



*Bond Heal Grow*

BRINGING CHILDREN AND HORSES TOGETHER  
THROUGH THE LOVE OF CHRIST



## *His Banner Over Me is Love* by Dona Stansbery

I was on my way home from Christmas spent with my family in Georgia. When I got a call to take emergency foster care placement of a 10-year-old little girl, we will call "Katie". She had visited the ranch for a one on one session back in September of 2021. Katie had been in and out of foster homes and CPS was out of options for her. They needed a place for her just until a bed opened at a residential home in Chicago. I recalled in my memory Katie's visit in early fall. She said, "I want to live here, I will be a good girl". At that session I replied, "well little kids don't live here but I hope you can come back for another horse session soon." Not really knowing what I was saying "yes" to, I picked her up on my way home on that cold December night. Over the next two weeks we bonded quickly. She loved to play in the snow as I tended to the horse chores. Then we got the call that they had an opening, she had to go to residential living. I said I would keep her, but CPS already had this plan in place. With no parents or relatives to take Katie, she had no permanent plan for a family of her own. Praise and thank God for His everlasting love for all of us. He gives me the patience and know how to work through when Katie is having a flight, fight, or freeze moment. Witnessing His love for Katie, as she is starting to experience knowing Him. I was able to stay connected to her through phone calls and video visits. I went to Chicago twice to visit Katie in person. Once I got to take her out for the whole day and she chose the Aquarium for our activity. When school was out in the summer, she was able to come visit the Ranch and stay for a week at a time. We were hoping she would get to move back to the Ranch in July. However, there are issues with getting her permanently placed in Missouri. We are believing God to move mountains to make this happen. She has a bedroom waiting for her in the Ranch house to live with me. Will you all please join in prayer and believing this will happen for her. God has a great plan and purpose for her life.

Jesus' banner of love was over Son Valley Youth Ranch during children/youth ministry this winter, spring and summer seasons. The kids learned about the Armor of God in Ephesians and then we touched on their Identity in Christ in the spring. In Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide

you with my eye". As I spend time with Jesus, He is instructing me what to teach these precious children. The horses are so important in this process. This helps them learn to trust me and how to have a relationship with Jesus. We continued in the summer to minister to the youth individually with our one-on-one sessions and groups during a camp. In July we welcomed Joni, our 18-year-old intern who came from Spain. She will be here through mid-October. She is learning more about our equine program with the kids and to help with the daily chores and activities. Our supporters who give donations to the Ranch play a huge part in all these ministries. **If you are not a sponsor, please pray about donating to help the children, horses, and families. Send your donation in the enclosed envelope or go online to our website giving thru PayPal.**

Blessings, Dona Stansbery



## *Legacy Cabins UPDATE*

*"Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."* Mark 6:3

Son Valley Youth Ranch has two missions. Since 2010 we have been ministering to children through our horses with our youth programs and one/one ministry sessions. Then in 2020 our Legacy Cabins were built as a platform to minister to young women that have experienced foster care and found themselves in circumstances that they can't rise above. The cabins will give them a safe place to live, be mentored and launch these young women into a new legacy. The finishing work and furnishing of all four units was completed this summer. Currently we are seeking the Lord to send a missionary house mother/couple to live on the Ranch in one of the cabins and disciple the young women that will come to live in the other units. 20,000 young adults age out of the system every year. Depression and suicide are the greatest dangers for those that aging out. Without the support of family, these young adults are also at a significant increased risk of homelessness, trafficking, substance abuse, crime, early pregnancy, or incarceration. Legacy Cabins will provide safe housing to help a few young women to make this transition, feeling valued, receiving encouragement and learn life skills. **May we invite you to give today to help provide a Legacy Cabin? Our outstanding building loan is \$117,500. Also, we will need to be able to give support to the missionary house parent(s). Each woman will need to start out being fully sponsored by 30 people giving \$30 a month for a total of \$900 a month.**

Until a house parent(s) is established, the cabins will be used for the Kingdom as a retreat. Legacy Cabins are located on our peaceful horse ranch. Relax, reflect, and pray on the patio. Outdoors you could go hiking or ride one of our horse "ministers" in our beautiful trail in the woods. This retreat is available primarily to all Christians involved in Christian Ministry - regardless of mission or church affiliation. However, any guest(s) is welcomed that wants a place of physical and spiritual tranquility to allow unhurried detachment from everyday stress. Legacy Cabins overnight stays have no set fee. It is operated on a \*donation basis. The donation will contribute toward the mission of Son Valley Youth Ranch. Our two cabin units available each have a queen bed, bathroom, and a kitchen/living room, fully equipped. You'll discover that an overnight or two in our cabin will provide the perfect place to be renewed.

To schedule an overnight(s) call: (319)795-3714 or e-mail: [sonvalleyyouthranch@gmail.org](mailto:sonvalleyyouthranch@gmail.org)

\*Suggested donation is \$75 a night for those in Christian ministry or \$120 a night for guests.

# 12th Annual Son Valley Youth Ranch Harvest Hoedown

Sunday, October 9th, 2022 Noon-5:00

Equine ministers to children and families in the Tri-State area

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## MINISTRIES we offer at Son Valley Youth Ranch

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One on one ministry sessions, using horses and Jesus to help people find hope and healing.

Call to schedule you or your child's sessions today.

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Bible study and prayer meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you don't have a home church or bible study please join us for a time of fellowship.

With food, Word and discussion. Upcoming date Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> or Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SEEDS** Sow.Evangelize.Encourage.Disciples.Serve

This is our children ministry for those 5 to 11 years old.

Starts on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> meeting every Thursday from 4-7PM

**GATES** Grow.Achieve.Train.Encourae.Serve

This is our youth ministry for those 12 to 17 years old.

Starts on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> meeting every Thursday from 4-7PM

