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**Reaching
Out for a
Helping Hand**



President's Perspective

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“There are two great days in a person's life - the day we are born and the day we discover why”

- William Barclay

I recently read a leadership book titled *START WITH WHY* by Simon Sinek. I love to read. In fact, I'm constantly reading each night before bed, or listening to an audio book while driving. My book choices range from historical events to science fiction. Leadership books are in a different category and I am very picky about which of these I choose to read. When I was sent *START WITH WHY* and asked to read it, I was very hesitant and let it sit on my nightstand for weeks before picking it up.

This is not an endorsement for this book, but rather it's how a book brought me back to my “WHY”— why I have remained with the Youth Ranches for over 32 years. It was not the promotions, increases in salary or the opportunity to become President. My “why” was, and remains, a little girl named Melissa.

I first met Melissa in 1986. As a Family Social Worker, my job was to work with children and families within four counties providing counseling, parenting classes and deciding if some children needed the services of our residential programs. It also included finding children for our summer camp program. Each year, I had to find 30 boys and girls to attend summer camp who came from disadvantaged homes and families living in poverty. In some of these cases, the children were known victims of abuse. Melissa was 11 years old when I met her and had been emotionally and sexually abused. She was traded around by her drug addicted mother for drugs and alcohol. When the local Sheriff's Office



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learned of Melissa's situation they contacted the Youth Ranches and asked if there was any way we could help this little girl.

My first meeting with Melissa occurred in a shelter where she was living temporarily. The little girl sitting before me with long stringy blond hair had a look of wariness and it was obvious that trusting others was not easy. The first words she uttered were, "do you have a smoke on you? I really would do anything right now for a cigarette." At that moment I knew this little girl had seen the world without the rose colored glasses of childhood innocence, but through the lenses of cruelty having been used as barter for drugs and alcohol. She may have been 11, but her worldly age was closer to 30.

How could we help this child who was no longer a little girl, but a wary, cynical adult living in a child's body? I admit that I struggled and prayed for wisdom and guidance because what I witnessed was someone beyond our ability to help. Sometimes however, the answer is right in front of you and for me it was our upcoming summer camp program. I thought that if I could get Melissa around other kids, caring staff and deputies we might find the child hidden within that 11 year old body. The family court Judge agreed with me to keep Melissa in the shelter for the two weeks prior to camp starting. This was to keep her safe and to allow me time to visit her daily and talk. Our talks in the first few days were heartbreaking as she begged, and even propositioned me, for cigarettes and more. When she was finally released, she was taken by me and a deputy who knew her well to summer camp. Melissa was one of many troubled youth that summer, some being assessed for admission to our residential programs, but she was by far the toughest in the group of girls and boys attending.

She struggled for the first few days, but as the session went along with all of the activities and interactions with counselors and deputies, Melissa began to realize that there were adults in this world

who would care for her without wanting anything in return. She began to laugh and join in as camp songs were sung and skits were performed. She formed several relationships with other kids, including a little boy who had gone to her school who also was looking for a fresh start and a new home. He too had been dealt a rough hand in life and needed to be somewhere else other than his current living environment.

By the end of the session, all of us at camp witnessed a miracle as a little girl named Melissa emerged and I knew that we could help this child. More importantly she wanted our help and asked if she could go to live at the Youth Villa. The answer of course was "YES"! When we returned to her community, all the necessary paperwork was completed and a time was set for the following week for Melissa to begin her new life at the Youth Villa. The mother who had been released from jail awaiting trial asked for and received permission from the court to have Melissa home for the weekend. She said she wanted the weekend to say goodbye.

I never saw Melissa again! Her mother took Melissa and fled, to where remains unknown. Every year people vanish, and in the summer of 1986 a little 11 year old girl named Melissa became another statistic. However she is not a statistic to me as I think of Melissa often, she is my "WHY!"

Thank you for supporting us with donations and gifts which allow us to provide safe and loving homes, summer camps, educational leadership programming and more. It still brings me to tears when thinking about having lost Melissa, but it drives me and others to continue helping as many children as we can.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Ryz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

President

SUMMER CAMP

Respecting Law Enforcement

It isn't often that you get to witness a group of nearly eighty boys and girls give an unprovoked and impromptu standing ovation to a Sheriff's Deputy.

But the Youth Ranches Summer Camp isn't your ordinary camp.

Each week as a way of closing out the experience, camp has a celebration where each child gets an award and is recognized for their completion of the week of teambuilding, learning and acceptance of each other. The overall camp theme is respect. Respecting yourself, others, elders and the environment. Respect was a lesson well learned.

One of the things that separates us from other summer camps is our commitment to law enforcement. Each week at camp in addition to the camp counselors, law enforcement officers take time from their busy schedules to volunteer at camp. Not only do the campers interact with Law Enforcement Officers to build and reinforce positive and healthy views of authority, but they also bond with them. This bonding helps the youth overcome negative attitudes they may have toward law enforcement. At our camp, kids learn law enforcement officers are our friends.

This summer in particular the campers have taken that message to heart. At the



beginning of the awards ceremony there is a time to honor the deputies and detectives from Sheriff's Offices across the state who attend camp as volunteers. Many of them were new to the camping experience, but several were being recognized for having been at camp for many summers in a row.

The campers clapped and applauded for each uniformed officer as he or she made their way up to the stage and was handed their certificate. Many of the children admiringly shouted and called some of the officers by nicknames they had received during their week with the boys and girls. It was a true testament to the relationship they had built. Often campers will come in with preconceived ideas that law



enforcement are to be avoided or that they are the enemy, but not at Youth Camp.

As the group of deputies at the front of the Chuck Wagon began to grow, and the years they had been volunteering climbed, the last deputy was recognized for his twenty seventh year volunteering at camp. The group of children erupted in applause and cheers and then without hesitation they all stood together honoring him.

That is what the Youth Camp means when they say respect. The respect and admiration for each of the officers that dedicate their time was clear and there was no doubt that a week at camp and those officers had made a difference in the lives of the children who attended.



Each summer our camping program serves hundreds of youth from across the state. Children travel from as far south as Miami, as far north as Jacksonville and the

panhandle to have a one-of-a-kind summer camp experience. The camping experience is designed to give boys and girls a



wholesome, loving, educational and carefree atmosphere in a natural setting where they can be themselves and learn to deal with some of their problems.

Some activities youngsters participate in include: swimming, canoeing, archery, sports activities, hiking, arts and crafts, completing a low and high ropes challenge course, and special demonstrations by various Sheriff's Offices.

Our commitment to law enforcement is just one of the things that sets us apart, another is that thanks to the generosity of our donor family our camp is completely free for our deserving youth. Running a full camp is not cheap or easy, but with the support of generous donors from across the state we can continue to impact hundreds of lives each summer. ★

Maintaining the Villa

Using Maintenance to Repair Lives

It probably comes as no shock that when the Youth Villa was an all-girl campus jobs in the maintenance department were not in high demand. Job opportunities in that department weren't even available, until Clinton came along.

For as young as he is, Clinton has been through a lot. After the loss of a parent

some time with Mike in the maintenance department. From that day on a spark was lit deep inside him and things began to change.

It was as if someone had flipped a switch. Suddenly, that was where Clinton wanted to spend all his time. Learning to work on golf carts, cutting the grass around



the campus and even changing light bulbs was exciting and fulfilling. Clinton had found something that he could take pride in. Clinton became a hardworking shadow for the Youth Villa's maintenance team of Mike and Xavier.

It wasn't long before they caught the eye of Anthony. Struggling with his own anger issues, the nine-year-old boy could sense that there had been a change in

he wasn't adequately able to deal with his emotions and outbursts of anger became a problem. He went from isolated incidents to having regular behavioral issues.

When he arrived at the Youth Ranches things didn't immediately click for him either. It wasn't until a fateful day after getting in trouble he was sent to spend

Clinton. He knew he wanted that too. Mike recalls catching Anthony out of the corner of his eye quietly observing the team one afternoon while draining fluids from one of the campus golf carts. "You could tell that the wheels were turning." Mike said. "There was a change already taking place just by him showing some interest in something."

Soon after, Mike encouraged Anthony to come and join the maintenance crew. He gladly accepted and almost immediately began to shine. It was simple at first. His attitude started to change, his infectious smile was beaming more often and most importantly Anthony had found people he could open up to.

Both Clinton and Anthony have found something to be proud of and the experience of a hard day's work has only made them stronger and better-rounded. The boys were so proud of their new jobs that when their coveralls came in they insisted on showing them off to the staff on the campus.

Clinton later began to open up and mentioned with a surprising amount of wisdom that he could see a change in himself since finding a passion for maintenance and repair. "I punched a hole



in a wall at the cottage one night," Clinton admitted, talking about an incident shortly after he began working on the maintenance crew. "But then instead of it being fixed for me, they taught me to fix it." He continued,

That surprising act of repair was eye-opening for him.

"They made me fix the damage I had caused." That surprising act of repair was eye-opening for him. Something as simple as taking responsibility for his actions and their consequences was something Clinton had never really experienced in a hands-on way.

To most, the maintenance department might just be mowing lawns or painting fences, but for two of the boys at the Villa the maintenance department is living up to its name and helping them to maintain and repair their lives. The Youth Ranches best achievements are always centered on our mission of creating resilient and productive citizens. Clinton and Anthony are well on their way to long lasting success. ★



Learning to Lead

A Journey of Self-confidence and Public Speaking

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches recently partnered with the Bartow Toastmasters to develop a Youth Leadership Training program for our young women residing on our residential campuses. As part of this program they have learned and developed leadership and presentation skills including public speaking.

Leadership skills can heavily impact how a child or teen views themselves, and projects like the Youth Leadership Training teach our young women how to effectively communicate and address their classmates and peers; skills that will help them on their journey to adulthood.

Over the course of eight weeks these amazing young women learned how to lead a business group, as well as how to develop, write and present speeches in front of an audience.

At the end of the program, our Ranchers walked away with a newfound confidence and sense of achievement. Several of our young women even found the courage and self-confidence to be able to present personal speeches they wrote in front of a large crowd at the Youth Villa Open House. Emily shared her story with poise and grace and now she is sharing her heartwarming message again, in her own words.

“My name is Emily. I want to tell you the story about how I came to be the person I am today.

At the age of three, I was taken from my



birth mother and placed into a foster home. From there I found myself to be adopted into what seemed like a loving home. Unfortunately, I had moved into a house filled with conflict. I remember fighting and arguing with my mother and sisters all the time. Throughout my childhood, I was

both emotionally and physically abused by several people in my family.

After several incidents, I had enough and ran away because I could not take it anymore. I was introduced to some people, mutual friends, that I eventually found myself in trouble with. I was arrested and placed in a Juvenile Assessment Center. Because my crime was so serious, I was transferred to the county jail where I stayed for six months awaiting trial. I was the youngest inmate there, and the officers felt sorry for me, so they checked on me often.

The head of the jail, Major Bell, took special interest in my case. He reached out to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches to see if they could help. Because of his kindness, I was given the choice to enter into a voluntary program called the Villa OR stay in jail. Guess what I chose?

I wanted to better myself by choosing the program. I have accomplished so much in the two years that I have been here. While living with my family, I struggled in school. Now I am enrolled in a challenging school and have all A's and B's. I have received awards at school, and have reached their highest level. I am on track to graduate next year. I was also selected by my cottage parents and peers to represent them on



four Villa Ambassadors to share my story with different groups of people throughout Florida.

I have sacrificed a lot growing up: having no father figure, having a much older adoptive mother, and having to take care of my younger brother. Somehow, I have managed to keep my head up. I can honestly say that the Villa is amazing, and has helped me become the person I am today. After I graduate next year I want to go to college and get my degree in Social Management. I chose this field because I know what it is like to have bad case managers, and I want to help people. From there, I want to go into the Navy. I believe it will teach me discipline and help me stay focused in order to achieve my goals. I also want to serve my country that I love so much. I look forward to achieving my goals with support from the Villa.

Thank you for reading my story.” ★



Villa Council, a group similar to student government, and am the President of the Council. I was also selected to be one of

Volunteering and Healing Hearts

The Boys Ranch Summer of Volunteering



The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is a non-profit organization started by Florida Sheriffs with a mission of preventing delinquency and developing lawful, resilient and productive citizens. As an organization we are fortunate to have a number of businesses and citizens as well as law enforcement officers who donate their time and volunteer for various aspects of life at the Youth Ranches. It might come as a surprise that we not only value those who volunteer for us, but we place a strong emphasis on the young men and women who live at the Youth Ranches giving back to the community and volunteering their time.

Each summer at the Boys Ranch we plan summer volunteer projects. Not only is it great for the community, but it also keeps the students occupied during the summer months when their schedules are less rigid, and helps change their lives. Volunteering

is also a great opportunity for our youth to develop skills and empathy for those outside the Boys Ranch.

This summer the boys at Merrill Cottage volunteered at the local food bank. The hard working guys moved boxes of food and helped inventory donations as they came in so they could be catalogued and distributed to those in need.



Often our youth come to us from less than desirable situations and unstable home lives. Many of them understand what it is like to go hungry or to miss a meal. For them having the opportunity to give back and experience the therapeutic happiness of helping others is invaluable. These experiences instill in them

the reality that helping others truly helps them. Volunteering is also a valuable way to help the young men and women connect with one another. Working towards a cause helps them. ★

Day Camp

Peace of Mind for Parents

Summer camps are undeniably a fun experience for our youth and for the past few years at our Bradenton/Sarasota campus we have offered something a little different, a summer day camp.

At our Youth Camp and Caruth Camp the kids spend a full week at camp with a more traditional sleep away camp model, but now the Youth Ranches is able to offer a Summer Day Camp. The children and their parents are loving it!

The summer day camp is open to the public for boys and girls ranging from ages 5-15. The campers experience many different therapeutic camping activities. They participate in canoeing, archery, swimming and countless other indoor and outdoor recreational activities that allow



them the opportunity to build basic teamwork and peer communication skills.

Additionally, they get the chance to spend the week enjoying the

beautiful, tranquil outdoor environment of the Rye Wilderness Preserve.

Each summer the day campers also get the opportunity to go on fun and unique field trips. This summer our campers got to enjoy Fort DeSoto. They learned about the American Civil War fort, were educated on the fort's fascinating history at the museum and much to everyone's delight they got to see a real canon!

While our camps are developed to help children in need and to help our campers

reach their full potential, the Bradenton/Sarasota Day Camp has been a lifesaver for many parents who weren't sure where their children would go this summer while they worked to support their families.

Far too often children end up at our residential programs because their parents



have lost control of their behavior. These are unfortunate situations where a parent is trying their best and still failing by no fault of their own. Single moms and dads working multiple jobs just to make ends meet and provide a life for their

children often find themselves lacking the ability to provide quality time and much needed structure. This is why our day camp program has been so successful and so appreciated by the local communities.

Much like our other camps the Bradenton/Sarasota Day Camp also provides an opportunity for Deputy Sheriffs and other Law Enforcement Volunteers to get personally involved with the youngsters to form healthy relationships and understand the positive role of law enforcement in the community.

It is thanks to our generous donors that we can provide services like our summer day camp. For the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, preventing delinquency starts with preventing the situations that lead to delinquency. If we can provide a more positive and structured environment for a child before they reach our residential program, then the greater the success story may be. ★



CAYLEIGH'S COUNSEL

One young lady is proving a girl can make a difference at the Boys Ranch

When Cayleigh came to the Boys Ranch six months ago with her younger brothers she knew two things; she would get to stay with her siblings and their lives were about to change for the better.

Change is an important concept for this well-spoken and polite high school junior. Cayleigh and her brothers came from a tough home life. The three had spent time in another group home that split Cayleigh away from her youngest brother. Though their situation was traumatic, Cayleigh said that when she found out they were coming to the Youth Ranches she felt a sense of comfort about it. "I knew that my brothers

and I were going to get to stay together, our family wasn't going to be torn apart."

Cayleigh might be a little outnumbered by the boys at the Ranch, but she says she is used to it growing up with her brothers. "They don't really treat me any differently," Cayleigh said. In fact, she was recently elected to be a member of the Ranch Council. "It is a huge honor," Cayleigh explained. "You are chosen by your peers to serve on the council. It meant a lot to me to know that my fellow Ranchers trusted me with that responsibility."

Cayleigh is humbled by the honor and simply wants to do a good job to help make

a difference at the Boys Ranch. She holds a special distinction as the very first girl to ever be elected onto the council.

“We are the voice of our fellow Ranchers,” Cayleigh added. “If they see something that needs to change or if they have a problem they come to us. It is a big change just having a girl on the council and I take that responsibility seriously.”

Cayleigh said she understands that she is representing not just her peers but all the girls at the Ranch and all the girls who will come after her. She is happy to be helping balance out the council.

Her fearless and determined spirit has also landed her two jobs on campus.



Cayleigh earned her lifeguard certification this past spring and works at the pool and on fieldtrips to the local springs monitoring

the safety of the swimmers. When she isn't out by the water she is working at the Boys Ranch Administration Building. Cayleigh's personality and drive was an immediate hit with the staff at the Boys Ranch. She has fit right in and has been an immense help with clerical duties in the office. Cayleigh makes copies and assists in filing paperwork. It may seem like small busywork to some but for Cayleigh each day is an opportunity she intends to take.

Cayleigh is attending school in town and hopes to be able to take dual enrollment classes at the local college. The bright young woman has her heart set on getting a great education and perhaps tackling social work or a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the future.

One thing is for sure, Cayleigh is grateful for the positive changes in her life that the Youth Ranches and the generosity of our donors have provided. For her, at the end of the day, “It's so much better to be here!” ★



Youth Ranch Bradenton Sarasota Program Director Doug Gillum presented Anriya with the Program Director's award. Her smile brightens up a room and no matter what kind of day you are having her kindness and sunny personality are sure to leave a lasting impression.



Calena received the Program Director's Award from Youth Ranch Youth Villa Program Director Justin Crymes. Whether she is working, playing or just building relationships, whenever you are on campus, you will inevitably come across Calena making a difference in the lives of everyone on campus.



From mission work to his job working with children at the Safety Harbor Community Center, Ozzie was an easy choice for the Program Director's Award presented by Safety Harbor Program Director Chuck Deitch. Ozzie is a talented artist who plans to attend college this fall for photography.



Boys Ranch Program Director Amber Friis presented Craig the Program Director's Award. Craig's positive attitude and dedication has earned him this prestigious award. Craig recently graduated high school and participated in the Senate Page Program.

★ Program Director Award Winners ★

The Program Director's Award is the most prestigious award presented to our young men and women at the Youth Ranches each year. The recipient of the award must display growth in all areas of Ranch life and be a beacon of positivity to the rest of the youth on campus. For many of these recipients they have an extraordinary story of how they achieved their success this year.



Youth Care Assistant Iris Avila presented Joshua with the Athletic Award. Joshua is always on the go and excelling at everything he sets his mind to. His love of sports and physical activity made him the perfect choice for the Athletic Award.



Youth Ranch Safety Harbor Unit Director Scott Halbach presented Haley this years Leadership Award. Haley embodies the four pillars of Work, Study, Play and Pray while setting an example for those around her and being a true leader.



Cottage Pop Bill Corbett presents Jamya with the Cottage Pride Award and the Best Worker Award. While Jamya may be one of our younger winners, she proves that big things really do come in small packages. Her hard work and cheery disposition make her a delight to everyone in her cottage and across the campus.



Graduating Senior Angel received the Personal Achievement Award from Clinical Director Valeria Frescino. He set several goals for himself and worked hard to meet and exceed them. His ambition and hard work enabled him to graduate high school, play football and meet his fitness goals.

Honoring excellence at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

One of our favorite things to do at the Youth Ranches is share the awesome things our Ranchers accomplish. Each year we set aside time to recognize these accomplishments in their daily cottage life, school, work and personal growth and other achievements. Throughout the year, each of our Ranchers conquer personal challenges and set goals for themselves. However, there are some who take on these challenges and set goals that go so far above and beyond that they receive special recognition. We don't have space in the magazine to show off each of our award winners, but here are some of the highlights from our recent awards banquets.

Each campus has small variations to the names of the awards, but they all represent qualities based on our Work, Study, Pray and Play philosophy of care. ★

The Journey to Success

For David and his brother Carson to say that they had fallen behind in their education would be an understatement. The two teens had seen their grades plummet. They showed so little engagement that the school system had given up on them catching up to their peers. With all hope lost they placed the brothers in special classes for failing students.

Their first day attending the Cooke School things began to change. The principal and all their teachers were ready to give them the opportunity to move forward. It wasn't easy at first, but they soon began to adjust to the new expectations.

David was the first to begin to see his full potential. At 15 years old and in the 8th grade he realized his peers were all leaving him behind. He decided that he was ready to take advantage of everything the Cooke School had to offer.

The hard work David put in soon began to payoff. He realized that he was capable of doing the work! The excitement of succeeding in school soon had him back in the classroom and making friends.



His progress inspired his younger brother Carson to buckle down and begin to reach his full potential too!

By the end of the school year David and Carson both had gone from failing grades to passing all their classes.

Once the brothers began to value their education, they started to place a value on themselves and the people around them. David and Carson are now at a place where they are getting the motivation, structure and extra attention they need to succeed in their education.

Your gift, regardless of the amount, enables our children to have the opportunity to experience school in a way that personalizes their education to help them become successful adults.

Please join us in helping young men and women like David and Carson on their journey to success by sending your gift today! ★



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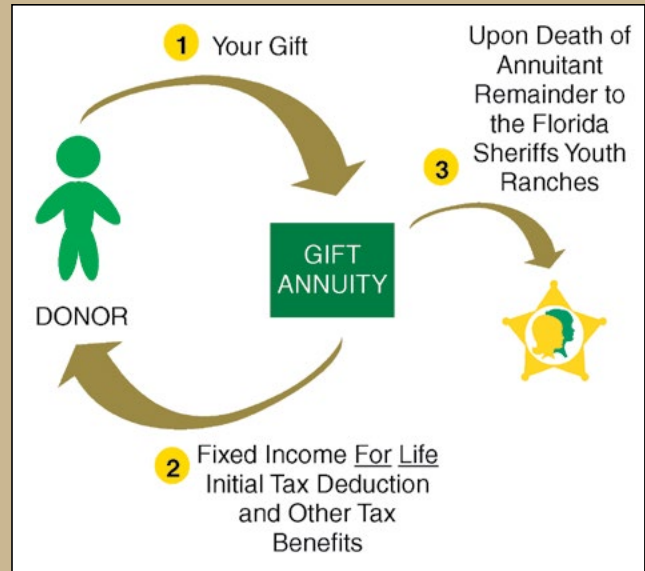
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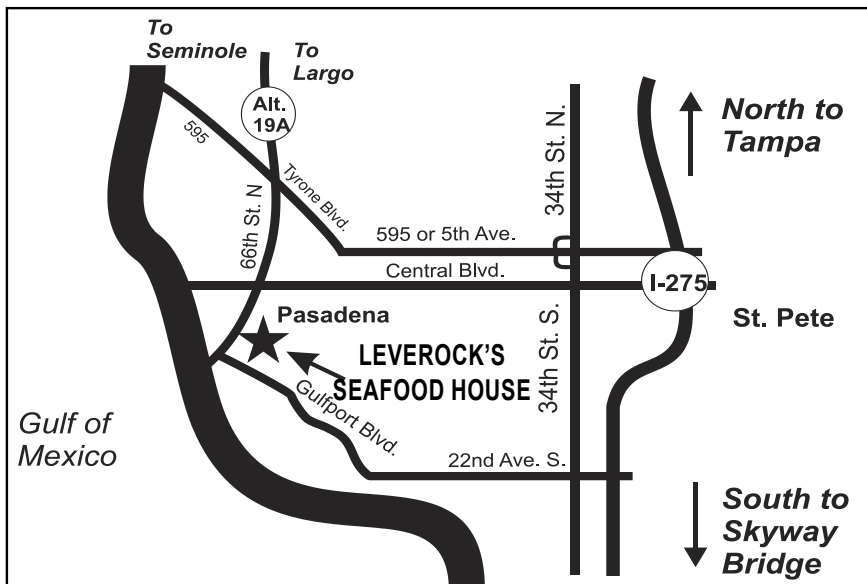
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Many people believe in our children and want to help, but they need to preserve the money they have right now to cover the rising cost of medical care and other living expenses. We understand this dilemma and know you should first care for yourself and your loved ones. However, one way you can fulfill your intent to support our boys and girls is by including the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in your will or other estate plans.

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Telephone: (386) 842-5501

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- Protects our youth
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Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch
60th ANNIVERSARY
Open House &
Horse Show



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

There will be a one-time \$10.00 per vehicle admission charge at the gate.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

7:00 a.m..... Sign-up Opens/Measure Ponies
 8:00 a.m..... Games Begin at Arena
 8:00 a.m..... 5K
 Clover Leaf (Added Money, Jr. Div. Up)..... Baker Riding Club

10:30 a.m. GRAND ENTRY AT ARENA
 Award of the Carleton F. Tweed Memorial Horsemanship Trophy.

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. BARBECUE AT ARENA
 Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased on Friday night near the nurse's station from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the arena.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. OPEN HOUSE AT BOYS RANCH
 Visitors are welcome and encouraged to tour the Ranch campus and visit a cottage.
 Tours begin at the arena.

12:30 p.m. Games Resume
 Personal Pickup..... All Clubs

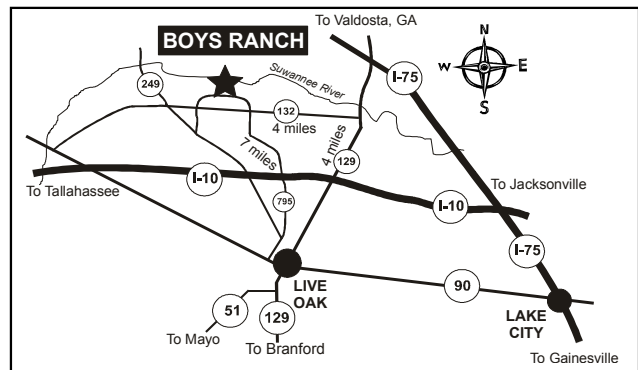
TRACTOR PARADE

Finish Clover Leaf (Added Money, Jr. Div. Up) Columbia County Riding Club
 8:00 p.m. Entertainment at Music Tent

**Located 10 miles north
 of Live Oak.**

Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch
 1813 Cecil Webb Place
 Live Oak, FL 32060

For more information, please call
 1-800-765-3797, or visit
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Thank You For Caring and Sharing!

Spreading a Message of Hope



When Tasheen came to the Youth Ranches she was looking for help, she never dreamed she would find her calling.



situation; Tasheen's adoptive mother is white, Tasheen is not.

As they began to settle in Florida it was a huge life transition. The looks the young African American teenager got while with her older, white mother started take a toll. "We started having a lot of issues, my Mom and I. I started skipping school, acting out and running away" Tasheen said. "It was a really difficult time."

The opportunity to go to the Youth Villa couldn't have come at a better time. When she arrived she found a supportive environment. People didn't judge her, her family situation or the struggles she was

Tasheen wants to take the lessons and the spirit of hope the Youth Ranches gave her and give back to as many people as she can.

having. She found a supportive home, "The cottages are set up on a family model and that's exactly what they are, they are your family," Tasheen said. "Everyone around

In the early 2000s Tasheen and her adoptive mother moved to Florida from Syracuse, New York. The pair left friends and their established lives to find a change and be near family in Florida. In New York, people knew their unique

you is so supportive; we were all going through something.”

Being around people with similar life experiences whether it was foster care or behavioral struggles was a huge help for Tasheen. At the time helping others still wasn't on her radar as a career. When she left for college to become a nurse she started feeling drawn in another direction. “My freshman year of college was rough,” Tasheen admitted. “I was away from home, away from the Ranch and I suddenly had all of this freedom. My grades slipped and I was in danger of losing my scholarship and even being kicked out of school. The Youth Ranch was there for me with some tough love and encouragement.”

Tasheen buckled down and brought her grades back up. She also changed her major to counseling. “When I was a kid I wanted to be a nurse, but I realized that



wasn't right for me. I wanted to help people in a different way and the Youth Ranches helped make that dream a reality.” Tasheen pursued a Bachelor's degree in counseling and then continued on to earn her Master's

degree. Finally she is in the process of becoming a licensed mental health counselor.

“I was accepted to the Youth Ranches scholarship program and for that I am forever grateful. Knowing my rent and tuition and books were paid for was a huge weight off my shoulders. I have so many friends who are in debt with student loans.

“When I was a kid I wanted to be a nurse, but I realized that wasn't right for me. I wanted to help people in a different way and the Youth Ranches helped make that dream a reality.”

The Youth Ranches continues to take care of me in so many ways,” Tasheen continued. “I couldn't have done it without the Youth Ranches. Because of the Youth Ranches I can proudly say ‘I made it!’”

Tasheen describes herself as one of the Youth Ranches biggest advocates, but it isn't just the general public she is talking to, it's the boys and girls currently in program and even a few of her former cottage mates. “The opportunities are there, I think it is so important to go and talk to the kids at the Ranch.” Tasheen wants them to know she knows where they are at, where they are coming from and just how far they can go. “I want them to know that with the Youth Ranches love and support the sky is the limit. I'm proof of that.”

Tasheen has taken her passion for helping others and currently works with an organization that helps teens who are aging out or who have aged out of the foster care system get on their feet. Tasheen wants to take the lessons and the spirit of hope the Youth Ranches gave her and give back to as many people as she can. “I know the Youth Ranch has always been there willing to help me.” Tasheen is a living, breathing representation of what the Youth Ranches means to young people in the state of Florida. “I just want them to know, you can do it, it's never too late.” ★

AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



FSYR President Bill Frye (left) accepts a check from Washington County Sheriff Kevin Crews (center) and Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford for funds raised during the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Golf Tournament held at the Holiday Golf Club in Panama City Beach.



FSYR Donor Relations Officer Mike Kiel (left) presents Alice Wiersema-Elder (center) with a Youth Ranches Statue with Manatee County Sheriff Rick Wells.



Manatee County Sheriff Rick Wells (left) presents FSYR Special Events Manager Kayla Bianchi (center) and FSYR President Bill Frye with a check for funds raised during the Manatee County Sheriff's Office 32nd Annual Michelle Wells Golf Tournament.



The Lake County Sheriff's Office present the Youth Ranches with their proceeds from their 5th Annual Bass Tournament and Fish N' Fun Day. Front row: Major Chris De Libro, Major Glen Hall, Sgt. Matt Farner, FSYR Special Events Manager Kayla Bianchi, FSYR President Bill Frye, Sheriff Peyton Grinnell, Executive Assistant Tracy Sharp, Assistant Director of Administration Cheryl Wilson, Executive Assistant Jennifer Forst Back row: Sgt. Richard Blanchard, Lt. Jason Kerley, Captain Todd Luce



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elliott made a special gift of their Tennessee Walkers to the Boys Ranch in honor of Sheriff Bobby McCallum. Pictured left to right: Boys Ranch Farm Manager Jeff Parker, Patricia Elliot, Levy County Sheriff's Office member Robin McCracken, Rancher Greg, Jim Elliot and Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum.



FSYR Donor Relations officer Micheal Keil presented William G. and Marie Selby Foundation Executive Director Carol Butera with the Crystal Star award in appreciation for their continued support of the boys and girls of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



FSYR Board Chair Sheriff Bill Leeper (right) recognized the Orange County Sheriff's Office for over \$100,000 in donations to the Youth Ranches. Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings accepts the Helping Hand Statue on behalf of the Sheriff's Office.



Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings (left) and FSYR Board Chairman Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper (right) accept a check from Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar for funds raised at the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Barbecue for the care of the children at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



FSA President Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings (left) and FSYR Board Chair Sheriff Bill Leeper (right) recognized the Lake County Sheriff's Office for over \$100,000 in donations to the Youth Ranches. Lake County Sheriff Peyton Grinnell accepts the Helping Hand Statue on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Office.



The St. Lucie County Sheriffs Office Golf Tournament celebrated their 30th year with a record breaking gift of \$85,000 to care for the boys and girls of the Youth Ranches. This gift was made possible due to generous community support and a great team of committed volunteers. Pictured are (left to right) St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara, Committee Members Tammy Schwab and Dorothy Shaw, annual sponsor representative Aramark Business Partner Terry Pinnix, FSYR Board Chair Bill Leeper, Aramark Director of Business Development Derek Harless and FSA President Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings.



FSA President Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings (left) and FSYR Board Chair Sheriff Bill Leeper (right) recognized the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for over \$250,000 in donations to the Youth Ranches. Monroe County Sheriff Ricky Ramsey accepts the Crystal Star award on behalf of the Sheriff's Office.



The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers presents a check to FSYR Donor Relations Officer Mike Kiel to sponsor two youth campers to attend summer camp.



Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings (left) and FSYR Board Chairman Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper (right) accept a check from Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly for support of the programs of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



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Helping Our Children through a Memorial Gift.

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Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Annual Ranch Run

Sept 16 – For more information contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Division at the following: (813) 247-8115 or email at communityevents@hcsotampa.fl.us for more information.

BRDD Motorcycle Skills Challenge

Sept 23 – For more information regarding this event, visit the website at <http://badgebattle.org/badge-battle.html>.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Golf Tournament

Sept 25 – For more information contact Captain Sean McGillen at (727) 453-7212 or Captain Sara Spiva at (727) 464-7090.

60th Annual Open House & Horse Show – Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch

October 4-7 – For camping, vendor, and program information visit <http://youthranches.org> or contact Lori Warner at (386) 842-5555.

Baker County Sheriff's Office Golf Tournament

Oct 13 – For more information regarding this event please contact Becky Snow at the Baker County Sheriff's Office (904) 249-9116.

Oldsmobile Club Car Show

October 28 – The Car Show will be held at the Downtown Auburndale City Park. Please contact Kayla Bianchi at (386) 842-5501 for more details regarding this event.

Leverock's Seafood House Fish Fry

November 4 – Tickets are \$5 for an old fashioned fish fry dinner. Come by for entertainment and fellowship in support of the Youth Ranches. For more information contact Kayla Bianchi at (386) 842-5501.

Caruth Camp Challenge Golf Tournament

November 16 – The tournament is being held at The Plantation, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429. For more information contact Kayla Bianchi at (386) 842-5501.

Equine Trail Sports Obstacle Challenge Series

November 17-19 – This event is located at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in Live Oak, FL. To register for events, please visit www.equinetrailsports.com/events, or, for more information contact Cyndi Pittman at (703) 409-1138.



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This summer at Cowboy Camp Bethany learned how to ride a horse. She also learned the responsibilities of properly caring for a horse. Here she is demonstrating how to lead Deuce, a horse at the Boys Ranch.

Cowboy Camp is a weeklong equestrian camp providing boys and girls an opportunity to learn how to work with and ride horses. Bethany and the other Cowboy Campers also learned wood working and went swimming and hiking. At the end of the week they went on a trail ride with the horses and got to show off their new skills at the Boys Ranch Rodeo Arena.



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