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Celebrates 61
Years of Service**
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President's Perspective

Bill Frye,
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Youth Ranches, Inc.

**“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.”
– Mister Rogers**

The Power of Play

On Thursday, March 14, 2019, a defining moment occurred in my life. It was a moment to remember and share with others—not the best moment, I can say with absolute authority, but it was one of those times that as my memory begins to fade, this moment in time might stand out.

It occurred on the football field with four individual fields established for what has become, in our little town of Live Oak, Florida, a big event. In fact, there were many players, multiple sponsors and a huge crowd sitting in the bleachers watching the event unfold. The event is the Suwannee Intermediate School’s annual Dodgeball Tournament. This school fundraising event involves students, teachers and others who either referee or play on one of the various teams.

My wife, April, is a fifth grade teacher at the school, and each year we sponsor her class team, also known this year as the “Hot Fryes.” Each team must have at least eight players, and four of them must be students within the school. This year, only seven of April's students signed up to play and since she did not have enough, I was recruited to play on her team; with enthusiasm, I might add! The team consisted of five fifth grade girls, a fifth grade boy, a sixth grade boy and me, a 63-year-old kid! Dodgeball can be a very competitive sport and in Live Oak, being competitive is just in the



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community's nature. In my opinion, the "Hot Fryes" was a team to be reckoned with.

The first game that the "Hot Fryes" played was close, but we lost by a small margin. I was right proud of myself for having been the second-to-last to be eliminated. In fact, many of the students and observers mentioned my athletic abilities in hurling the ball while ducking and dodging balls being thrown by the opposing team. I must say that it felt good to be out there in the heat of dodgeball battle, jumping, ducking and keeping out of the line of fire.

After the first round, we had a break while other teams battled it out for placement. This is when the defining moment happened, and let me warn you, it was harsh. Some of my teammates, fifth graders, came to me and asked if another kid could take my place. When asked why, they responded, "He is a high schooler!" When I pointed out that I had been the second-to-last to be eliminated and that I was part sponsor of the team, it did not matter. I was simply not a "high schooler." In other words, I was the old guy and they wanted someone young and more athletic on the team. What was I to do?

As I was watching the other teams, many with older adults, I noticed a lot of unsportsmanlike behavior: people arguing with the line referees, throwing the ball in frustration after being called out and so much more. I witnessed poor role-modeling by parents and wondered if one day some of these same parents might be calling the Youth Ranches for help when their children begin exhibiting some of the same behaviors. So when it came time to role-model, I simply smiled and even laughed a little and agreed to allow the "high schooler" to take my place. Of course, deep down inside I was somewhat relieved and a little overjoyed that I now had an excuse to not participate.

The "Hot Fryes" lost their second game too and the "high schooler" was one of the first to be eliminated, but I did not say a thing other than praise my former

teammates for a well-played game. I also went and spoke to some other players on different teams for their excellent sportsmanlike behavior on and off the field.

In all my years here at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, one of the things we have been adamant about, is teaching our boys and girls positive social skills, particularly how to interact positively with others, which includes good conduct and sportsmanship! We see all too often these qualities of behavior ignored in today's society—well-known athletes behaving poorly on and off the fields, taunting and making fun of others and even walking off the field in a tantrum after losing a game. We see celebrities and politicians hurling insults at one another and even refusing to shake the hands of an opponent. This is not how we want the boys and girls who come to the Youth Ranches to behave. We teach them that how we interact with others is both a reflection on the individual and on their environment, which includes their cottage parents, work supervisors and all others who are a part of their growth and development. Our four cornerstones of "Work, Study, Play and Pray" are all a part of their social skills development. Positive interactions with others, along with good sportsmanship, are all a part of our cornerstone of "Play." We strive to teach our boys and girls that in life, your character matters.

So in closing, please know how grateful we are for the continued support of our Sheriffs, donors and others who allow us the opportunity to work with children, providing them with valuable lessons for positive living. In this day and age, we need now more than ever your support so that we can help our children develop positive character traits to improve our communities and our country! ★

God Bless You All,


Bill Frye



Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch
61st ANNIVERSARY
Open House &
Horse Show





1. Presentation of flags at the Open House Grand Entry Ceremony. **2.** The Riding Ranchers kick off their routine in the arena. **3.** Callie, one of the first female Riding Ranchers. **4.** The Riding Ranchers take a turn around the arena. **5.** Savannah sings the national anthem. **6.** Attendees stand for the national anthem. **7.** Jada and Kolby, two of the Boys Ranch Riding Ranchers. **8.** Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter addressing the crowd. **9.** Savannah and Evan escort Grand Marshal Mr. Dick Van Poucker on a wagon around the arena. **10.** Mr. Dick Van Poucker is presented the Grand Marshal's Award by Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast. **11.** The Grand Marshal's Award. **12.** Mr. Dick Van Poucker addresses the crowd. **13.** Rancher Evan Gough driving the wagon as his story is shared over the loudspeaker. **14.** Ranchers helping out in the serving line. **15.** Union County Mounted Possee. **16.** Southside Saddle Club's Queen, Julian carries the flag. **17.** Members of the Clay Mavericks Saddle Club participate in the Grand Entry ceremony. **18.** Suwannee County Sheriff Sam St. John helping out in the serving line.



EVAN GOUGH

2019 TWEED AWARD WINNER

"If it was not for this place, I would not be where I'm at today. Everything I dreamed of doing can be possible through here. Everything I do and who I am came from here. Everything and anything can be done here."

For a closer look at Evan Gough's life at the Ranch, check out his article in the Spring 2019 issue! ★

Evan Gough, center, is presented with the Tweed Award by Youth Ranches President Bill Frye, left, and Grand Marshal Dick Van Poucker, right.

Alumni members placed carnations on the memorial wall in memory of their friends who have passed.



The Annual Alumni Dinner Photo.

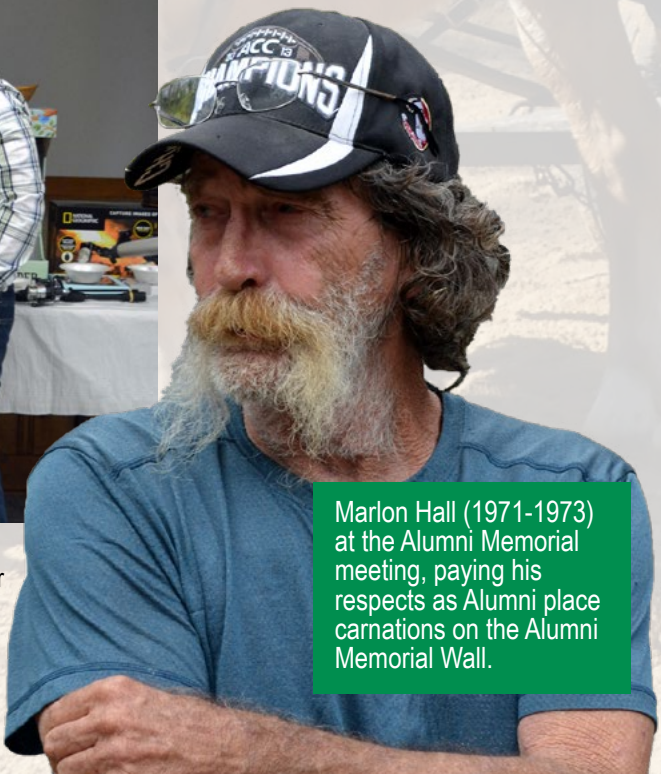
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↑ The Alumni Memorial Wall, honoring Ranchers who have passed away.



↑ This year the Boys Ranch Alumni Association was proud to present the 2019 Our Friend Award to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Leon Lodge Number 5. They have made an annual gift of blue jeans and back-to-school supplies for the last 10 years to ensure our Ranchers have these needed items every year.



Marlon Hall (1971-1973) at the Alumni Memorial meeting, paying his respects as Alumni place carnations on the Alumni Memorial Wall.

Tony gets ready to serve the ball, helping the Ranchers win the game for the first time in 5 years.



The annual Rancher versus Alumni volleyball game.



↑ The new Alumni board, from left: First Vice President Nick Phillips (2006-2012), Treasurer Linda Riggins, Secretary Priscilla Wentworth (2016-2017), Alumni President Cody Pressley, and FSyr President Bill Frye. Not pictured: Second Vice President Jacob Hartley.



Alumni player ready for the next move.



↑ Alumni serving during open house, from left: Priscilla Wentworth, Cody Pressley and Nathan Herzog.



Jerry Turner, right, jokes around with the new Alumni President, Cody Pressley.



Focusing on the Goal

When Jason walked into his cottage at the Youth Villa clutching a recent report card, his beaming smile gave away the exciting news: Jason had improved in every single area of his report card. Not only his grades but his behavior had improved substantially as well.

Jason and his sister, Jaelynn, came to live at the Villa almost a year ago. He had been getting into fights at school, unsure of where his pent-up anger was coming from. All he knew was that he wasn't going to be disrespected or challenged. In his mind, offense was his only card to play. His grades were also suffering because of his inability to focus and understand assignments.

When miscommunication between himself and his teachers resulted in a sudden decline in his grades, Jason learned that he had to reach out to the adults

in his life. He needed help scheduling homework times, studying for tests and understanding his teachers' expectations of him. His decision to turn his grades around stemmed from a very important promise he made before coming to the Ranch.

"I promised my mom a long time ago that I would try my hardest," Jason said. "Any promise I make to my mom, I won't break."

Working with his cottage parents and therapist, Jason began to deal with his attention, organization and behavior issues. Instead of missing the assignments the

teachers gave out in class, Jason was able to remember the teachers' instructions and get his assignments turned in on time.

"The thing about it is, you show me how to do the first question, and I would get it done. I'm good at math; math is the best thing. You have numbers and don't have any boring stuff. It's fun."

Along with his grade improvements, Jason's teachers also commented that his behavior had changed drastically from "Needs improvement" to "Excellent." After coming to the Ranch and working with our onsite therapist and two patient cottage parents, Jason has learned that acting out in violence and anger is not his only option. "I remember I used to not like people," Jason said. "I used to be rude. But when I'm here, I have to be on a team."

On report card day, all of his hard work paid off. The boost in his grades made Jason proud of the time he took to focus in school, control his outbursts, and let other people help keep him on track.

When he's not doing homework, Jason loves to work on bikes. He recalled a time when kids all throughout his neighborhood would bring their bikes by to let him tinker with them and figure out how to fix them. A fleet of bikes parked outside the back door of his cottage keeps Jason busy.

Sports are also a big part of Jason's life. Boys and girls from other cottages at the Villa came together to create a football team, including Jason's friend Zack, who he met at the Ranch. They practiced together and supported each other as they steadily improved.

"I used to be on a team but I quit to help my mom." Jason explained. "But when I came here, I got to have time to play football. When I started to play again, I didn't know how to catch, didn't know

how to kick. But now, I can catch it. I kick higher. I kick farther."

When asked about his time at the Ranch and what had changed for him while here, Jason listed a couple of different turning points. Getting help with his attention issues and organization made a big difference in school. He was able to focus and understand what the teachers were telling him. Advice from one of his teachers on controlling his anger was also a big milestone. Jason learned ways to control his hands whenever he was angry, keeping them by his side and focusing on maintaining a non-violent reaction to situations that upset him.



"I learned how to not use my hands aggressively. I used to punch holes in the wall. I used to punch people for no reason. I would just get so mad my fists would control me. But now I can stop it."

His cottage parents understand Jason's background and are proud to see the progress he's made. They recall the day he came home with his report card. "Oh, he was just over the moon," his cottage parent, Pop Steve, said. "With this report card, his whole outlook is totally different."

The warm, supportive environment of the Youth Ranches Youth Villa was exactly what Jason needed to move forward in his life. ★

Donors, Ranchers and Employees...

YOUTH RANCH BRADENTON-SARASOTA

The Manatee County Sheriff's Office mounted posse present the colors.



A Rancher addresses the crowd and shares her story of success and stability.



Debbie and Bianca wait to welcome guests at the registration desk.



Lena, Natalie and Mike stop for a photo and a smile.

CARUTH CAMP



Open House guests toured campus in the tram.



Dot, Jim, and Linda enjoyed a few minutes with retired staff member and volunteer Frank Kenny.



FSYR Board Member Dr. Jim Sewell and Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum were on hand to welcome and thank our donors.

Lunch is served! Assistant Director of Quality Assurance Jen Shepherd, Youth Camp Director April Malott and Group Leader Michael Brod stack up the food.



...at Open Houses Around the State

YOUTH RANCH SAFETY HARBOR



Madison, left, and Destiny, right, spoke to Ranch supporters about their life at the Safety Harbor campus.



Brand new cottage parents Christina and Peter Goyzueta start their career with the busiest day of the year at the Youth Ranch.



Lunch is served!

Shia opens the event in prayer.



FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH VILLA



Polk County Sheriff's Office Captain Chambers shared a few words with the crowd.



Staff and kids squish up for a quick photo.

Ferrah had a great time at the Youth Villa Open House.



Hardee County Sheriff's Office Explorers help serve lunch to guests.



Pages with Representative Mel Ponder.

In the Room Where it Happens

Running parallel to the 60-day sessions of the Florida Legislature is the Senate Page Program. Tallahassee becomes a central hub of representatives, lobbyists and students all coming together to learn from one another and “do the work of the people.”

The page program invites a diverse group of young people to serve the members of the Senate for one week in Florida’s capital. They wind their way through the inner labyrinth of the Capitol building in smart blue blazers, carrying messages and running errands for the Senators in session.

When not sitting in session, the pages come together to engage each other in lively debates on hot-button issues within the legislature. Informed opinions and open questions are thrown around, everyone equally eager to share their side. All of this leads up to the mock session that takes place among the pages. “We wrote and



The whole page crew in the headquarters in the basement of the Capitol building.

presented our own bills,” Callie explained. “And then we debated on why we felt this particular bill needed to be made into a law.”

Callie, Chloe and Ari were the three Ranchers who went to Tallahassee for the

weeklong program. Ari is currently working on graduating high school while also working part time at the Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises thrift store. His expectations going into the page program were quickly exceeded. “I just found it all interesting and surprising,” Ari said. “I didn’t expect us to go to all of these rooms, delivering papers to the senators—I didn’t expect us to do any of that.”

Callie, who recently transferred to the Youth Villa campus in Bartow to take advantage of the Scholarship House when she graduates, echoed that the “real adventure” was finding their way through the Capitol building. “My favorite part was touring the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Capitol building and learning where to go.” The pages had to travel from the representative side to the senate side, maintaining a tentative relationship with a confusing elevator system that sometimes left them stranded in the wrong end of the building.

Chloe, daughter of Boys Ranch Unit Director Carla Walker and recent participant in the farm’s new Hog Program, recalled that the most stressful part of paging was making sure they did everything the senators requested. One page had to run a senator’s keys to her office. Most of the requests involved drink or food orders, and getting them right could be tricky. Since the senators don’t generally leave during session, the pages are their hands and feet.

The culture of the Capitol was something all of the pages had to adjust to. “One of the main things I learned was that there was a very certain way you have to present yourself in the Senate,” Ari said. “It’s very sophisticated.” When sitting in session, the pages had to remain quiet and wait for a senator to page them. A light would blink by the senator’s name, and the page assigned to that area of the floor would respond.

Somewhere along one stretch of hallway in the Capitol, the print room stands open

for whoever needs it. Huge piles of papers detailing session schedules, senators’ names and photos, and other pertinent information are neatly printed, stapled, and stacked for anyone who needs access to them. The pages keep the cheat-sheet tucked into their blazers for most of the week. It’s a quick reference guide to a senator’s name, face, and district. Over the course of the week, this information ends up becoming second nature to them.



Funny poses with Boys Ranch Program Director Jeff Fletcher and President Bill Frye

While participating in the page program is a great resume booster and a valuable experience, our Ranchers came back with a host of new friends from within the program. “The most surprising thing to me,” Callie said, “was just how fast Chloe, Ari, and I made friends with the other pages.” Lively debates over Chick-fil-A, supporting one another through page runs, and teaming up during the mock session made this week’s group of pages something special. “We still keep in touch,” Chloe said.

All three of our Ranchers did an excellent job representing the Youth Ranches in Tallahassee. “The page program teaches kids how government works, what benefits it can offer and the experience offers an inside look,” Callie explained. Ari echoed her, saying “It gives you hands-on experience about what actually happens at the Capitol.” The subject of their bill even discussed the education programs at group care facilities and the need for more vocational programs—a bill that passed during their mock session. “It’s something you can be proud of,” Chloe said. ★

Heifer Program

When the Suwannee County Fair opened its doors on a Friday night in March, the admission line already stretched across the parking lot. The maze-like entrance was lined with vendor booths, food stands and carnival rides covered in flashing lights. Deep in the heart of the fair was the barn and arena housing the annual livestock show. This show was the product of months of work for dozens of boys and girls.



Malaki in the ring.

Our Ranchers were no different. Under the tutelage of the farm managers at the Boys Ranch, Malaki and Logan

spent the last several months in the Heifer Program. They selected their heifer, worked with it tirelessly to form a bond and monitored its lifestyle to ensure it would make a splash at the livestock show.

Going toe-to-toe with a stubborn animal that is much, much bigger than you is no easy task. "It's scared of humans," Logan explained. "You have to teach it that all humans aren't bad and you're not here to hurt it. The rest will come after that."

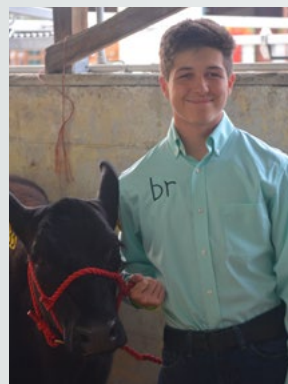
Both boys mentioned that heifers getting antsy and throwing their weight around is the most nerve-racking part of the program. They have to be dedicated and patient with their animal in order to be in control during the show. "If you're close with it," Malaki said, "it's easier to walk with. It's calm around you." Additionally, the contestants have to maintain eye contact with the judge and give comprehensive answers on the anatomy and physiology of their animal—all while keeping it compliant in the ring.

Logan and Malaki did an excellent job during the livestock show. They carefully

groomed their heifers before the show began, making sure they were clean of dirt and loose hay. The hides were brushed and combed under the watchful eye of Farm Manager Jeff Parker and Assistant Farm Manager Haley Eatmon. Once they were called on to present, they maintained their cool while guiding their heifers around the arena in front of the judges.

The dedication the boys demonstrated while raising these animals is the beginning of a strong work ethic. These young men developed a feeling of connection and responsibility to the project, with a determination to see it through. "I learned you have to be patient with your heifer," Malaki said.

Months of hard work ended with a sense of accomplishment, as well as positive feedback on both boys' behavior during the show. Malaki won the Herdsman award, which proved how both boys were ready and willing to help everyone around them during the show. "It means you're respectful, you help out other people and keep your area clean," Malaki said. "You just act like a good herdsman would—try to help everyone and take care of your heifer."



Logan with his heifer.

Opportunities like the Heifer Program allow us to teach skills beyond the home or the classroom. Working with the heifers is hard, dirty and tiresome, but the boys were able to see the reward for their dedication to the process.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to help boys and girls to see tangible outcomes of their hard work and commitment. These projects grow their self-esteem and character, which will give them the chance at a brighter future. ★

Wearing life jackets and paddling under the watchful eye of a lifeguard, these boys test their skills at steering a canoe through Florida's beautiful waters.



Arts and crafts brings out creativity and smiles.



Heading to Summer Camp

Each summer hundreds of boys and girls attend summer camp free of charge, thanks to our generous donor family. For many of these children, this will be the only opportunity they have to enjoy this memorable experience.

With many unique and fun activities, the youth experience, new interests and often uncover unknown abilities. Summer camp always includes a broad range of opportunities to succeed, including arts and crafts, archery, the Challenge

Course, canoeing, swimming, hiking and so much more. Camp songs, skits and making wonderful memories are always a part of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Summer Camp experience. Thank you for giving so generously and creating these marvelous adventures for these youngsters! ★

The High Ropes course gives campers the opportunity to use the 4 C's - Cooperation, Communication, Concentration and Commitment.



This brave young man is trying a new adventure under the close supervision of a camp counselor.

ONE WEEK CAN CHANGE A LIFE!

Never underestimate the power one week can have on the life of a child. Every year the Youth Ranches serves thousands of children in our camping programs and each of these children has a story. Unfortunately, many of the stories are similar...stories of need, abuse, neglect and anger.

These deserving children rely on others to help them through the tough times and to show them there is a bright, hope-filled future waiting for them.

We are relying on you to help provide that one week of camp.

One week of camp will teach children "Law Officers are Your Friends." Immediately there is one adult a child can turn to in a time of need.

One week of camp will teach a child healthy and enjoyable activities that can turn into a lifetime hobby or interest. This will help them spend their recreation time in a positive way rather than turning to mischief or petty crime for entertainment.

One week of camp will teach children to respect themselves, respect others, respect their community and respect authority. They learn it is important to help others



and to become the best they can be: lawful, productive citizens.

One week of camp can put a family in contact with people who will help them through their times of need.

We all know one event can change a life forever. Please

help provide that experience for a child through your camp sponsorship gift. \$250 will send a child to camp for one week. If you are unable to sponsor a full week of camp, a donation of any size will be added to the generosity of others to help support a child in need.

Your partnership with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is a sure combination for success. Your gift will make a difference in the life of a child. Please send your camp sponsorship today!



Please help a deserving child attend Summer Camp this year!



YES! I want to sponsor a boy or girl at Summer Camp!

Here is my gift of \$250 (full campership) \$125 \$75
 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other \$ _____

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Use this form to make certain your gift is properly identified.
Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope or mail your gift to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches,
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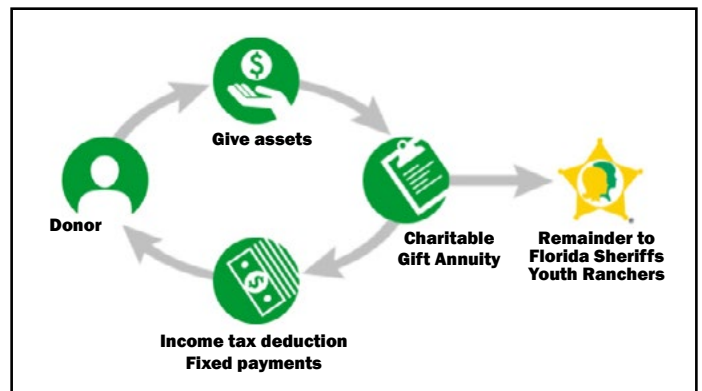
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Convert your assets into a stream of guaranteed income and be sure the remainder goes to help our kids.

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Schedule of Annual Payments*

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65	5.1	\$510
70	5.6	\$560
75	6.2	\$620
80	7.3	\$730
85	8.3	\$830
90+	9.5	\$950

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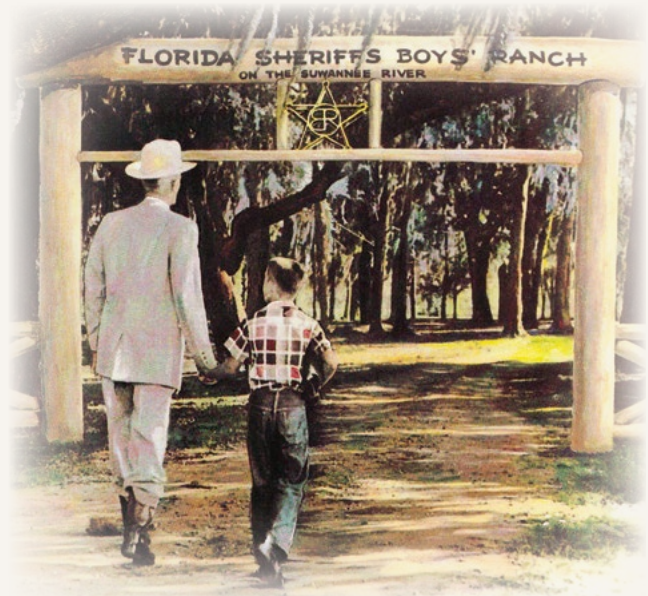
HELPING HAND SOCIETY

Family Legacies Come in Many Forms

Visiting with different donors, we get ideas about how they want their family to be remembered. Some choose to leave all their money and property directly to their family, hoping they will continue to support favorite charities. Others have made specific plans to ensure their charitable wishes are followed.

Here are a few of the more creative ideas we have seen in recent years:

- Naming the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement account or bank account
- Specifying a particular percentage of your estate for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches OR the opposite, specifying a particular percentage or piece of property for your heirs and leaving the remainder of your estate to the Youth Ranches
- Investing in a Charitable Gift Annuity where the remainder after death goes to the Youth Ranches
- Making a cash gift of \$5,000 or more to the Youth Ranches in honor of a family member and request they be made a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association
- Contributing a minimum of \$10,000 and creating a family named endowment fund at the Youth Ranches



- Establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust where distributions (set amount or percentage) are made to family members for a period of years and once complete, the balance is donated to the Youth Ranches
- Establishing a Charitable Lead Trust where a distribution (percentage or set amount) is made to the Youth Ranches for a period of 10 or 20 years, then the balance is distributed to your heirs when they are older and better prepared to receive these funds

These are just a few options to consider. As always, we encourage you to discuss this with your personal attorney or advisors to chart the best course for your future, and remember to update your will annually as things and people in your life change!



***Thank you for
Caring and Sharing!***

Make a Great Charitable Gift!

Would you consider making a gift to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches through your will or trust, or list us as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy?

Your gift, small or large, will help us prevent delinquency and develop lawful, productive members of our communities.

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.

As you think about your plans, a simple way to make a commitment

INSURANCE
POLICY
BENEFICIARY
*"I bequeath to the
Florida Sheriffs
Youth Ranches,
Inc.,"*

of this type would be to change the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or add the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, P.O. Box 2000, Boys Ranch, FL 32064

as a beneficiary to your investment or retirement account.

This will ensure the remaining funds will be used to help serve the children in our care. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about these gifting options, please contact President Bill Frye at (800) 765-3797.



Your will should be reviewed annually.



About your estate planning...

Many of our friends have thoughtfully made provisions in their estate planning for our boys and girls. If you are considering a gift of this nature, or if you would just like to know more about the many and varied opportunities for sharing, we can help. At your invitation, it would be our privilege and pleasure to visit you in your home. If you prefer, you are welcome to visit us, or we can furnish information by mail or telephone, whichever is most practical and convenient.



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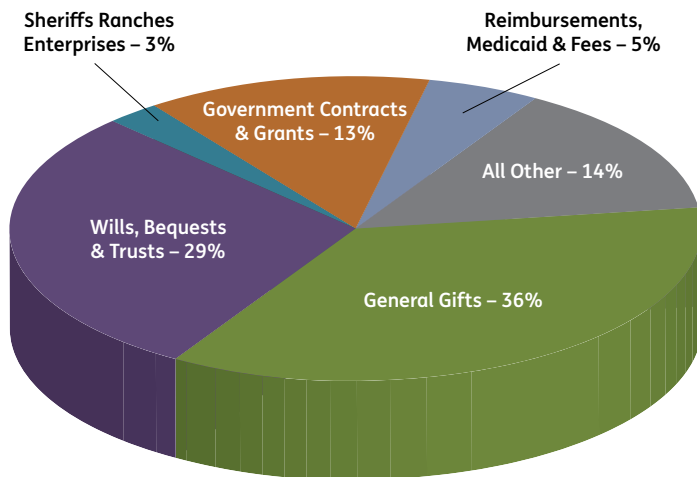
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The proper legal wording to provide a bequest is:
"I bequeath to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., Boys Ranch, Florida 32064:
100% of the residual amount of my estate • a specific amount of \$ _____ • a description of the property
a certain quantity of stocks." (or any combination of the above.)

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Revenue 2017-2018



Expenditures 2017-2018

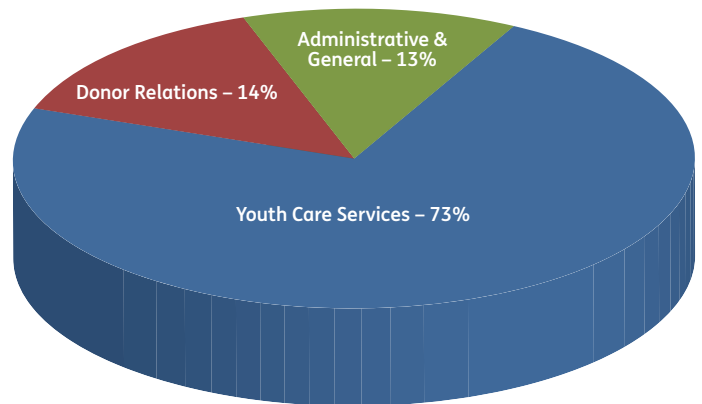


Chart reflects percentages of operational expenses.

General Gifts	\$7,667,708
Wills, Bequests & Trusts	6,115,728
Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises	502,957
Government Contracts & Grants	2,839,202
Reimbursements, Medicaid & Fees	1,119,998
All Other	2,999,738
Total	<u>\$21,245,331</u>

Youth Care Services	\$11,648,546
Donor Relations	2,258,956
Administrative & General	2,064,506
Operational Expenses	\$15,972,008
Capital Outlay	<u>\$933,747</u>
Total Operational Expenses & Capital Outlay	<u>\$16,905,755</u>

Cumulative investment gains of \$500,000 were transferred to help meet operating expenses.

This report is a summary of our financial activity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. A complete audit prepared by Batts, Morrison, Wales and Lee, Certified Public Accountants, Orlando, Florida, is also available. The audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

For a copy of the complete audit, contact:

Bill Frye, President
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.
P.O. Box 2000 ★ Boys Ranch, FL 32064
www.youthranches.org

Programs & Services

Residential Leadership Programs are hosted at camp and led in conjunction with community partners. This sometimes includes JROTC, ROTC and other leadership groups that work with us to lead young people through challenging activities to help them grow in their leadership skills.

Summer Day Camp consists of a variety of camping activities. These day camps are held on campus at the Youth Ranches around the state. Each one has special components, and whether it features a challenge course, horseback riding and horsemanship skills or a focus on aquatics, each Youth Ranch is a valuable resource to the community.

Boys Ranch

Residential Care.....	92
Referral Services.....	208
Summer Day Camp.....	23
Total Youth Served	323

Youth Villa

Residential Care.....	56
Community Service.....	150
Total Youth Served	206

Youth Camp

Residential Camp.....	474
Harmony in the Streets.....	596
Residential Leadership.....	120
Other Camping Services.....	601
Total Youth Served	1,791

Youth Ranch Safety Harbor

Residential Care.....	54
Summer Day Camp.....	2,204
Total Youth Served	2,258

Youth Ranch Bradenton-Sarasota

Residential Care.....	50
Summer Day Camp.....	165
Total Youth Served	215

Caruth Camp

Residential Camp.....	513
Harmony in the Streets.....	851
Harmony in the Schools.....	1,339
Residential Leadership.....	189
Other Camping Services.....	8
Total Youth Served	2,900



► The staff and youth from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch had the privilege of traveling to Panama City, Florida, to help Bay County Sheriff's Office Lt. Andy Husar, his wife Tammy and son Drew, along with Tammy's parents Bill (retired Florida Highway Patrol) and Ruth Tindle, clean up their property of 20 acres in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. In total more than 175 trees were blown down or broken in half on their property.

★ AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches accepts a special gift of \$500 from the Baker County Horse Association's Suni and Steven Phillips, pictured with Suwannee County Sheriff St. John, Citrus County Sheriff Prendergast, and Columbia County Sheriff Hunter.



A representative of the Clay Mavericks Club presents the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches with a special gift of \$1,371.



The Bradford County Sheriff's Office and Posse presents the Youth Ranches with a gift of \$500. Pictured (left to right) are Sheriff St. John, Sheriff Prendergast, Louette and Butch Hylton, and Sheriff Hunter.



The Southside Saddle Club's Queen Julian and Princess Paisley present the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches with a gift of \$500.



The Bradford Riding Club's Candy Wall presents the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches with a generous gift of \$1,000.



Members of the Union County Riding Club, with club President Ken Owen, present a generous gift of \$1,000 to the Youth Ranches.

AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar presented FSYR President Bill Frye with the proceeds from their annual barbecue. This 23-year event has raised over \$800,000 to send kids to summer camp, host mobile camp and ensure that the children have a warm, safe home at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.



The Tallahassee HOG (Harley Owner Group) attended Boys Ranch Open House and presented the Youth Ranches with a generous donation of \$405.



Racing for Orphans founder James Goodrich presented a gift to the children for Christmas to FSYR Director of Development Wayne Witzczak.



John Hamlin (center) of Hamlin & Associates is presented with the Golden Star Award for his generous contributions to the Youth Ranches. He is shown with (left to right) Volusia County Sheriff Chitwood, President Bill Frye, VP Donor & Legislative Affairs Maria Knapp, Donor Relations Officer Debi Gerard, Volusia County Councilwoman Heather Post, and Volusia County Councilwoman Barb Girtman.



Mrs. Frances Stevens, center, received the "Helping Hand" award because of her generous gifts to help care for the boys and girls of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. This was presented to her by (left to right) FSYR Donor Relations Officer Mike Kiel, Hillsborough County Undersheriff Eric Smith, Colonel James Rankine and Captain Christopher Lalor.



Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast and the Caruth Camp Challenge Golf Tournament Committee presented FSYR President Bill Frye and FSYR Director of Camping Services Cori Welbes with the proceeds from their 2018 event.

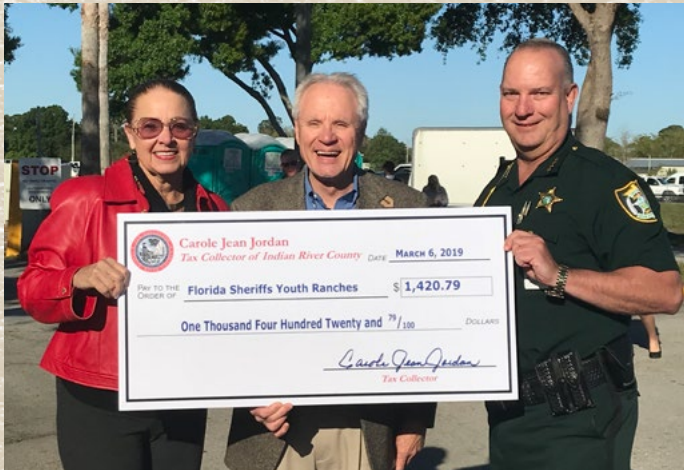
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Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Mike Gauger, left, along with Mr. Dave Harris, center, presented the proceeds of the 7th Annual Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Golf Tournament to Youth Ranches President Bill Frye. When Mr. Harris saw the total amount of \$80,000, he generously donated an additional \$20,000 to bring the total to \$100,000.



Kiwanis Club of Fort Walton Beach President Eric Riggbach received the Builders Coin award and donated the \$2,500 proceeds of the 2019 Annual Christmas Tree Sale event to the Youth Ranches.



Indian River County Tax Collector Carol Jean Jordan and her staff raise funds throughout the year for charities. This year they were excited to present FSYR President Bill Frye and Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar with over \$1,400. Thank you to Ms. Jordan and her team for Caring and Sharing!



Indian Lake Estates Women's Golf Association representatives stopped by the Villa Open House to present a gift for school supplies following their annual golf tournament. Pictured from left to right are WGA Tournament Chair Edie Dearfield, FSYR President Bill Frye, Rancher Callie, Director of Golf Mike Snyder and Betty Snyder.



Lake County Sheriff Peyton Grinnell presents FSYR President Bill Frye with the proceeds from their 2019 Bass Tournament and Fish n' Fun Day.



The Florida Gulf Coast Kiwi Club Chapter President Kat Walton and Treasurer Karen Amidon presents a gift for the children at our Bradenton/Sarasota campus to FSYR Director of Development Wayne Witzcak during their monthly membership luncheon.

AWARDS, EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



The Gulf to Lake Pilot Club made a generous donation to help ensure summer camp opportunities for children around the state. The ladies presented this special gift to (far left) Levy County Sheriff Bobby McCallum, (right) FSyr President Bill Frye, and FSyr Board Member Dr. Jim Sewell.



The Seminole Gardens Shuffleboard Club presented a generous donation to Youth Ranches President Bill Frye and FSyr Board Chair Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell at the Safety Harbor Open House.



Point Brittany Men's Round Table Vice President Anthony (Tony) DeStasio presents a gift to the Youth Ranches Director of Development Wayne Witzcak at their annual resident barbeque.



Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell and FSyr President Bill Frye accept a donation from President Bob "Grumpy" Gow and the Defenders Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club of Sarasota.



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Posse joined in at the McCulley Farm Benefit Ride to support the boys and girls at the Youth Ranches, helping raise a total of \$4,300.



Peggy's Corral in Parrish Florida hosted a Chili Cook-Off to honor the memory of owner Terry Toner and benefit the Youth Ranches. Pictured are FSyr Director of Development Wayne Witzcak and owner of Peggy's Corral, Mrs. Debra Toner.



Manatee County Sheriff Rick Wells and Captain Stanley Schaeffer present the proceeds of the first annual Run & Row to the Ranch event to FSyr Director of Development Wayne Witzcak and FSyr Special Events Manager Kayla Bianchi.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Helping Our Children through a Memorial Gift

Contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches are listed in alphabetical order by name of the deceased. Donors are listed after the name of the person in whose memory they contributed.

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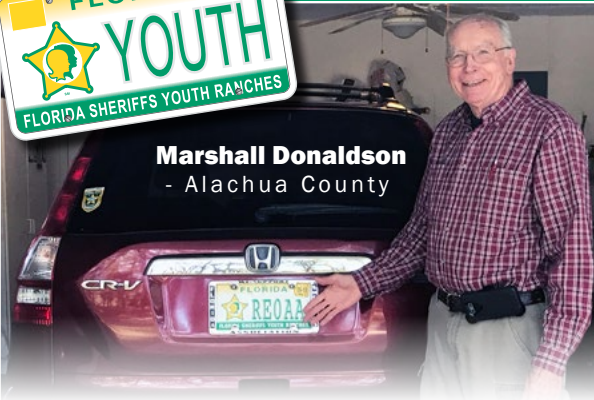


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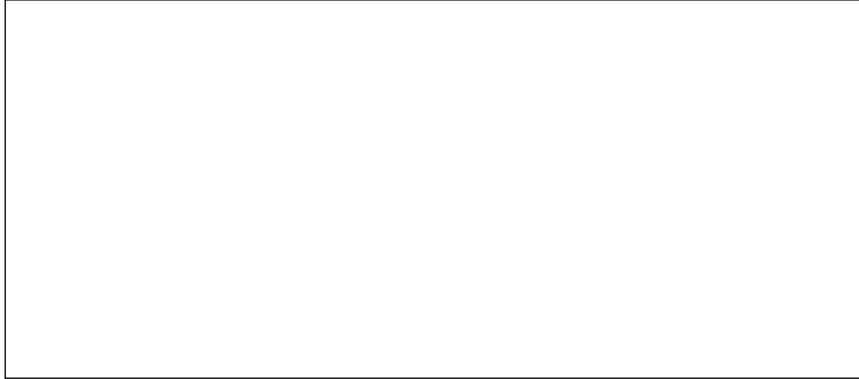
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