk to God. Tell Him what you are thinking, what you are worried about, and the thoughts that are keeping you awake. God is listening."

God worked through the Ranch youth care worker that evening to help Jenna connect with Him. Jenna learned, in the quiet of the night, how to find peace by realizing she was never alone.

*Name changed to protect confidentiality.



Not Just a Swing

It looked like just a swing. But for James* it was an opening. He had sat in many offices with adults who tried to get him to “open up” about his trauma.

When he came to the Ranch, Shea Brogren, the occupational therapist, didn't pressure James to bare his heart and soul. Instead she told him they would spend their time finding things James could do to feel more relaxed and less anxious.

Brogren told James that our body remembers what it experienced—sometimes instead of talking about the things that happened to us, we can learn to recognize what our body is telling us. That knowledge will help us figure out how to respond to the feelings.

One day, James was feeling out

of sorts and told Brogren what he was feeling in his body. To James's surprise, she suggested he sit in the swing. As James swayed back and forth in the swing, something lifted. He felt better.

In the weeks to come, James used the swing at every session, and he started sharing more with Brogren. He also became more apt to listen to her suggestions for coping. Together, James and Brogren were able to find ways to create appropriate movement in his body when he felt stressed and wasn't near a swing.

James learned he could gain control of his actions if he made the right choices.

A simple swing helped James begin the process of healing.

*Name changed to protect confidentiality.



Ranch occupational therapist, Shea Brogren, in her office, demonstrates the swing used in sensory integration therapy.

For children who have difficulty processing sensory information, swinging is more than just play. A swing can be used in therapy by impacting sensory integration, a process the brain uses to process and integrate incoming information like touch, movement, sight, sound, and the pull of gravity.

Most of the time this process is smooth, effortless and automatic. When it is NOT smooth and automatic, children can be overwhelmed by the outside world and develop problems in learning, development, and behavior.

Sensory integration therapy, developed in the 1970s by occupational therapist A. Jean Ayres, is used by therapists to facilitate brain development. Pleasurable activities, like swinging, can restore balance to the body and allow the brain to create or strengthen neural connections that will help the child process incoming stimuli. For some children, the soothing motion of swinging soothes, relaxes, and increases concentration.

Other sensory integration activities used at the Ranch include weighted blankets, wobble chairs and rockers, spin tables, trampolines, compression clothing, noise reduction headphones, and lighting filters.

Celebrations

Wheelchair Access on Minot Campus

The Ranch was able to purchase two wheelchairs and build wheelchair ramps for four buildings on the Minot campus, thanks to a grant from St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation. Ranch building and

grounds staff built the wheelchair ramps—with the assistance of one of our Ranch kids. He was very proud of his contribution and learned skills he will carry with him into the future.

Kids and staff with injuries/disabilities now have access to all of the cottages on the Minot campus, reducing barriers and increasing their vitality and success.



Minot Air Force Base Donates Clothing for Ranch Kids

On October 7, a couple of airmen from the Minot Air Force Base dropped off 48 bags and 10 boxes of clothing for the kids. They told us they had gone through the clothing to pick out the “good stuff” for us—some items still had store tags. After the kids chose the clothes they wanted, the rest was taken to the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Thrift Store.

Minot Campus Holds Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Ranch kids and employees gathered around the tree outside Bremer Hall to take part in the Ranch's first annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Pastor Rick Jones shared some words of inspiration as they kicked off the holiday season.



Kroll's Diner Bismarck Marathon Donates to the Ranch

The Ranch's Bismarck campus was a charity recipient of the 2015 Kroll's Diner Bismarck Marathon. The marathon donated \$22,500 to seven charities in Bismarck-Mandan—\$2,500 went to the Ranch.

Kids in Minot Wrote Letters to Santa for Make-a-Wish Foundation

The Ranch's Dakota Memorial School in Minot collected letters to Santa to raise money for Make-a-Wish Foundation. For every letter they collected, Macy's donated \$1 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Student Council had a goal of 400 letters, and they collected 1,025! Great job students, and everyone who helped them write the letters! Once again, our kids are learning how good it feels to give back.



Minot Students Serve at the Local Soup Kitchen

Students at Dakota Memorial School (of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch) in Minot served at the local soup kitchen in December. Here is what one of the kids wrote when they got back:

"Today I went to Immanuel Baptist Church to volunteer to help serve. While I was there at the kitchen, I cried. A lot of those people need this service to stay alive. This might be the only meal they'll have today. The reason I cried is because I was almost one of those people. My mom had a lot of problems herself. We had to go to the food pantry to get our food. I remember I would only get breakfast and lunch at school. Those would have been my only meals that day. I remember stealing food, because on the weekends we didn't have anything to eat.

"I felt proud of myself for helping at the soup kitchen. I'm proud I helped people get their food. I'm proud I greeted and had small talk with the people. I hope I can do that again sometime in the near future. I learn about empathy when I help, and I did a lot of kindness."

2016 Calendar Project

Ranch students and staff on the Minot campus took photos for a 2016 calendar project. Stop at any of our campuses to pick up a free copy of the calendar, or contact us at info@DakotaRanch.org.



Chatlos Foundation

The Chatlos Foundation granted \$5,000 to the Ranch for furniture and equipment for the Fargo Chapel. Chatlos, a foundation new to the Ranch, proclaims the glory of God by funding nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and around the globe. Since its inception in 1953, Chatlos has awarded over \$102,119,655 in grants to more than 7,120 nonprofits.

Celebrations

Students Make the Honor Roll

Forty-four out of 111 students at Dakota Memorial School made the Honor Roll in the 1st quarter. Eight made the “A” Honor Roll, eight made the “A/B” Honor Roll, and 28 made the “B” Honor Roll. The honor roll students were very excited about their accomplishments.

“This is the best day of my life!”

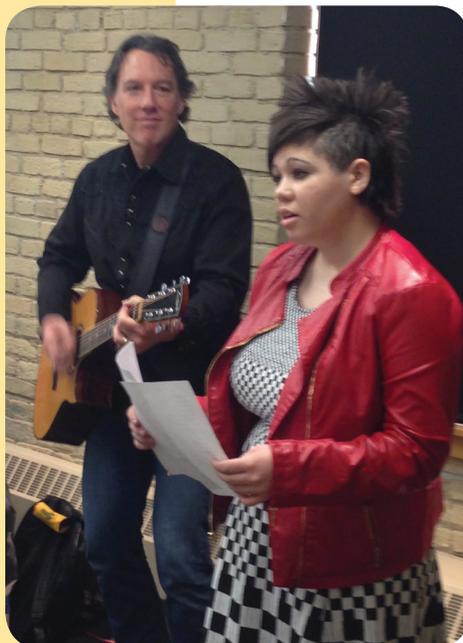
“I can really do this! My grades rock!”

“Can everybody know that I made honor roll? Because it’s the first time in my life.”

We are sometimes asked if the rigor of the Dakota Memorial Schools (DMS) curriculum is as strenuous as that of the public schools from which DMS students came. The answer is a resounding “Yes!” The DMS curriculum meets North Dakota Department of Public Instruction curriculum and course standards. In addition, DMS is accredited by AdvancED, a nonprofit organization that conducts onsite external reviews of schools and school systems to ensure that all learners reach their full potential. Our AdvancED accreditation includes an evaluation of our content offerings as compared with other schools in the nation. DMS delivers instruction in unique ways to meet the specific learning needs of our students. The content of the instruction is as rigorous as you’ll find in any public school.

Fargo Student Performs at Ranch Board Meeting

Mariah, a student at Dakota Memorial School (of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch) in Fargo, performed an original song, “Stand by Me,” at a Ranch board meeting in December. She was accompanied by Dr. Monte Selby, singer/songwriter who recently visited all three campuses and worked with the kids to write their own songs. (See related article on page 19.)



A Place to Keep Their Things

When you are in an unfamiliar place that isn’t home, or you haven’t had a whole lot of possessions, it’s important to have something that is yours. That’s why Elisia Sadler, a distributor of Thirty-one bags (a premier brand of bags and totes) in Minot, collected bags for all of the residential kids at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Using her own commissions to purchase bags, and inviting businesses and individuals in the community to do the same, Sadler was able to provide a thirty-one bag for every child at the Ranch.

Tina Degree, principal of Dakota Memorial School, in Minot, said Sadler was very conscientious in choosing the bags. “She talked about the types of bags the kids would use, and also what would be the safest for the kids. Then she filled them with school supplies and the kids on all three campuses were able to choose a bag during their first week of school.”

“She is an absolutely amazing lady,” Degree said, “and she wanted the kids to have a place to keep their things.”

Fargo Campus Wins Adopt-a-Street Award



Christian Kjelland, wellness coordinator at the Ranch's Fargo campus, accepted an Adopt-a-Street award on behalf of the Ranch. Christian worked with the City of Fargo to adopt a street, and coordinated clean-up events with the kids over the spring, summer, and fall.

Christian Kjelland accepts Adopt-a-Street award. From left, Ben Bow, City of Fargo; Christian Kjelland, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch; Mayor Tim Mahoney, City of Fargo.

Blades Again Spinning on Historic Windmill

Blades are spinning again on a historic windmill, restored by the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch employees and kids, and re-erected with the help of Verendrye Electric Cooperative. The red and white windmill was part of a farmyard



purchased by DBGR in the early 1970s. The windmill originally pumped water for the farm, but is now only symbolic as the well beneath it was sealed years ago.

Verendrye Electric Cooperative donated the labor and use of its bucket truck to help the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch complete the windmill restoration project.

Heading Home Campaign Update

By Phil Campbell, Chief Operating Officer, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation



Above: Looking south from inside the chapel, through the opening that will be stained glass windows designed by regional artist Stacy Asp.

Right: Standing in dining center with new gymnasium to the right.

We have made tremendous headway in our Heading Home Campaign to add a new gymnasium, nutrition center, and chapel on our Fargo campus—a campus that already contains the Al and Johnne Bierdeman Center for Hope and Healing and the Dakota Memorial School. As of December 31, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch's generous supporters have provided over \$9.8 million toward our \$10 million goal. We are well on our way to exceed our goal by the end of the Campaign's public phase, September 22, 2016.

All gifts toward this project will help us realize our goal of adding the three new buildings that are key to providing the intellectual, emotional,



physical, and spiritual support our kids need to truly thrive. We are praying that you will help carry us across the finish line—for the sake of the kids.

The Ranch broke ground on the project in May of 2015 and plans to finish the construction by the end of August 2016.

The photos show the current progress of the construction project. God has blessed us with the means to start construction, good weather to make significant progress, and generous supporters to help us complete our goal. Thank you so much for all that you do to support the mission of the Ranch. I hope you can help us successfully complete our Campaign.

In Christ's name,
Phil

Right: Steeple waits for the cross to be added to the top, and then to be hoisted atop the Fargo chapel.



Heading Home

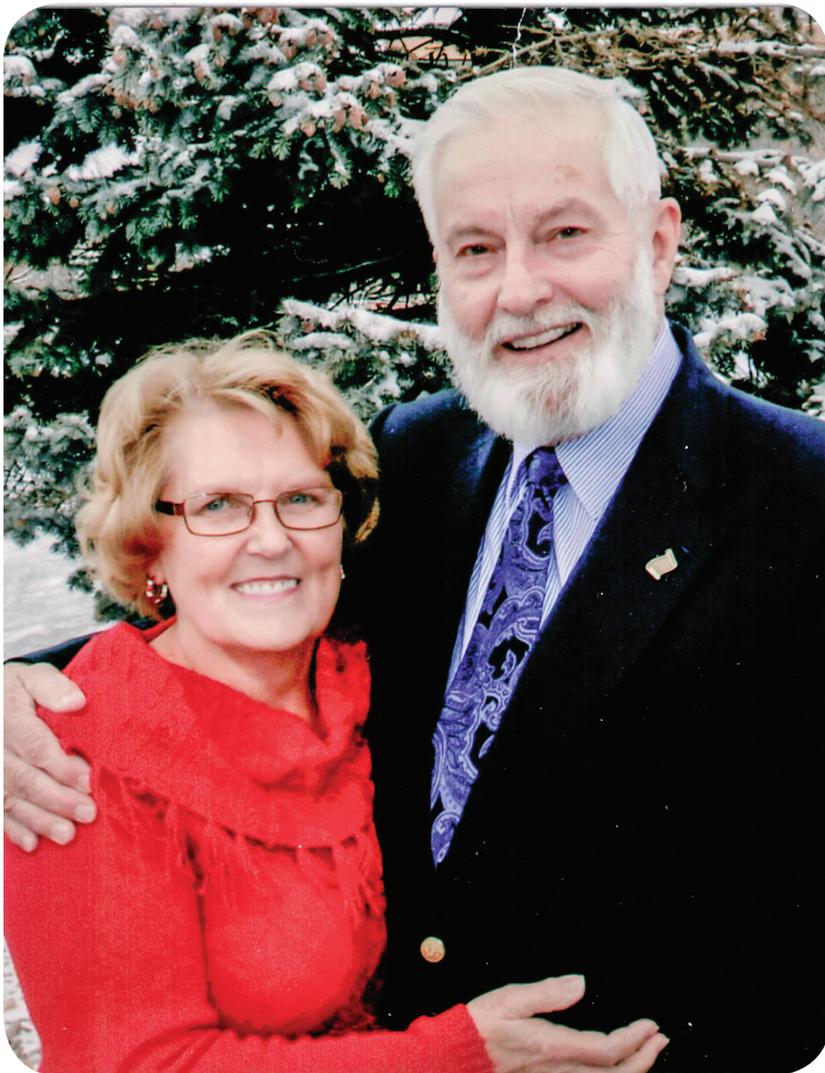
Donor Appreciation Event

Mark Your Calendar

Our final Heading Home event will be held on the Fargo campus, Sept. 22, 2016. Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony, open house, and

tours of the Fargo campus' new gymnasium, chapel, and nutrition center. This event will be open to the community—bring your friends and family so they can learn more about the work you support at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

A Family Legacy of Giving



Leonard & Marie
McGinnity

Leonard and Marie McGinnity are part of a long legacy of family giving to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch that began with Leonard's parents. Leonard first learned of the Ranch when he was in high school. His parents were of the generation where they didn't talk much about those things, but Leonard did know Dakota Boys Ranch (what it was called at that time) was important to his parents and that they made regular donations. When Leonard's

father died 25 years ago, his mother continued to support the Ranch until her death in April, 2015. Over the years, Leonard and his wife, Marie, supported the Ranch as they were able. They felt it was important to continue his parent's legacy of support.

While they were sending in regular donations, they were raising their family, running a business, and making a difference for the people who came into their lives. Through the pharmacy they owned in Aurora, CO, Leonard and Marie ministered to the young kids who worked there, and to the elderly and disabled patients for whom they delivered medications.

“When you give, you give with hope that you will make a difference.”

“After about 15 years of owning the pharmacy, I realized ministering to the kids who worked for me was my calling.” Leonard said. “After they got comfortable with us, they told us their life stories, and we learned that about half of them didn't live with their parents—they

lived with grandparents or in a foster home. We felt the Lord sent them in our direction. I hope I made a difference.”

Marie spent much of her time delivering medications to their elderly and disabled customers. But “delivery” meant more than dropping the medications off at the door and rushing off to the next stop. She stopped to visit and while she was there she changed lightbulbs, helped them clean, and did whatever else they needed done.

“They were lonely and wanted someone to talk to...they asked me to do chores to keep me there longer, and I was happy to help,” Marie said.

Leonard and Marie recently became more involved with the Ranch, and visited the Minot and Fargo campuses. The visits solidified their belief in the Ranch.

Leonard said, “When we did our tour, we learned that many of these kids didn’t have anyone to guide them or give them any help for the future. When I think of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, I think safety net, hope, and a chance for a future for these kids. [The Ranch] gives kids an opportunity to survive the bad choices they, or more likely their parents, made along the way. These kids are in the position to break the chain of bad decisions. That is good for the whole community. And the beauty of it all, is the spiritual focus.”

The McGinnity’s recently made two significant gifts, one to general

operating and another to the Hope in the Heartland Campaign. They also initiated discussions with Rich Berg, senior development officer at the Ranch, about North Dakota Tax Credits and contributing to an endowment fund.

Through their recent and ongoing gifts to the Ranch, Leonard and Marie are committed to continuing the family legacy of giving by teaching their children and grandchildren about philanthropy. They want to show their family how giving not only benefits the charity but the donor.

Three of their four children live

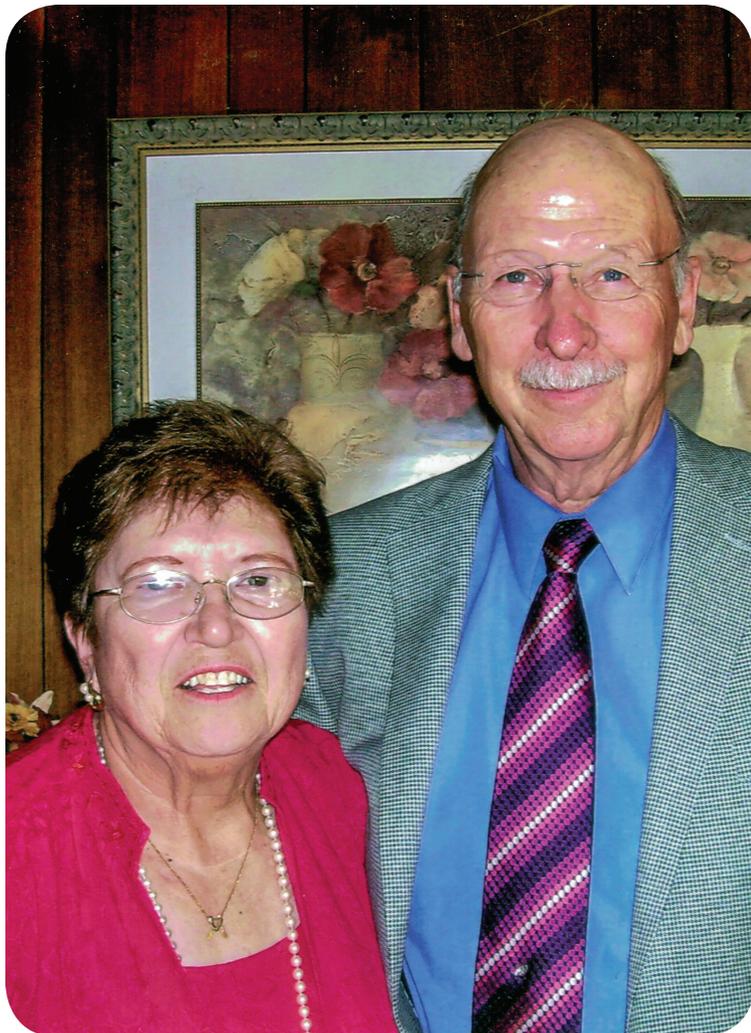
near them in Colorado, so every Sunday they go out to lunch. Those weekly meals give Leonard and Marie a chance to share the things that are important to them with their family...things like their Christian faith and the importance of philanthropy.

“There is so much power in giving back,” Leonard said. “People don’t realize that until they’ve experienced it. When you give, you give with hope that you will make a difference. I tell my kids that you have to be brave and take a risk because what you provide to God, he will return ten-fold. They’re not convinced yet, but they are starting to see it.”

Learn More About How You Can Help

To learn more about the North Dakota Tax Credit, contributing to an endowment, or other estate planning options, contact Rich Berg, 1-800-344-0957 or r.berg@dakotaranch.org. Rich can help you create an estate plan that is right for you.

A Heart of Gold



Gerry & Marian
Gerntholz

When Gerry Gerntholz met his future wife, Marian, in college at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND, she already loved Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

“The Ranch touched Marian’s heart, even back then,” Gerry said. “I think Marian learned about the Ranch through her church about the time the Ranch was started. Her love carried through after we were married. Every time she saw something about the Ranch, or we drove through the gates on the Minot campus, she cried for the children.”

Gerry said the Ranch grew on him, and he and Marian supported its work as much as they were able. “Even when we were young and couldn’t afford much, Marian always put something in the envelope for the Ranch when it came in the mail,” Gerry said. Gerry eventually joined the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation board of directors at the recommendation of a friend, and now has been on the board for 14 years.

When asked why he continues to support the Ranch, Gerry said, “All kids have challenges, but some really have some tough ones. Often times their parents aren’t able or willing to give them what they need. The Ranch gives these kids something to hold onto—faith, a way of life, a way of working with people—and gets them out of the hole they are in.”

When Marian died 18 months ago, Gerry wanted to do something special in her memory. He gave a portion of her life insurance proceeds to the Ranch. “The Ranch wasn’t listed as a beneficiary on her life insurance, but I thought about how Marian would have wanted it spent. Eighty percent went to our children and 20 percent to the Ranch.”

Gerry designated the dollars to the Hope in the Heartland campaign, to support the building project in Fargo. In turn, the Narthex in the Fargo chapel will be dedicated to the glory of God and named in memory of Marian Gerntholz.

When people see Marian’s name on the wall of the Fargo Chapel Narthex, Gerry would like them to remember her strength, her independence, and her kindness. “She was a strong lady,” he said. “She was a people person, and she had a heart of gold.”



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If you are eligible, remember to direct your 2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars before they expire on March 31, 2016.

In 2014, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch received over \$38,000 in grant funding through Thrivent Choice. If you were one of the Thrivent members who directed Choice Dollars to the Ranch last year, thank you. Grant funds were used to help connect kids to faith through our spiritual life programming.

Please log onto your Thrivent account (www.thrivent.com) before March 31, 2016, check to see if you have Choice Dollars available to direct, and consider including Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in your direction.

Learn more at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.



Grants and Corporate Donations

FARRMS-Grant to Grow,

\$1,000, Greenhouse/Garden Supplies (Minot)

NDSU Jr. Master Gardener Grant,

\$500, Greenhouse/Garden Supplies (Minot)

The Chatlos Foundation,

\$5,000, Chapel Equipment/Furniture (Fargo)

Hess Corporation/Hess Force Committee,

\$11,750, Therapeutic Horse Riding Course (Minot)

Verendrye Operation Round-up,

\$2,050, Germinator for Garden/Greenhouse (Minot)

Con-Way Freight,

\$385, general funds

Consolidated Communications,

\$500, Pig's 'n a Blanket sponsorship (Fargo)

Great River Energy,

\$1,000, Security System (Bismarck)

Scheel's Day of Giving,

\$2,000 (Minot)

North Dakota Rural Grant Fund,

\$25,000, STEAM (Science, Technology, English, Arts, Math) equipment for Dakota Memorial School (Minot)

Thrivent Financial,

\$300,000. Hope for the Heartland Fargo Campus Building Campaign

A Ranch Wedding

When Steven*, a former resident at the Ranch, was planning his wedding, he contacted Pastor Rick Jones to see if he could be married in the Chapel on the Minot Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch campus.

Because the Ranch was such an important part of his past, Steven said he wanted to make it a part of his future as well.

Steven spent time at the Ranch about ten years ago after his cognitive disabilities led to struggles with school and family. His parents didn't know how to help him, and the tension at school and at home caused Steven to make some bad choices. At the Ranch, Steven found the structure, support, encouragement, and forgiveness he needed to unlock success for his life.

Pastor Rick said, "Steven is not a high-powered public figure or a rising political star, but he is a faithful, dedicated man doing his best to provide for himself and his family. This young man struggled with relationships and school. Now he has a steady job, an active social life, and a loving wife. He is a successful and productive member of society, and he is the first one to admit his success is largely due to the time he spent at the Ranch."

"Steven's time here helped him build his faith and his life," Pastor Rick said. "And to honor that he wanted the Ranch to be a part of his wedding, I had the pleasure of performing his marriage ceremony. It was an incredible blessing to be a



Pastor Rick Jones brings Christ's blessing to the marriage of a former resident and his new wife in the Minot chapel.

part of such a powerful day in the life of someone who benefitted from our care."

*Name changed to protect confidentiality

Faith at the Ranch

Faith plays an integral role in the daily operations of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, both in the lives of the kids and Ranch employees. As a ministry of the Lutheran Church, the Ranch shares the Gospel with the kids through:

- Weekly spiritual life groups. The kids read Bible stories and learn how to apply the principles to their daily lives.
- Weekly Chapel services.
- Ranch Life Club one to two times per month.
- Access to pastoral counseling.
- Special guest performers/speakers.

- Regular opportunities to serve the community (Operation Christmas Child, nursing home visits, volunteering at local soup kitchens, etc.)
- Special services and celebrations during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

For the children who don't want to take part in the Christianity-based programming, the Ranch provides alternative spiritual life programming that focuses on morality and decision-making.

Employees of the Ranch also have the opportunity to experience the

Gospel in many ways.

- All Leadership and board meetings begin with prayer—thanking God for our many blessings and also asking for His guidance in making decisions focused on the needs of the kids.
- Weekly Chapel services.
- Access to pastoral counseling.
- Daily devotional written by Pastor Rick Jones and emailed to all staff.



Upcoming Events

Feb. 11

Giving Hearts Day.

Nationwide online giving opportunity. Go to DakotaRanch.org/hopeintheheartland for more information.

Feb. 12

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation Board Meeting, Mesa, AZ

Feb. 13

Donor Appreciation Lunch, Sun City West, AZ
Call 1-800-344-0957 if you would like to attend.

Feb. 14

Valentine's Day Donor Appreciation Lunch, Mesa, AZ
Call 1-800-344-0957 if you would like to attend.

March 18

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Program Board Meeting
Bismarck, ND

March 25

Good Friday

March 27

Easter

May 3

Hosting dinner for the LCMS North Dakota District Spring Pastors' Conference, Minot Campus

May 7

BLT Day, Minot Campus

July 30

8th Annual National Youth Project Using Mini-bikes (NYPUM) Fun Run, Minot

Sept. 22

Ribbon cutting and Open House, Fargo Campus

Giving Hope in the Heartland

Giving Hearts Day · Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is once again participating in Giving Hearts Day to support trauma-informed care for children on the Minot, Bismarck, and Fargo campuses.

Your generous gift will allow professionals at the Ranch to provide exceptional and innovative trauma-informed care to children in need. Simply speaking, most of the kids here come from families that have nothing. For some of our kids, this is the first time they have slept in a bed, or not gone to bed hungry, or had anyone listen to their deepest pains and fears. For many, it is the first time they have been told of Christ's love for them. The kids come here with psychiatric and behavioral problems of the highest degree, but if we look at where they have come from, we can understand them and help them to heal. It is because of people like you, and gifts like yours, that these children can see the world differently, and feel the love of God through those who care for them.

To Give Hope in the Heartland:

1. Give on Giving Hearts Day.

Your online gift of \$10 or more, made at impactgiveback.org on Feb. 11, will make a big difference at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Thanks to Dakota Medical Foundation and other generous donors, matching funds will maximize the impact of your gift!

2. Give Early.

Gifts of \$1,000 or more (up to any amount!) made in advance and dated February 11, 2016, will be counted on Giving Hearts Day. Simply send your check to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, P.O. Box 5007, Minot, ND 58702. But please hurry! We must receive your check in advance for it to be counted in our Giving Hearts Day total.

3. Help us Spread the Word.

Call Linda at 701-551-6819 to receive a Giving Hearts Day Toolkit that will help you spread the word with friends and family, or within your congregation or business.



Learn more about
Hope in the Heartland at
DakotaRanch.org/hopeintheheartland



Giving Hearts Day
impactgiveback.org
February 11, 2016



Art and Music in the Classroom

“Practice any art, music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction, essays, reportage, no matter how well or badly, not to get money and fame, but to experience becoming, to find out what’s inside you, to make your soul grow.”

--Kurt Vonnegut,
contemporary American writer

Wherever and however possible, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch’s Dakota Memorial School is adding art and music opportunities to the classrooms. Partly because it helps, as Vonnegut says, “find out what’s inside you, to make your soul grow,” but also to improve school performance.

Research has clearly found that the multi-sensory nature of art improves cognition, boosts academic attendance

and achievement, and keeps kids on track for graduation. And that’s for the average student. For students at Dakota Memorial School (DMS), who often have low self-worth and less-than-stellar classroom success, the arts are even more important. Marcia Bartok, Superintendent/Vice President of Education, DMS, says brain research indicates that the arts promote creativity, social development, and self-worth. Our students struggle with those things. The arts engage them and help them stay in school.”

Music

Music has a strong correlation with higher achievement in math and reading. It also helps us find meaning in the world around us. Bartok says, “Music is the poetry of our heart. It gives us voice to express deep emotions. Special needs kids may not be able to communicate with words, but they can almost always communicate through music.” Music was definitely engaging the students in November, when Dr. Monte Selby, musician and educator, spent a week on each DMS campus. Selby worked with the students to write their own songs and put them to music. This is the third year DMS has brought Selby to campus to work with the kids, and each year, more and more kids want to work with him. (See student lyrics on page 22.)

One of the benefits of music is that, in most cases, it’s not competitive. At each campus, Selby worked with small groups of kids to write collaborative songs. He said, “If





you're lucky, the kids really start to engage with the process, meaning everyone is thinking of nothing but what is going on in that room. When the high school boys were writing their song, we hit that point where they were all engaged and every word mattered."

In addition to using music in the classroom, and giving kids the opportunity to sing in the choir at chapel, Ranch therapists also include music in some of the children's safety plans. For some kids, music is calming and mood-stabilizing. Some of the kids are given iPods loaded with appropriate music. When they start feeling anxious, angry, or unsettled, they can ask for permission to take a five-minute music break to calm themselves down.

"They can't walk around with earbuds in their ear all the time, but they can take a music break," Bartok said. "Music calms the neuro-activity in the brain and is a researched medium of healing. It's very therapeutic for some adolescents and

teens. It's also something they can take with them and use as a calming tool in their home school."

Art

Art helps people express experiences that are too difficult to put into words. And the tactile nature of art—using a chunk of clay, strips of material, foil—is cathartic and can provide a refuge from intense trauma and emotion. Art is also important because it helps develop visual and spatial skills—skills the core subjects don't address.

"Packing groceries in a bag, organizing a pantry, driving—these all require spatial skills," Bartok said. "These are things we use all the time and don't realize it. You don't get these skills in the core subjects." Dakota Memorial School added art as an elective on the Fargo campus at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. Art teacher, Alana Wilhelm, has worked with very few resources to build the arts program.

"We gave Alana an empty room and she made her own file cabinets out of boxes and duct tape. She is amazingly talented when it comes to being creative and frugal," said Bartok.

On the Minot campus, the science teacher is working towards certification in the arts, so he can provide an art experience for the students. The elementary teachers provide weekly lessons in their curriculum for students in grades four through six. In addition, all students have the opportunity each year to participate in duck artistry

through a cooperative program with the Junior Duck Stamp Program

"It has been proven time and time again in countless studies that students who actively participate in arts education are twice as likely to read for pleasure, have strengthened problem-solving and critical thinking skills, are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, and four times more likely to participate in a math and science fair..."
says American musician Quincy Jones.

How You Can Help

Donor support is the only way we are able to provide art as an elective, or bring in visiting artists like Dr. Monte Selby. Tuition doesn't cover any of these options. You can help integrate art and music into our kids' lives in several ways:

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1. Donate to the Dakota Memorial School art program.

Your dollars will be used to purchase equipment and supplies, and to fund visiting artists in the schools.

2. Donate art supplies.

- Buttons
- Yarn
- Cardboard
- Paint
- Storage Containers
- Glue Gun Sticks
- Fabric Dye
- Fabric
- Sewing Machine
- Camera Equipment
- Lens
- Photo paper

- Picture Frames
- Black construction paper
- Screens for Screen-printing
- Drawing Pencils
- Sketchpads
- Oil pastels

3. If you are an artist, volunteer to bring an art lesson into one or more of the schools.

Contact Marcia Bartok at m.bartok@DakotaRanch.org.

A group of Fargo students make rubber band bracelets that are given to all new staff at the Ranch. DMS staff pray over the bracelets before they are handed out, asking God to anoint the staff with patience, courage and strength as they work with the youth; and asking that their time at the Ranch become a blessing to those they serve and to themselves.



During the month of November, the Dakota Memorial School art students held an exhibit at the Fargo Public Library.



Kids' Song Lyrics from Time with Monte Selby

Rare Red Moon

Ninth-Grade Boy—Fargo campus

You may not know my bravery
Or that love's my source of
strength.
You may not know my courage
That my happiness comes from
faith.
Every day I'm thankful from the
bottom of my heart.
Because so many people help me,
I'll find my place among the stars.

So if you see a rare red moon
In the clear night sky
Looking beautiful and steady—
and slightly terrified
If it's strong and sad and faithful
Unknown but exciting to see.
That rare red moon is me.

Yellow like the bees. Black as the
midnight sky.
White as snow and brilliant,
enough to hurt my eyes.
An open field, an open day.
Summer flowers and trees.
I think about the future and the
family who loves me.

Permanent Consequences

Dakota Memorial School Student

Apple computer, spider solitaire
One card left to flip, screen says
"error."

You watch it crash. Restart and
then it rings
But you forgot the password
You grab a hammer, start to
swing.

Don't make permanent decisions
On the impulse of a feeling
It won't make you, it might break
you



Dr. Monte Selby

Even though it looks appealing
When you're mad, depressed or
anxious
Full of worry and regrets
Give yourself permission to take a
deep breath

Quarter past midnight, Walmart
parking lot
Just met two friends of a friend
You're holding the jewelry they
just "bought."

You hear the siren, see the lights
Thinking that you're done
Never been this scared. First
instinct is to run.

On the impulse of a feeling
You should never say "never"
On the impulse of a feeling
You should never say "I do."
The problem with an impulse
Is the bypass of the brain—derails
the train.
So, here's a clue
You can stop and think it through

Take a step back, recollect your
thoughts
Pull out the coping skills
When the right thing is to stop.

Tears Fall on the Oil Rig

Group of High School Students, Minot campus

He headed up north for a better
life
Had to leave his house, his kids,
and wife
He came for the money and a
second chance
Try to pay off the bills and
refinance

Strong back and a steady hand
Black gold waiting in the
promised land
Mouths to feed and wells to dig
Tears fall on the oil rig
(no time for injury, no time for
sick. He's losing hope but he
can't quit.)

He's livin' poor to send money
home
These last eight days in ten below
Pushin' pipe to the story of a blow
out fire
Another wild west rough neck
muscle for hire.

It's been a year and five months of
dedication
But he can't get ahead of the
obligations
Losin' touch with his kids, losin'
his wife
Starting straight down the barrel
of an empty life.

Memorials/Honorariums

Unless otherwise designated, donations you give in memory or in honor of your loved ones will be used to help build, maintain, and upkeep chapel facilities on all Ranch campuses. Your gift to the Ranch will live on through the children at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, by helping us teach them about Jesus' unending love. For more information about making memorial and honorarium gifts to the Ranch, contact Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch at 1-800-344-0957 or info@DakotaRanch.org.

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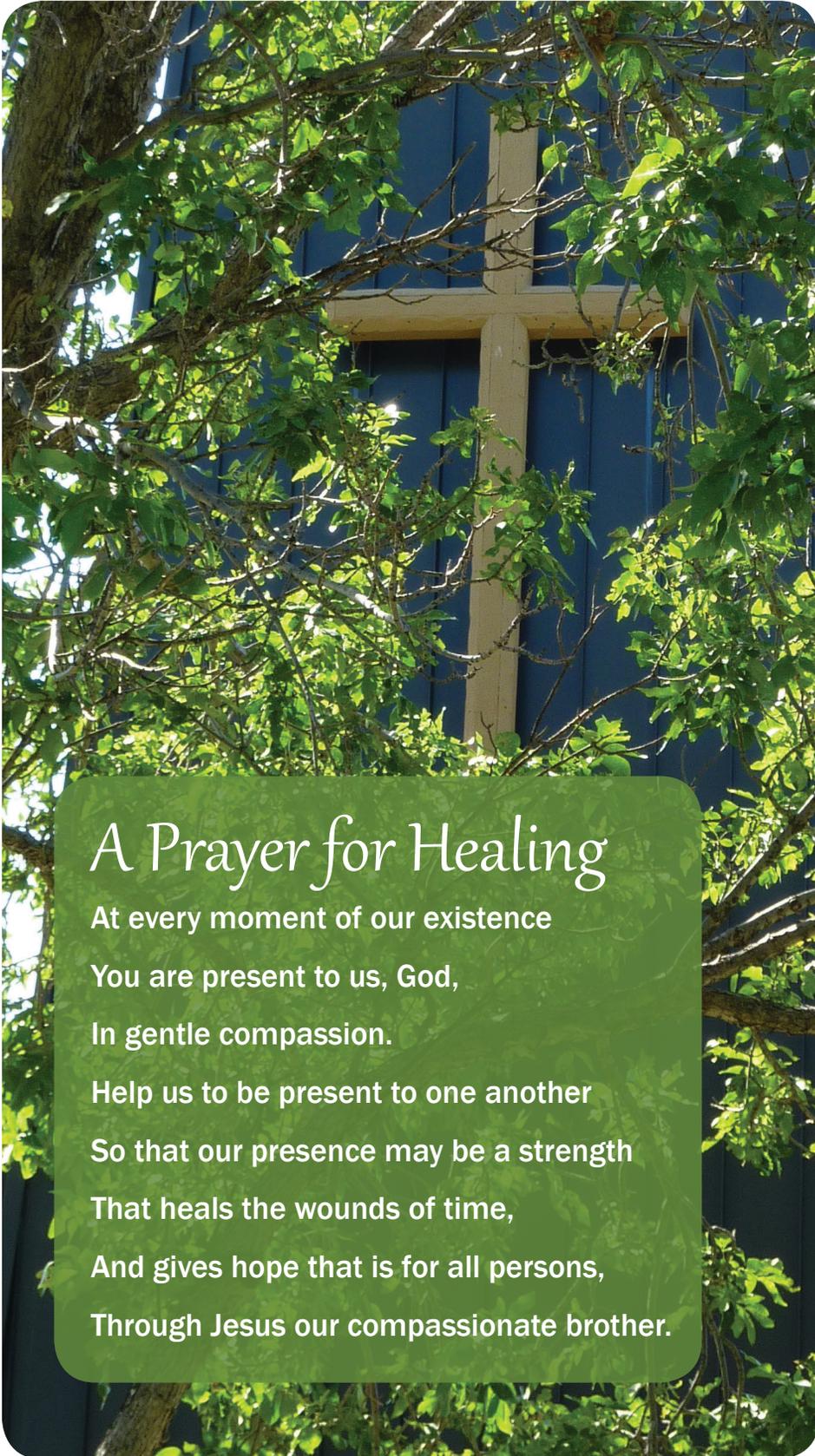
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