

BREAKAWAY YOUTH RANCH



Change-s in the Air

By Jenny Wielenga

Here we are at the beginning of our fourth summer of operation, and Amanda and I were just marveling at how much this place has grown in the last three years. We have gone from having 3 mentors the first year, to having 7—9 (depending on the week) this year; from having 3 mornings available to serve kids, to having at least 3 mornings, and 2 evenings, with room to grow as mentors become available; from having a handful of well-churched kids coming out, to having a couple handfuls of kids who are hurting and troubled coming out on a regular basis; from having 4 Junior M.INT.s (Mentors IN Training), to having 3 or 4 Senior M.INT.s and 12 Junior M.INT.s; from having Brent as the only guy mentor to having 2-3 guy mentors; from having the M.INT. program be all girls, to having 2 guys join this year.



Also a first this year is hiring me on as the year round director. I will be working 25—40 hours as the work load and funding permits. The addition of days we are available to serve kids this year is partly due to my being able to be on the premises nearly every day of the week. My duties will include Mentoring, heading up the M.INT. program, working on newsletters, updating the website, riding horses, and in the off season, working on PR and program building, etc. etc. etc.



Ideas continue to flow in as to what we should do, and when, how, where and with whom we should do things. There are so many different ways to help people and the community! It is good to look back over previous years to be reminded of how far we have already come, as it can often seem like we haven't even really gotten started. We are still making a small impact, but it's triple what we were doing a few years ago. We pray that our impact will continue to be very pointedly for the Lord (and will grow to be more so) whether it be three kids or three hundred.



THANK YOU for being a part of the impact being made in hurting kids lives here at Breakaway Youth Ranch. THANK YOU for praying for this little ministry as we follow our big God. THANK YOU for giving financially to help free us up to be available to help these hurting kids.

If you haven't already, please give us a call and come out for a tour of the place! I would love to see your smiling faces looking in at my office window.

SPRING 2015



As mentioned above, this year is our first time having Senior M.INT.s at BYR. These are girls who have been Junior MINTs for the last three years and have completed at least most of the Junior MINT requirements. They have been growing in the Lord and in their horse skills over the past several years, and so this year they will be helping to mentor some of the younger kids, and lead a team of Junior MINTs. As leaders they will help teach the Junior MINTs the things they learned, be available for Junior MINTs to say verses to, and continue to learn and grow! Please pray for them this summer as you think of the Ranch!



Board members : Nolan
Murphy; Ryan and Andrea
Ward; Brent and Amanda
Reichman



Horse of the Month:

Levi is a 21-year-old Chestnut gelding. He was donated in the fall of 2013 along with his buddy Snow. Levi is the tallest horse on the place, so he is intimidating to some of the more uncertain kids. But true to his gigantic stature, he has an incredibly gentle nature. He is such a steady and quiet horse that he gets a little worried if we put loud and commanding kids on him! He has been a pleasure to have, as he helps to serve these hurting kids with such quiet patience.



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Race to the Finish Line, 2015!

Fri. - Sun., August 14-16



This is an exciting fundraising opportunity for BYR. Every year we help open gates, set up barrels, run errands, etc. and the O'Donnells donate the proceeds from the silent auction!

We are going to make this year's race a year-end campout, because it is being held in Livingston at the Heart K Arena. O'Donnell Quarter Horses puts on an outstanding event, so come join us and help if you can, or help us get together some quality silent auction items in advance! Examples might be: gift baskets, autographed guitar from Aaron Watson, pie-of-the-month gift certificate, a cowgirl quilt...the possibilities are limitless!!

Wild Horse Ministries

Saturday, July 18



Join us for our third somewhat-annual **FREE** Wild Horse Ministries event. In the space of only 2 hours, WHM brings in a wild colt and walks us through what it takes to lay a firm foundation for a great relationship with a horse — one that has amazing correlations with the other relationships in our lives. Come see what it's all about!

Where: Three Forks Rodeo grounds from 1 - 3pm for the event. Pig Roast to follow from 3 - 4pm at Three Forks Bible Church (the old Ruby theater on Main Steet).



"As for me and my horse we will ride for the Lord."
"Count Me in! I'M ridin' for the LORD!"

Wild Horse Ministries is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.



"I have had lots of fun at Breakaway but I have also learned to rely on God as I teach and learn to have the confidence to share God's love with others!" —Lauren, age 17, Senior M.INT.

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Randy Martinson, Billie Pearson**

**HONORS: Sandy Richardson, Sy Richardson &
Kanon Reichman (Birthdays) Brent and Amanda
(Anniversary)**