

Hello to everyone,

I'm writing to give you all a wonderful update. I've been seeking the Lords direction the past two years for the future of Son Valley Youth Ranch. He's been placing in my heart a deeper love for the Father and a desire to heal the broken hearts. God has led me to pursue training to be an inner healing minister with *Restoring the Foundations (RTF)*. I started in January and hope to complete the training by the end of May.

In November Jeff and I took a step of faith, turned our home and property completely over to SVYR. We moved in with my daughter, Corrine and Brandon in Hoschton, GA. This is where Jeff continues to reside and work, while I'm just two hours away at RTF training in North Carolina. Our plans are to incorporate RTF at SVYR as the Lord leads us.

I sat for a moment reflecting back over the past seven years we have been open, like an old-time projector flashing memories on the wall. I see the young and the old that have come to know Jesus Christ has their savior. He has allowed me to use what I love so dearly, horses. Showing the children how to have a deeper relationship with the Lord by spending quality time with Him, like they do with their favorite horse. That's where Jesus is so wonderful, He loves to give us the desires of our hearts. *Bringing horses and children together to bond, heal and grow through the love of Jesus Christ.* That is our mission statement here at the ranch. I love all the children that have come through this ranch and now many are becoming young adults. I'm so proud of each one. They worked right alongside, Jeff, Mandy and I with chores, duties, helping with the young children, fundraising, and community service. We have fond memories of the fun we've all had trail riding, water fights, and going to the creek. I think I can speak for all of us that have car pooled to Bowling Green, that Pastor Marshall gives us an awesome Word from the Bible. Several trips have been made, on our way home, they always end with laughter and food at Wendy's.

We are very blessed, so many ranch kids and volunteers have stepped up to help while we are away. We've picked up everything and we're following his voice. The Lord is teaching us to trust Him more than we have ever done before. I only know bits and pieces of His plan while I'm here in this season of learning. Things will unravel as I pray and follow his direction. We want to thank everyone for what you're doing. Son Valley Youth Ranch is for the community, to plant seeds of faith. We pray that you have a love for others, love yourself, but especially love for our Father and a desire to have a closer walk with Him.

God Bless You All,

Go to www.rtfi.org for more information on what I'm learning.

Dona Stansbery
Founder



To see our video produced last summer, go to YouTube, type in Son Valley Youth Ranch by Fe Victoria Video & Photography.



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Helping Horses, Help Children in the name of Jesus

February 2017



Rest in Peace Shadow, Jan. 1997-2017

July 7th-8th Summer Camp for our SEEDS and GATES groups. A fun filled day full of water play, horseback riding, Bible lesson, games, singing, crafts, hiking, snacks, and meals! Sponsor a child for camp.
 SEEDS \$20
 GATES \$40 overnight camp-out

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

Community Activities

These paid services help bring in funds to continue to develop the ranch.

Churches, plan your fellowship or youth group outing to our Ranch. Schools or groups plan a field trip to the Ranch.

Beginner-Intermediate Horse Lessons. Learn the basics of riding and caring for a horse.

Birthday Parties: Painted pony or Pony rides.

Trail Rides: Couple or Group (3-5)

Call Mandy to schedule at 319-795-3714

Monthly Campfire Cookout

The 2nd Sunday of each month April-October at 5:00PM is our community Campfire Cookout with; Food * Fun * Friends * we want this to be an evening for you to bring your friends and family. We believe that the Christian walk is one that should not be done alone. That includes enjoying one another's company in a fun, relaxed setting, such as around a campfire. SVYR families please bring your favorite food to share!

Schedule April- October

Spring Clean-up March 25th 9-5 PM

➤ **Public Volunteer Hours Open**

Every Saturday 1:00-5:00 PM

➤ **Horse Lessons** Call to schedule

➤ **S.E.E.D.S.**

1st Fridays 4:00-6:00 PM

2nd Sundays 5:00-7:00PM

July 7th 9:00-4:00 Summer Day Camp

➤ **G.A.T.E.S.**

2nd Sundays 2:00 – 8:00 PM

4th Saturdays 11:00-5:00 PM

July 7th & 8th 9AM-11AM Summer Camp

➤ **Campfire Cookout**

2nd Sundays 5:00 PM

HELP SVYR CONTINUE TO BOND, HEAL, AND GROW



SPONSOR A HORSE

How to Help

- Prayer Partner
- Monthly/Yearly Giving Partner
- Put on a fundraiser for SVYR
- One-time Giving: Sponsor any program (youth, horse, camp, or mission trip)
- Big items needed: Feeding shelter, Hay shelters, rock, arena sand, and ATV mule.
- Volunteers Needed: No horse experience required (property manager, board member, bookkeeper, mentor, bible teacher, kitchen/cook, Harvest Hoedown event, ect..)
- Hours open to the public, adult and youth volunteers needed: ranch chores, light office work and caring for the horses.



Youth Programs

We look forward to another year with our Ranch kids in SVYR S.E.E.D.S. (1st-6th) and G.A.T.E.S. (6th-12th) groups. The children become part of something they care about and an amazing **BOND** happens. We get to see them **GROW** in the love of Jesus Christ.

The suggested donation for the year is \$25 to participate in SEEDS and \$50 for GATES. Children will be selected for sponsorship based on need. Please prayerfully consider making a young person's dream a reality. Consider giving a one-time youth program sponsorship.

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

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Harvest Hoedown

**You're invited to our 7th annual open house.
2017 Sunday, October 1st, Noon-5:00 PM**



- 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.