

As I reflect back on the last five years of Son Valley Youth Ranch, I'm amazed at God's wonderful glory. There have been many children and adults that have given their hearts to JESUS and learned how to have a relationship with our Lord and Savior. Since SVYR started, so many people have come to know us and love what we do. It's awesome to see how the children and adults have come to learn about GOD'S creation here. The biggest part of SVYR is our horses. They help teach the kids how to have a relationship with Jesus. Then that's when the bond forms in their heart and their wounds from what life has thrown at them begin to heal and grow through the love of Jesus. God's creation is so beautiful here. As we take our walk on the trails and ride on the horses through the woods, the kids learn of Almighty God, through the creeks that flow, insects, trees and birds. Oh, and yes our beloved poodles, Missy and Little. They help keep the children calm and focused at Bible study time. Along with our four big dogs that look so forward for the children coming to the ranch to romp and play. What a gift God has given us all to be a part of the love of Christ that is shared through Son Valley's animals, nature and volunteers.

2010 was when this all began. I went to an information clinic at Crystal Peak Youth Ranch in Bend, Oregon, on how to start my vision God had given me. One of many things I learned there, became the most important one of all. They said "Have the Lord show you a verse to live by in your ministry." He did, Joshua 1:9 *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, do not be dismayed, for the LORD your GOD is with you wherever you go."* The Lord is so good, he knows all things that will come our way. I turn to my verse in hard times and in good times. These first five years have been amazing to watch the Lord provide for our needs every month and send many children our way to minister to. Thank you Jesus!

2016 is going to be a year of resting and healing in the Lord. Over the last five years we have had our share of personal financial blows. This last year was the big one. Jeff was very sick with a violent cough, which was not going away. In August is when it happened, Jeff was driving his semi tanker for Carry-Transit, when he blacked out from coughing, he went 1600' unconscious, the cruise on 58 miles per hour and loaded with 53,000 lbs. of liquid syrup. He woke up barreling through a corn field and came to an abrupt stop in a ditch. By the grace of God, no one was killed or even hurt. Jeff was off work for 2 months until the doctor released him back. This has put more of a financial burden upon us so I will be going back to work to help rebuild our finances but we have faith GOD will see us through it. We will continue and grow in the vision God laid on my heart. Also in the rebuilding, Jeff and I will be attending Restoration Ministry Training in April. It cost \$1,950, half of this has been donated, if you feel lead to sponsor towards this.

We love the children God has put in our path. I will be ministering to them this year more on a one/one setting. Our Wranglers, are some of the older girls that have shown leadership qualities. Wranglers, along with my daughter Mandy, will be taking on G.A.T.E.S and S.E.E.D.S. programs. However, there will not be Day Camp this summer. Our prayer is for Jeff and I to one day have our own home separate from Son Valley Youth Ranch facility, where it is located now. This will enable us to have Ranch kids to come year round and Day Camp again.

Please join us in prayer for a home, more volunteers, and monthly giving partners will unite with SVYR to continue the ministry programs and growth in ranch development. SVYR monthly budget is \$2,100. Currently we have five faithful monthly giving partners that give a total of \$720. Will you partner with us monthly with a donation of \$10, \$25, or \$100? Over the last five years we have had so many blessings here at the Ranch and we thank each and every one that's blessed us financially or volunteered and prayed.

God Bless you all,

Jeff & Dona Stansbery



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Helping Horses, Help Children in the name of Jesus

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Our mission is to bring children and horses together to bond, heal, and grow through the love of Jesus Christ.

Sharing the love of Jesus

One/One sessions minister to youth ages 6 to 17 that have/had a unique circumstance, by pairing them with a leader and horse. This experience forms an amazing **Bond**. The children's spirits are lifted as they become part of something that they care about and begin to **HEAL**.

We have many Ranch kids in need of one/one ministry, prayerfully consider sponsoring a child in need. The suggested donation is \$90 for six sessions.

A testimony from Layken, age 13;

"I've grown so much throughout my time being at SVYR, spiritually and emotionally. Before I came to the ranch I wasn't as close with God as I am now. I've bonded with God so much that he's helped me through my worst problems and my best times."

Day Camp Testimony: This last summer, we had 65 kids and nearly 50 volunteers at camp. Where 9 children and 1 adult asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. During camp, by unforeseen circumstances, I needed extra help and asked a parent of a camper if she could help with the children. She was glad to but God had a bigger plan. She said God touched her heart during camp at worship when Tommy Tinder was singing "How Great is our God". He started a fire inside her that has grown stronger from that time on. She rededicated her life to the Lord and was baptized at the ranch in September. She is now walking with the Lord, going to church and leading her children in all His ways.

Blessings, Mandy Humphry

Youth Programs



This spring, summer and fall we will reconnect with our Ranch kids in SVYR S.E.E.D.S. (8-11 boys & girls) and G.A.T.E.S., (12 and up girls) groups. To **GROW** in the love of Jesus Christ. These programs not only teach horsemanship but also teach character and how to live for Christ.

The suggested donation is \$50 to participate each session. Children will be selected for sponsorship based on need. Please prayerfully consider making a young person's dream a reality. Consider giving one-time towards a full or partial sponsorship.

G.A.T.E.S. Schedule (2 sessions, spring/fall)

April 6th – May 18th

Wednesday s, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Summer months 3rd Wed. time TBA

September 14th – October 26th

S.E.E.D.S. Schedule (1 session)

The 3rd Wednesday of months April – October

4:00 – 6:30 PM during school months

Time TBA during summer months



How to Help

- Prayer Partner
- Monthly Giving Partner
- Fundraiser on SVYR behalf
- Youth Programs Sponsor: one-time giving
- Add SVYR to your churches local missions giving.
- Big items needed: Tractor with bucket and lift, hay shelters, rock, ATV mule and arena sand.
- Volunteers Needed: No horse experience required
(book keeping, fundraising committee, grounds upkeep, ranch hand, board member, Mentor, Harvest Hoedown event, ect...)
- Youth volunteer age 10+: ranch chores, light office work and caring for horses. Anyone that accumulates 15 hours of service will receive a SVYR volunteer t-shirt.

www.sonvalleyyouthranch.org (online donations accepted through Paypal)

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Harvest Hoedown

**You're invited to our 6th annual open house.
2016 Sunday, October 2nd, Noon-5:00p.m.**



- Lunch
- Live Music by The Tinders
- Pony Rides
- Kids Games
- Adult Hay Tossing Contest
- Horse Carrot Race
- Silent Auction

We are non-denominational, non-profit and dependent on prayers, financial support and volunteer help.