

THE RANCH VOICE

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Like all of our teachers, Matt Kuebler, Social Studies teacher at Dakota Memorial School, works one-by-one with the students.



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Dear Friends of the Ranch,

It is wonderful when I can be part of the real work of the Ranch...the work that happens face to face, one-on-one with the children. All of my job (almost) is a blessing, but watching the kids succeed in real time is what makes every other challenge and hoop we jump through make sense.

Just yesterday I spent an hour in Mr. Hvidston's science class. He was teaching physical science and the difference between weight and mass. As they worked through the materials—interspersed appropriately with short conversations about who will triumph in the weekend's NFL match-ups—Mr. Hvidston used an interesting phrase I had not heard before...“I will tell you where to look, but not what to see.”

He was telling the kids that the answer was in the materials he was directing them to, but they would have to do the work to find it. As I think about that wonderful admonition, it strikes me that it applies across so many facets of my life. It also applies so aptly to what people see when they look at the Ranch.

First, I think about the kids themselves. Lots of people have “looked” at them over their lives. At first look, our kids can appear beaten down, defiant, different, or angry. We choose to see the real story—that they are God's treasures, with gifts and laughter and kindness in them.

Second, I think about our staff. At the Ranch, we have teachers and therapists and youth care workers and support staff and on and on—people doing their jobs. But, if you really look, you'll see these folks as super heroes and healers.

Third, I think about our donors. At first glance, it's easy to take for granted those who practice charity. After all, everyone should give. But, when you really see, Ranch donors truly believe in the beauty and worth of every child and in a God that is speaking of these children when He tells us, *“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.”* (Proverbs 3:27)

Fourth, I think about our facilities. At first look, you see well-kept buildings, lovely grounds, good schools, and beautiful chapels. When you really see, it is the hope and growth and healing that happens in those buildings that stands out.

And most importantly, I think about God. At first look, God can appear pretty demanding. Do this, don't do this. Think about this, not that. Behave this way, not that. But, when you really see and hear Christ's words and the images of Him crucified and risen, you see a God of pure love who sacrificed Himself and defeated death for us.

Where will you look, and what will you see?

Thank you for your continued love of the children and support for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

With love and wishes for God's blessings,
Joy

Children Succeed at Dakota Memorial School

When children live at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, they attend Dakota Memorial School (DMS). DMS is fully accredited and provides a personalized education to children who have special learning needs because of psychiatric, behavioral, and trauma issues. Teachers and staff at DMS meet children where they are at. Our goal is to give children a positive school experience, even those who have had many academic challenges and for whom school has been very difficult. Lydia and Cain are two examples of children who are excelling in school for the first time—all because of the love, attention, and instruction they receive at Dakota Memorial School.

Lydia*

“I could not believe my ears last night. As Lydia and I were enjoying a nice conversation over supper, she said, ‘Mom, I just love this school. All of my teachers are so good and they really care about me. We even celebrate birthdays there. If you get a chance to tell them that they are great, you should do that. Especially Ms. Johnson, my English teacher.’

“I nearly fell over. I don’t think she has expressed any overall joy with school since preschool. It has been a struggle and increasing challenge that has become downright painful this last couple of years. We even have a letter from a doctor saying, ‘She should not attend [public] school because it is a toxic environment for her.’

“We never imagined a time where she would be positive, enthusiastic, and appreciative about school again. I can’t tell you the peace this puts in my heart. [My husband] was at a loss for words when I told him. Thank you so very much. I know I have high expectations. I’m

so grateful for your willingness to help me relax by providing the extra efforts of communication and allowing me to be an equal partner in Lydia’s programming.”

—Mother of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch resident

*Name changed to protect confidentiality



Cain (shown here with his parents at Summerfest) is just one of the many kids who experience love and healing at the Ranch.



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Cain created his own version of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch logo.

Cain

Cain was a resident at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch for nearly five months. When he completed treatment and was able to go home, his parents enrolled him in the Day Program so he could continue school at Dakota Memorial School—because it was here he experienced the only success he’d ever had in school.

Cain writes, “My experience at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch was really interesting. They have nice residents, nice staff, and nice teachers at Dakota Memorial School.”

“This school is the best school I’ve ever been to. The teachers are nice, and I got good grades. I recommend this school to people who have special needs. I wasn’t as nervous to go to this school. It took a lot of stress off of my chest. Actually, I never really liked school, but Dakota Memorial School changed my life.

“Thank you for giving me a life-changing experience! The staff at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch have helped me through thick and thin. If someone was looking for help with behavioral issues or anything, I would have them look no further than Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch!”

Why Early Bedtimes Don't Work at the Ranch

By Della Martinsen, Ph.D.,
Clinical Director, Minot Campus

Most parents have uttered the words, “Early bedtime for you!” Maybe our child was whining and tired and barely able to hold their eyes open. Maybe we sent them to bed early because they could not stop teasing their little sibling. Or if we are honest, maybe it was because we were tired, crabby and in need of some quiet time ourselves.

At Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, we have learned that early bedtimes are not effective. The reasons for this are both simple and complex. The simple reason is there is no natural consequence or connection between most misbehaviors and going to bed early, nor do early bedtimes teach a new skill.

For example, if a child is swearing at 9 a.m., and the consequence is an early bedtime, did that child learn a different way to express their anger? Probably not. Not only did the 11-hour lapse make it unlikely the child would even remember why they had to go to bed early, early bedtime is not a natural consequence for swearing.

Unfortunately, for many Ranch children the negative consequences of early bedtimes are much more complex. In our kids' lives, the bedroom is not always a source of positive memories or sweet dreams. Instead, an early bedtime

may trigger negative, painful, or traumatic memories. For instance, being sent to their room might bring up memories of being locked in their room for hours at a time. Or maybe their bedroom is where they hid to escape the arguing or domestic violence happening in their home.

For other children, the bedroom is where bad things happened to them.

would you be to go to bed early when you associate sleep with being defenseless, and a time when you might awake to someone invading your personal space?

Sleep means letting your guard down and losing awareness of what is happening around you. This is a very anxiety-provoking experience if your safety and survival is contingent upon constant scanning of your environment for danger.

If you have ever sent your child to bed early, did you emotionally scar or traumatize your child? Most likely not. If the bedroom is not a scary place at your house, it probably didn't hurt them at all.

But for kids at the Ranch, the bedroom can be fraught with negative memories. We sit with them—and work with them one-by-one—to figure out how they can let their guard down and make new memories of their bedroom as a place of safety—a place to lay down their head and rest.



Dr. Della Martinsen ensures each child is treated as an individual, one-by-one. Treatment at the Ranch is compassionate, holistic, and clinically on-point.

Being told to go to bed early by their abuser may have been the signal that tonight they would be abused. The majority of children who are sexually abused, were abused in a bedroom, if not their own bedroom. How excited

Playing for a Purpose



“One kid may want to build muscle. Another kid, develop coordination. Some kids play high school sports and want to continue their training so they can jump back into their sport again,” said Adam Miller, Wellness Coordinator on the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Bismarck campus. “Others really fight activity which affects their confidence levels, making it hard to participate in group activities. Working with them individually gives them a chance to improve their conditioning and self-esteem.”

At the Ranch, Adam strives to address each child’s individual needs, and meets with them one-on-one to determine their wellness goals.

Photos above: Wellness Coordinator, Adam Miller, helps Ranch resident, Matthew, train for a 5K.

Stories of Success

Adam told of one young girl who sat on the bench and cried during recreation time because it was too hard and she didn’t want to do it. “She was very resistant to exercise, and embarrassed to exercise in front of the other kids. Once we worked together and she saw she could reach her goals, she became very motivated.”

Shortly before this girl completed the treatment program and left the Ranch, Adam was taking a group of kids to run a 5K. She had a home pass that weekend and wasn’t able to be there for the 5K, so Adam took her to the Y and they ran 3.1 miles—just so she could say she did it. He ran into her a few years later, and she was training for the Fargo Marathon.

Amanda Bacile, Wellness Coordinator in Minot, shared a story of a 16-year-old boy (we’ll call him Brayden) who wanted to lose weight and work on his football skills. “He wanted to try out for his school football team when he left the Ranch. Brayden came to a sports nutrition group we had for the boys. He came to weightlifting and did cardio training. Then I set him up with Sergio, the Treatment Manager at one of our other cottages. [Sergio is a football coach at Bishop Ryan in addition to his work at the Ranch]. Sergio worked with him on football skills and drills before school each morning. This young man played varsity football at his home school this fall.”

It is success stories like this that keep Adam and the other Ranch Wellness

Coordinators going—that and the many reasons wellness activities are good for the kids.

The many benefits of exercise

The kids at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch are each working to heal from a trauma or psychiatric issue. As their treatment has become more complex so has the wellness programming. Now, in addition to making sure



Wellness coordinators provide opportunities for physical activity suited to each child's needs. From left: Cain, Heaven, Adam, and Matthew

the kids get the play time every child needs, coordinators also focus on meeting each child's individual physical needs.

One benefit of physical activity is to address the sensory needs of our kids. Many of our children are unable to filter out unimportant sensory information coming at them from all their senses—touch, sound, sight, movement, body awareness, taste and smell. In-school occupational therapists work with students to assess and treat sensory processing issues. They help students find positive and appropriate ways to address their sensory needs, both in school and in the residential environment.

Exercise and physical activity is one way children can meet some of their sensory needs, so Adam, Amanda, and the Fargo Wellness Coordinator, Christian Kjelland, work hand-in-hand with the occupational therapists.

Adam said, "I meet with a lot of kids during their school hours because sitting at their desks is the

toughest for them. They learn that exercise relaxes them and helps them reach a calm state of mind."

Weight gain is another issue faced by many of our children. For some it's because they are on medications that cause weight gain, others find it difficult to motivate

themselves due to depression and other psychiatric issues. Still others didn't have positive role models who taught them healthy eating habits and the benefits of exercise.

In addition to finding ways to motivate them to move their bodies, Adam works with them on their eating and portion control.

"If they are motivated to lose weight, I work with them. Some kids follow the recommendations—they exercise and are really careful about what they eat," Adam said. "When they see results they get really excited about it."

Something that fits for each child

While the focus of the wellness program has changed over the years, giving kids the opportunity

to participate in recreation activities still remains an important part of Ranch programming. In addition to PhyEd., which they have every day they are in school, the wellness coordinators schedule recreation activities every week. Students involved in student government are asked to make activity requests. Adam tries to balance their requests with incorporating new things. Off-campus activities include going to the YMCA and aquatic center, and to plays, community events, hockey games, and bowling. Adam has one group that does recycling and then walks to TCBY each week. Others go to Harmony Stables and ride horses.

On campus activities planned by the wellness coordinators include movies, basketball, soccer, etc. One of Adam's goals is to show them the world beyond sitting on the sofa and playing video games. These activities are also a great way to teach the kids social skills and appropriate ways to interact with the community.

The success kids have at the Ranch comes, in part, from the way we weave together the many aspects of treatment—spiritual life, individual therapy, group therapy, occupational therapy, and psychiatric services. Wellness plays an important role in the treatment planning, and gives kids skills and interests they can take with them as they leave the Ranch and move back into their families and communities.

We take great care to guard the privacy of our children. The pictures you see of the children are only used with the permission of the children themselves and the written permission of their guardians.

Christian Kjelland
Wellness Coordinator, Fargo campus



“In my 13 years at the Ranch, I have learned that every child is different and you have to do your very best to meet them where they are at. I can relate because I got into trouble, and made bad decisions, and didn’t have anyone for support growing up. But at the end of the day, I made the decision to change and move forward because there is hope. It’s a privilege to spend time with our kids. I get to learn how they view things and do my best to give them hope and a second chance in life.”

Amanda Bacile
Wellness Coordinator, Minot campus



“Working at the Ranch has helped me become more patient and to learn that not everything will always go as planned. I love teaching residents how to live healthy lives. I also love the relationships I get to build with the residents and staff. Wellness is important because it helps the kids build self-esteem, work on social skills, and build relationships with other kids their age.”

Team Kaizen—Small Changes for a Bigger Goal

One of the goals of the Ranch’s Wellness Program is to teach children new skills and habits they can carry with them long after they leave the Ranch. Some of the kids who come to the Ranch haven’t had adults in their lives who modeled physical activity and healthy eating.

Team Kaizen, a running group that brings together Ranch children and people from the community, is one way children on the Fargo and Bismarck campuses develop healthy habits and lifestyles.

Kaizen comes from a Japanese word meaning “small changes for a bigger goal.” When Julie Bosch, and a group of five other women, decided to start a running group for at-risk kids, they chose to use Kaizen in the name because they believed passionately that helping kids make small changes could make a lifelong impact.

Bosch is president of the board of directors of Team Kaizen, and participates in the Bismarck running group. They meet every Monday night, and also participate in 5K runs throughout the community.

“The volunteers show up every week,” Adam said. “The group started in Bismarck three years ago with Ranch kids, and they have now opened it up to other local facilities.”

If the kids come three times, they get a Team Kaizen t-shirt. If they come six times or more, they get new tennis shoes. Julie said they have given out 150 t-shirts and 75 pairs of tennis shoes. Team Kaizen also pays the 5K fees for kids who want to participate.

The Bismarck group has 12 volunteer mentors, so the mentor/child ratio is almost one on one. That makes it possible for the mentors to individualize the experience for each child.

Adam said, “For the most part, we don’t have super athletic kids who play high school sports. Team Kaizen makes them feel confident and accepted. If they come unsure they can run that far, the volunteers tell them they can work up to it.

Bosch said another benefit of Team Kaizen is giving kids the opportunity to belong. She hears kids say, “I’m part of a team. I’m on Team Kaizen.”

For those of us who have participated in teams all of our lives, this might not seem like a big deal. But, to a child who has never had the opportunity, and who may come from a difficult family situation, belonging to a group is huge.

“No matter your background, you are part of a group. Right now, we are all one and the same,” Bosch said. “We are a group of runners investing in our own bodies, our own health, and our own souls. We talk a lot about how you feel when you are focusing on your breathing, and nature, and the air surrounding you. It lifts your soul and takes you away from your troubles.”

Team Kaizen expanded to Fargo a year ago, and dreams of expanding to every major city in North Dakota. Their vision is to “create a community where every individual knows and activates his/her limitless potential.”

Share the Love on Giving Hearts Day

“I was five when I went into the foster care system. Not a lot of families wanted me and I moved from home to home. I had a lot of emotional issues that came out in anger, depression and violence. My last foster home was a really good place and I was there for quite awhile. But all of these issues came up and one day my foster mom just couldn’t take it anymore. That’s when I went to the Ranch where I was introduced to Occupational Therapy (OT). My occupational therapist taught me ways to control my anger. It took a long time, but my life has completely changed.”

—Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Resident

For the past three years, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has participated in Giving Hearts Day. The dollars raised through this one-day online fundraising event support trauma-informed care on the Bismarck, Fargo, and Minot campuses.

“Giving Hearts Day is so important for our kids in care,” said Joy Ryan, President/CEO, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. “Great advances in brain development and trauma-informed treatment research are happening daily. The support given through Giving Hearts Day allows us to keep the care we deliver to kids at the forefront of healing.”

One aspect of trauma-informed care is the integration of Occupational Therapy into each child’s treatment plan. Occupational therapists at the Ranch introduce children to sensory tools they can use to regulate their emotions. These tools include muscle relaxation and deep breathing, along with sensory equipment like a swing, rocking chair, ball pit, and weighted blankets.

Another helpful sensory tool is what we call a fidget. Fidgets come in all shapes and sizes and include sensory balls, stress balls, and other “toys” kids can use to keep their minds focused and their bodies relaxed. Each child finds the tools that work best for them.

Giving Hearts Day donations make it possible to provide sensory items for the kids in the residential environment and

at school. We also use Giving Hearts Day dollars to purchase extras of the more portable tools so we can send them home with the kids when they leave our care, which helps them meet with greater success.

Thanks to our generous donors, we raised \$177,260 through Giving Hearts Day last year. In addition to providing sensory tools and equipment on all three campuses, these dollars were used to fund a balanced learning classroom, purchase art supplies, provide equine-assisted psychotherapy, provide recreational opportunities, and underwrite the cost of trauma training for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch staff. All of these items are extremely important in providing trauma-informed care at the Ranch.

Giving Hearts Day 2017

Your online gift of \$10 or more, made at GivingHeartsDay.org on Feb. 9, 2017, will support trauma-informed care at the Ranch. Thanks to Dakota Medical Foundation and other generous donors, matching funds will maximize the impact of your gift.

If you are interested in providing a matching gift to inspire others to give to this worthwhile event, please contact Linda Medhus, Senior Development Officer, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, 701-551-6819, l.medhus@DakotaRanch.org.

Watch for more information about

Giving Hearts Day at DakotaRanch.org and at our Facebook page at [dakotaranch1952](https://www.facebook.com/dakotaranch1952). We are dreaming big for our kids with a \$200,000 goal—which will help us further advance trauma-informed care for the children at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Shining Light on the Prairie



Karin and Tony Gambell, shown here with their daughter, Cora, bring smiles to the faces of Ranch kids through their Giving Hearts Day donations.

Tony and Karin Gambell provided a major gift to the Ranch on Giving Hearts Day 2016. Their gift had a significant impact on trauma-informed care, and served as an important matching fund incentive.

Karin said, “We know firsthand the joy of a child’s smile, and hope our gifts can do the same for the children at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. [The Ranch] truly is a light on the prairie.”



Share the Love

with the kids at

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

Giving Hearts Day • Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017

GivingHeartsDay.org

Your online gifts to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch on Giving Hearts Day will support trauma-informed care for children at the Ranch. On Feb. 9, go to GivingHeartsDay.org and make a gift of \$10 or more to give hope and healing to a child. Thanks to Dakota Medical Foundation and other generous donors, matching funds will maximize the impact of your gift.

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At the Ranch, we help the most troubled, complicated, and amazing kids by providing best-in-class psychiatric therapy and trauma-informed care where we look children in the eye, walk with them, and help them become their best selves in the world and in Christ. In short, we help these kids find and become who they truly are.

Your gifts will help troubled youth regain a sense of hope, possibility, and wholeness.

—Joy Ryan, President/CEO
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch



Giving Hearts Day
February 9, 2017
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Celebrations

Thrift Store Volunteers Celebrate Big Impact

The Fargo and Dilworth thrift stores held a thank you luncheon for their thrift store volunteers. Volunteers enjoyed a terrific buffet lunch, won door prizes, and learned about Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch residential treatment programs—which helped them understand the importance of the work they are doing. Thank you volunteers!

Volunteers make it possible for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Thrift Stores to be productive, positive, and compassionate parts of their communities.



Magic Day of Giving—Volunteering at the Ranch

Two volunteer teams chose the Ranch for the 2016 Magic Day of Giving, the largest single-day community service event in Minot. Three teams—one from Johnson Eyecare & Eyeware and two from Cognizant—volunteered at the Ranch. Together, the teams boxed 4,872 bottles of honey that will be used for Honey Sunday events that churches hold for the Ranch each fall.

Cognizant's Heidi Llewellyn, Technology Solutions, said, "We had a blast volunteering at [the Ranch] for the Magic City Day of Giving. It was a great day for employees to work together outside of our everyday environment. Thank you for allowing us to give back to the community while improving employee engagement. Your team was very friendly and excited to have us there. There was plenty of honey to box up and our competitive side came out, challenging the afternoon team to meet or beat us."

Johnson Eyecare & Eyeware had a great experience, as well, and plans to come back next year with an even larger team. Telli Johnson said, "Our group had a very good visit at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. We enjoyed learning about what you do, meeting your staff, and learning about your honey project. We were amazed how much honey you bottle and ship and can see how beneficial and crucial it is to have volunteer help."



Volunteers bottle and pack honey for Honey Sunday events held across the U.S., and also to share with donors who each receive a bottle of honey at the end of the year.

Servant Team Brings Energy and Muscle to the Ranch

A group of young men and women from New Life Lutheran Church in Sterling, IL, spent a week on the Minot campus this summer.

The 13-member team painted and stained inside and out, planted flowers, assembled honey bottle boxes for Honey Sunday mailings, and more. In addition to completing many projects, the 13-member team worshipped in the Kruse Memorial Chapel, participated in group activities for the residents, learned about our Horse Program, and got to ride the horses.

It was quite obvious this group is dedicated to a life of discipleship, friendship and service. Their energy was contagious for both staff and residents. Thank you for coming to our corner of the Lord's Vineyard. New Life Lutheran is a Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) congregation.



Servant Teams share gifts of love, compassion, and hard work with children at the Ranch. The Sterling, IL, servant team included Mitch Saad, Ann & Julia Cooper, Becky & Danny Moore, Ali Prescott, Ashtyn & Kierstyn Folgers, Hanneh Chromek, Anisa Davis, Payton Murray, Faith Sandrock, and Evan Cooper.

**For information about how you can
organize a Servant Team event
at the Ranch, contact
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or 701-858-0128.**

LWML Furnishes the Gudrun R. Marx Chapel

The Minnesota North, North Dakota, and Oklahoma Districts of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), all donated money to the Ranch to support its Spiritual Life Program. Donations from the three districts will be used to furnish the Gudrun R. Marx Chapel on the Fargo campus, purchase Christian Education materials, and purchase Bibles.

Paulette Huber, recent past president of ND District LWML, recently toured Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. She said, "It was such a joy to learn more about the wonderful counsel and teaching used with the horse therapy, in the school setting, and in all other activities. Also, it was a blessing to hear about the meaningful worship and spiritual activities. I am so thankful that ND LWML can help support [the Ranch] with our Mission Grant monies and our prayers for all students and staff!"

LWML groups from across the United States have long supported Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. LWML is the official women's ministry auxiliary of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For almost 75 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Susan Zeige, Mission Grants Chairman of the Minnesota North District LWML said, "We appreciate the wonderful ministry you share with the children in your care, and pray that they may know and experience the love of Jesus. Having ministries like yours in place truly make a wonderful difference in the lives of the children and families entrusted in your care. May God continue to bless you, the staff, children, and families of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch as you reach out in the name of Jesus to those in need."



Thrivent Choice Dollars Connect Kids to Faith

Are you a Thrivent member. If so, you may be eligible for Thrivent Choice, a program that allows you to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable grant funds among enrolled organizations like Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. At the Ranch, we use Thrivent Choice grant funds to connect kids to faith through our spiritual programming.

If you are eligible, remember to direct your 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars before they expire. Log onto your account, www.thrivent.com, check to see if you have Choice Dollars available to direct, and consider including Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

New Chess Club on the Minot Campus

President/CEO Joy Ryan, played chess with the kids at one of the first meetings of the Minot Chess Club. They meet every Friday and at one of the first meetings, 18 kids showed up to try their hand at chess.



Christina Hemmer Featured in Area Woman Magazine



Vice President of Clinical Services, Christina Hemmer, was featured in the Area Woman Magazine, a magazine distributed throughout the Fargo-Moorhead communities. In the article, Christina talked about the Ranch and how we are changing kids' worlds, one child at a time. If you would like a copy of the magazine (via mail or email), contact Tammy Noteboom at t.noteboom@DakotaRanch.org.

Walking Beside the Kids

A Dakota Memorial School student assisted Chris Andreasen, facilities, as he repaired the sandbox table legs. All staff at Dakota



Boys and Girls Ranch walk beside our students and make time to include them in their day.

Harvest from our Wellness Gardens



Harvested tomatoes grown in the kids' garden = roasted tomatoes for lunch.



Mercy Care Conference at the Ranch

Reverend Paul Krueger, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch board member, greeted Eddie the Comfort Dog during the first MercyCare Conference held in October. The North Dakota District of the Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod held the conference on the Ranch's Minot campus, and brought Lutherans together to rethink the work of mercy as part of the church mission.

Celebrating Summer and Family

Matthew hadn't seen his siblings for six months when they showed up at Summerfest. Summerfest, held on the Bismarck campus in early August, brought together Ranch children and their families and Ranch staff and their families for a beautiful night of food, fun, and games.

Matthew (middle) with his two siblings.



Thrift Store Staff Go Above and Beyond!

Despite a series of unfortunate events (a break-in, a broken front window, and flooding), thrift store staff in Grand Forks kept their positive attitudes and pitched in to make the repairs.

From Left: Blake Slama, Assistant Manager, and Bri Molmen, Sales Associate.



Thrift Stores Receive Local Awards

Dakota Boys and Ranch Thrift Stores received the Best of the Valley Thrift Store Award from the Forum of Fargo Moorhead; and the Best of the Best Thrift Store Award from the High Plains Reader. In both cases, the Ranch thrift stores were voted as the best in their category by readers and the Fargo-Moorhead community.

2016 Kroll's Diner Bismarck Marathon

The Ranch was one of seven charities accepted as part of the Kroll's Diner Bismarck Marathon's mission to support local charities, especially those serving youth. Lynn Beiswanger and David Nash, Co-directors of the Kroll's Diner Bismarck Marathon Committee, presented a check for \$2,500 to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

This year, several Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch residents and staff volunteered at the Kroll's Kids Mini-Marathon held on the front lawn of the North Dakota State Capitol. They handed out t-shirts and medals to the little kids, and helped load equipment after the event was over. Residents and staff also participated in the Kroll's Diner Bismarck Marathon 10K.



From Left: Lynn Beiswanger, Adam Miller, Jim Vetter, and David Nash.

Student Learns Leadership Skills through Photography Project

Fargo Art Teacher, Alana Wilhelm, took one photography student to new heights this fall. She asked Adam, a student at Dakota Memorial School who expressed an interest in photography, to take this year's student and faculty photos.

“We all remember school photos—picking out our outfit, the haircuts, sitting straight in a chair, turning our head, and smiling at the camera,”

Wilhelm said. “School pictures are a tradition at Dakota Memorial, just like they are in most public schools. But this year, we did something very different by having one of our students direct the photoshoots.”

Wilhelm rented professional lighting equipment for seven days, which gave Adam time to practice setting up lighting equipment and directing students and staff.

The most difficult part of the photography project was working with the students and staff.

“I had to overcome the fact that I had to direct people and have them do what I needed them to do for the photo,” Adam said.

Over the three days of photoshoots, Adam progressed from shadowing Wilhelm, to setting up the light positions and directing the photoshoots on his own.

Adam's natural ability in directing his peers shone through. One student said, “I felt more comfortable having a student take my photo. I

I guess it was more comforting and relaxing having someone you know take your photo instead of a stranger telling you what you need to do.”

Adam doesn't have dreams of becoming a photographer of people—still life and landscapes are his favorite photography subjects—but he did learn valuable leadership and directing skills.

He said, “I will probably be more comfortable directing people in the future, because of directing people in photography.”

Photography is just one way Wilhelm uses art to give students a voice to express themselves, and to build their confidence. Through her art classes at Dakota Memorial School, she seeks to bring a variety of art experiences to her students.

“My overall goal in art is to help students

gain confidence in themselves and to connect their experiences to real life situations,” Wilhelm said. “I have the best art students. I am very impressed with their designs, support for each other, resilience to life, and resilience to art criticism designed to help them build upon their skills.”



Dakota Memorial School student discovers a love and talent for photography.



Fargo Art teacher, Alana Wilhelm, gives students a voice through art. (Photo credit: Adam, Ranch resident)



Discovering new passions and skills builds self confidence in our residents.

Completing the Race

Hundreds on Campus to Celebrate the Completion of the Fargo Project

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

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Thank you!

Our Heading Home event in September was many things—a celebration of a finished project, a culmination of hard work and commitment, a reflection of where God has lead us, and a time to look ahead. It was wonderful to have many supporters, community members, and neighbors join us on that day to open the doors for a place for our kids to eat together, play together, and pray together. What a blessing.

Thank you so much for your longstanding commitment and dedication to the vision of expanding the services and facilities needed in Fargo. This project is much more than a gymnasium, nutrition center, and Chapel, but the next phase in helping at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ.

As supporters of the Ranch, your willingness to help children weather the challenges in their lives makes all the difference for each and every one that comes through our doors. I am honored to work alongside each and every one of you as we run side-by-side, with perseverance, to complete the race God has marked for us. As we look ahead, please know that the Ranch would not be the place it is today and would not be able to provide the level of care necessary

without the support of partners like you. All gifts make a tremendous impact and make possible our Spiritual Life Program, Horse Therapy Program, and many specialized and needed treatment and educational programs we otherwise wouldn't be able to provide the children of the Ranch. We need your partnership in all facets of our agency.

We can't do this work without you. If you weren't able to join us in September, know you are welcome at any time to visit one or all of our campuses. We are proud of what we do and want to share the vision that God has cast for the Ranch. Most of all, please continue to pray for the children of the Ranch and for God's guidance in how you can continue to support His work on our campuses in North Dakota.

Thank you again. God bless you.



David Royal, President, Thrivent Mutual Funds, shared his company's support for the mission of the Ranch.



North Dakota Lieutenant Governor, Drew Wrigley, shared a message of hope, and said, "With all that is challenging in this world, [the Ranch] is Ground Zero for hope."



Hundreds of people gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony that kicked off Heading Home.

The new Robert and Vera Campbell Sensory Room gives students the opportunity to work one-on-one with Ranch occupational therapists, discovering ways they can regulate their emotions.



The completed Fargo expansion project houses the Gudrun R. Marx Chapel, Thrivent Mutual Funds Nutrition Center, and a gymnasium.

A celebration service in the Gudrun R. Marx Chapel, during which we dedicated the Chapel to the Glory of God, capped off the day's events.



Living Life in the Spotlight



Art and Grace Link

In 1974, Art and Grace first became acquainted with Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Their interest in the state, and in children, led to their ongoing support of the Ranch. They made their first cash gift in 1974, and continued their support throughout the rest of Art's life. Grace continues to support the Ranch today.

Grace Link grew up on a farm, and when she married Art, she expected to live her life as a farmer's wife. "I would have been very happy with that type of life," she said.

Art's political aspirations took her in other directions, and sometimes being in the limelight was difficult for her. "I didn't choose to be a public figure. I'm more of a homebody. But I was supportive of Art's choices and

it has been a good life."

Grace and Art met at a dance when she was only fifteen. He was playing in the band so she only met him briefly. About three weeks later, Grace's parents were playing for Art's sister's wedding dance, and they met again. This time he asked her to dance.

"We took our time, but we kept in touch. I guess I was always somewhat attracted to him. I liked his philosophy. I liked his lifestyle. I came from a family where there was no alcohol, no tobacco, good clean living. He came from the same kind of a family. It just seemed like it was a good fit."

Five years later, they married and lived on the family ranch in the northwestern part of North Dakota, near Alexander. While running the ranch and growing their family, Art became involved in the community. He was active in the Farmer's Union, served on the township board and the school board, and was a state legislator for 24 years. In 1971, Art was elected to the U.S. Congress, where he served two years before he was elected as Governor of North Dakota.

While Art's community involvement is more well-known, Grace did her share of volunteer work. As their six children were growing up in Alexander, Grace and Art both served as project leaders in the Lads and Lassies 4-H Club. They were also involved with county contests and the county fair, and in the 1960s, they helped organize and establish the new McKenzie County Fairgrounds. Years later, they became involved in the establishment of a 4-H building in Bismarck.

As First Lady of North Dakota, Grace spent most of her time sharing hospitality with people around the state. I gave lots of tours, she said, The Governor's Residence was only about 12 years old when we moved into it. Every time an organization had a meeting in Bismarck, they'd arrange for the spouses to tour the Governor's residence."



Since Art's death in 2010, Grace has made several significant gifts to the Hope in the Heartland Campaign. An office in the new Fargo facility was dedicated in his honor. The plaque outside the room reads, "This room is dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of the Art Link Family."

Grace contributes their giving natures to their parents. "My father and mother were very giving people. We didn't have a lot to give, but when I outgrew my clothes, my mother saw that they were given to neighbors who needed them. My dad was always volunteering to do things for people. Art's parents were very much the same way. It was just natural for us to give."

The Ranch became one of their favorite charities because of their shared philosophy about children. "Our philosophy has always been that we have children in our state who come from deprived homes, and others who come from good homes, but have gotten onto the wrong path. If by going to the Ranch they can get themselves on the right track again, it is worth so much."

Grace continues to hold that philosophy and wants others to know that "the Ranch gives children a home, and kindness. You can work with young people, whatever their problems may be, and get them going on the right road again."

And as for her life in the spotlight, Grace grew to appreciate the friends she made as she welcomed people into her home. "I've known people from all over the state. I have friends from all over. I guess that'd probably be the best part."



Children from Around the World

"Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him."

Genesis 18: 18 (NRSV)

God leads children to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch from many places. Last month, we did a quick accounting of our kids and found that they aren't only from North Dakota, or even the Midwest—they come to us from around the United States and the world. At the time of the accounting, the state/country of birth for Ranch residents were:

United States:

North Dakota
Montana
Minnesota
Nebraska
Idaho
Wisconsin
California
Colorado
Alabama
Oklahoma
Texas
Arkansas

Georgia

Washington

Utah

Kansas

North Carolina

Other Countries:

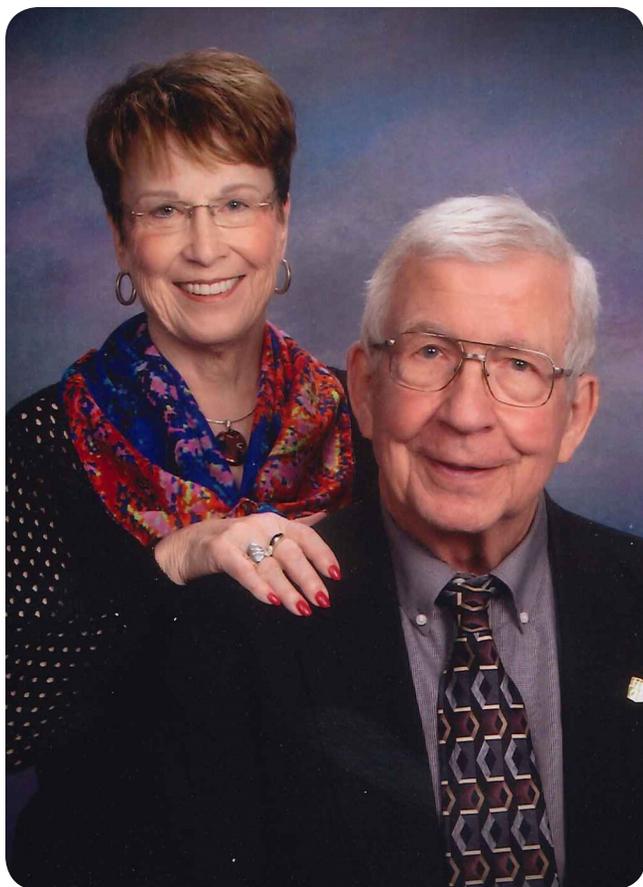
Ethiopia

Canada

Haiti

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)

As children come and go at the Ranch, this list will change. But it shows us the vastness of God and how He can work in children's lives to bring them to a place of healing, regardless of where their lives first began.



Gerry and Joan
Fiechtner

A Family Tradition of Giving

“It’s good for us to help others who need it,” Gerry Feichtner said. “I want my giving to [go to an organization] that shows people about God and how God can help you.”

Gerry learned early on, through his parent’s example, that giving back to the community was just something you did. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch was one of the charities his family chose to support. Gerry’s dad, Fred Fiechtner, learned about the Ranch through his church, Grace Lutheran in Fargo, ND, which belongs to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). The Ranch began as a ministry of the LCMS, so it was natural for Fred to become a part of helping to make the ministry a success. As Gerry became involved in the family business, Nodak Stores, he was able to continue the family tradition of giving.

When Gerry and Joan married in 1973, Joan readily shared Gerry’s support of the Ranch, and they began giving as a couple. Faith in the Lord is an important part of Gerry and Joan’s life—sharing their faith started when they were dating. Gerry and Joan blended their families from previous marriages, and attending church with their children became one of their regular dates. Sharing their faith has continued to play a significant role in their lives throughout their marriage.

When asked what they wanted their legacy to their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to be, they said they wanted them to know that faith in the Lord, church, and prayer provide a strong foundation on which to build a life. Their membership at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fargo has given them opportunities to connect with their community, take time out for friends, think of others, and serve together.

In addition to annual and memorial gifts throughout the years, the Lord led Gerry and Joan to support the Hope in the Heartland Campaign with a gift to establish the Gerald and Joan Fiechtner Eastern Concourse on the Fargo campus.

Gerry and Joan agree that some kids need a little extra help in life. They are willing to share their story of giving to the Ranch with the hope it inspires others to support the Ranch’s mission of helping children and their families succeed in the name of Christ.

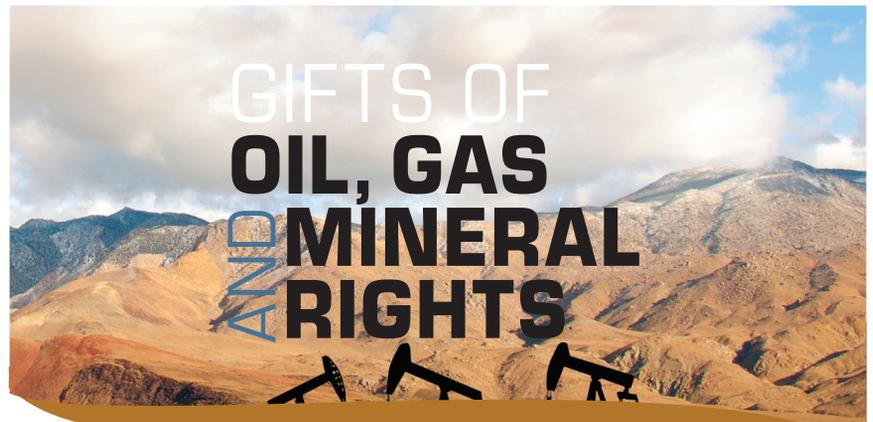
When I interviewed Joan and Gerry in their home, I immediately saw the love and respect they have for one another. They treat each other with grace and dignity, and provide a strong example for those of us trying to live out our faith through our relationships and Christian stewardship.

Tammy

—Tammy Noteboom, VP, Communications
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A Message from Larry...

Message from President Emeritus, Larry Knutson

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has been blessed with amazing leaders, leaders who had a passion for children and a vision for how they could help them succeed in the name of Christ. We keep in touch with these leaders, and continue to benefit from their wisdom. We asked one of our former leaders, Larry Knutson, to write an article for this issue of the Ranch Voice. In the next issue, you will hear from CEO Emeritus, Gene Kaseman.

On this, the 50th anniversary of my employment at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, I was asked to write a brief article for the Ranch Voice. I, of course, jumped at the chance and decided to focus my article on the present and future of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, based on the knowledge I gained so long ago (actually in another century).

For those faithful remaining donors from my time at the Ranch, you'll recall that our basic means of communication was the Ranch Voice and a never-ending series of letters asking for prayers and financial support. Thank God you responded. For all of you, both pre- and post-Knutson Ranch donor family, I give thanks to my Lord Jesus Christ for turning your attention to the needs of our children at the Ranch, and I thank you for your prayers and financial support. The Ranch could not exist without you!

Since I am more comfortable writing letters than I am in writing news articles, please bear with me as I change to a letter format.
Dear Friends in Christ,

What in the world was the Board thinking when they appointed a woman to the position of President of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch? When I first heard the news, I could hardly

believe it.

Well, I am here to tell you that after meeting President Joy Ryan and spending quality time with her, I am convinced she was sent by my Lord Jesus Christ to continue His work at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, and the Board of Directors was wise enough to see this. In viewing the President selection process, I am reminded of Isaiah 6 and a couple of lines from the hymn "Here I am Lord."

*"Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart."*

I believe Joy Ryan was called to serve the Lord when she was asked to lead the Ranch. How I came to such a positive endorsement happened in late December of last year when I called to congratulate Joy and welcome her aboard the Ranch family. During the course of the conversation, she learned I was flying to Sioux City for Christmas and that I planned on driving to Fremont, Nebraska to see my friends Rupert Dunklau and his wife, Ruth.

Joy was aware Rupert was a major donor to the Ranch and asked if she could join me so she could meet Rupert and thank him for all he had done for the Ranch. Because of flight schedules, I had to see Rupert on December 27, which meant Joy had



Larry Knutson, President Emeritus, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, was named Executive Director of the Ranch in 1967. He held this position until 1985, when he became Executive Director of the Dakota Boys Ranch Foundation. He retired in 1998 after 31 years at the Ranch.

to give up the long Christmas holiday by leaving the day after Christmas for Sioux City, where she picked me up for the drive to Fremont.

When we arrived in Fremont, we discovered Rupert was in the hospital. We went to see him and Joy thanked him for all he had done for the Ranch. After leaving the hospital, Joy wanted to meet Ruth so we got a late start back to Sioux City.

My time in the car with Joy cemented the idea she was a wise choice, a gal of faith and compassion with a proven record of administrative skills. She continued on the drive to Fargo, so she could be at her desk early Monday morning. Needless to say, I was impressed.

In addition to meeting people who support the Ranch, and long car drives with past Presidents, the office of President is responsible for many things. First and foremost is the care, safety, education, and treatment of the children at all three campuses. Just to get started, you need to meet numerous licensing, accreditation, and affiliation standards.

To meet and comply with all of these regulations is a large task. As President, Joy isn't responsible for every little detail of the accreditations, but in spending time with her I get the impression her management style is much like the sign on President Truman's desk, "The buck stops here."

Joy oversees all aspects of the Ranch: Child Care, Education, Thrift Stores, Spiritual Life, Community and

Partner Relations, Communications, Donor Relations and more. She is committed to building a team of leaders and staff who work together for the good of the children. It's obvious that in her eyes, it truly is



Larry Knutson

all about the children and their families. So that's my impression of Joy Ryan and the here, now, and future of the Ranch.

I do have one bit of advice for Joy, which I gleaned from Galatians 6:9,

"Let us not become weary in doing good." While I was impressed by her giving up her long Christmas weekend to visit a loyal donor, I hope she doesn't do that so often she becomes weary. She has a lot of work to do and needs to stay strong.

I hope my thoughts give you a sense of appreciation for the role of a President of the Ranch, and a feeling that the Ranch is in great shape to face the future.

All of you who know me know I have never sent a letter without asking for something. I have asked that a return envelope be placed in the Ranch Voice. Please remember the Ranch in your prayers and use that envelope to send a gift for future needs. If you have a will, I know that the Ranch would be honored and thrilled to be included in it.

God Bless,
Larry

Feb. 9

Giving Hearts Day (see p. 8 for more information)

Feb. 14

Valentine's Donor Appreciation Luncheon
Arizona Golf Resort, Mesa, AZ

Call 1-800-344-0957 if you would like to attend.

Feb. 15

Donor Appreciation Lunch
Briarwood Country Club,
Sun City West, AZ

Call 1-800-344-0957 if you would like to attend.

Feb. 16

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
Foundation Board Meeting
Mesa, AZ

Feb. 23

Dakota Family Services
Board Meeting
Bismarck, ND

Feb. 24

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
Program and Foundation
Board Meetings
Bismarck, ND

April 14

Good Friday

April 16

Easter

May 13

BLT Day, Minot Campus

July 29

NYPUM Fun Run, Minot

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\$2,000, General Operating

Lutheran Women's Missionary League, North Dakota

\$4,680; Altar, Baptismal Font and Christian Education Supplies for Gudrun R. Marx Chapel, Fargo

Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Minnesota North District

\$5,000; Congregational Chairs and Mobile Pulpit for Gudrun R. Marx Chapel, Fargo

Great River Energy

\$1,000; CPR Training Mannequins, Bismarck

Walmart Community Foundation—Fargo Store #4352

\$500; CPR Training Mannequins, Fargo

Walmart Community Foundation—Minot Store #1636

\$2,000; Supplies for Student Council Activities and Projects, Dakota Memorial School, Minot

Wilbur-Ellis

\$1,000; Hippotherapy Bridge Fund

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Another Leaf Has Fallen

Another leaf has fallen, another soul has gone.

But still we have God's promises,
in every robin's song.

For he is in His heaven,
and though He takes away,
and though He takes away,
He always leaves to mortals,
the bright sun's kindly ray.

He leaves the fragrant blossoms,
and lovely forest, green.

And gives us new found comfort,
when we on Him will lean.

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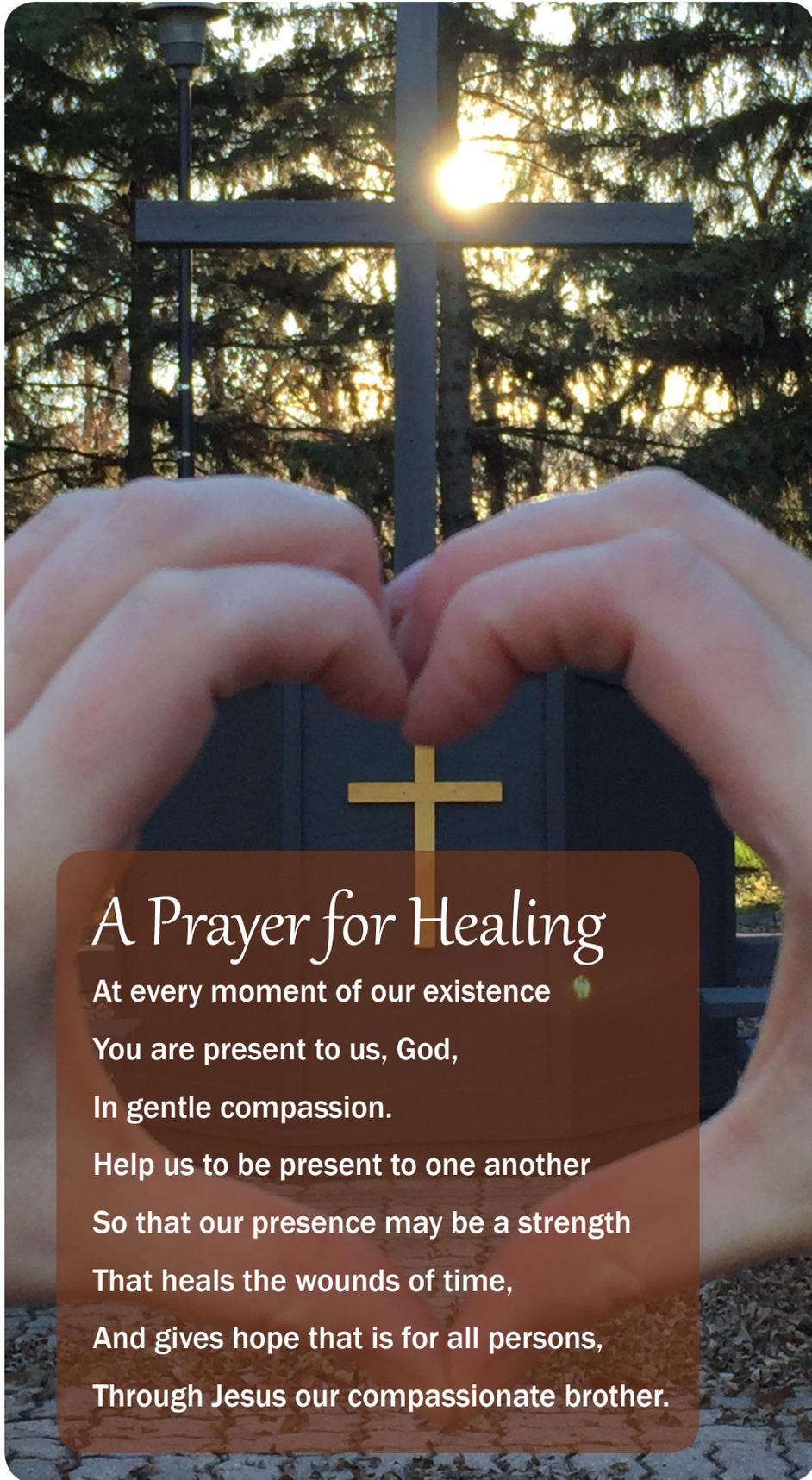
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Violet Wyum
HERB'S 85th BIRTHDAY
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A Prayer for Healing

At every moment of our existence
You are present to us, God,
In gentle compassion.
Help us to be present to one another
So that our presence may be a strength
That heals the wounds of time,
And gives hope that is for all persons,
Through Jesus our compassionate brother.

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