



BREAKAWAY YOUTH RANCH



Happy New Year 2014!!!



I was first introduced to the Breakaway Youth Ranch through a friend. After learning about the Breakaway Youth Ranch and their vision to help kids in need, I knew this was a ministry worth supporting. My husband and I brought our three boys out to support the Ranch and see if there was anything we could do to help out. When we came home that day, our boys had a newfound love of horses that I never knew was there! For the next two months we spent every available opportunity at the ranch: riding, grooming, doing chores, or whatever we could just to be a blessing. I truly feel that my family has caught the vision of Breakaway Youth Ranch, and we want to help it succeed.

Brent and Amanda are amazing people, as well as mentors Jenny and Bethany. We felt so blessed to get to know them over the past couple of months, and can't wait to continue to cultivate those friendships again next summer.

The ministry of the Breakaway Youth Ranch is truly special and needed. I watched my children, who once had a fear of horses, do things I never dreamed they would do. Their love for horses grew immensely. I watched them learn lessons of self-control, respect, and focus in a way only a horse can teach. I could relate their lessons with the horses to situations they were going through and give them an amazing word picture that they could grasp.

I have learned so much about horses myself. These magnificent creatures have such a loving and giving spirit. They are intuitive to our feelings, and are quick to show their love. A nuzzle from a horse can immediately brighten the gloomiest day. I never knew how much love a horse could give, and how much I loved horses!

I pray God's greatest blessings upon the ministry of Breakaway Youth Ranch! May the Lord let it grow and flourish, and may many children be reached through this ministry. We pray that we can continue to be a blessing in the months and years to come.

Heather Kessler





Uweyv (uh-Way-uh) is a 4-year-old Quarter Horse Paint mare. She came to us from a sweet, young, soon-to-be mother who was wanting a good home for her animal friend. Uweyv has not been ridden much and has much to learn, but is making excellent progress. She has a very sweet disposition and loves to share treats with anyone willing! She came to us in the Fall and has already made friends with Toby, Ace, Copper and another new palomino, Dusty. We are excited to see how Uweyv will grow in horse knowledge and trust this summer, as we continue to work with her!



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2013 marked the **2nd Summer Breakaway Youth Ranch** was in full swing. What an exciting time, full of new adventures, making new friends and continuing to build existing relationships. We had several kids from last summer returning to continue developing their riding skills as well as to gain more wisdom in serving other kids. Jenny Wielenga worked hard over the winter to create guidelines for our mentors and also set up a program for young people who aspire to become mentors. These young people are called "Junior M.I.N.T.s" (Mentors IN Training). She did an amazing job of putting together these guidelines, which include general horse knowledge, safety procedures, weekly accountability, Bible verses to memorize, training videos to watch and writing out testimonies to share with others. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to build this ministry with the Lord's guiding.

2013 also saw the start of the **Thursday Men's Night**. We started the Men's Night in order to accommodate the work schedules of men of all ages, wanting to be involved at BYR. What a blessing that was! Tim O'Donnell came out and gave Brent a hand as they worked with guys, some of whom would like to become mentors soon. What an encouragement that time was to Brent and I. Please pray for us as we seek to follow God's will in how to best use this time.

Race to the Finish Line

O'Donnell Quarter Horses sponsored an outstanding Barrel Race Event in September of 2013. There were over 100 of the top barrel racers in the state in attendance and what an awesome sight to see! Tim, Mary, Amber and Cody asked if the Youth Ranch would like to be involved. What an honor! They held a silent auction and spaghetti dinner with the proceeds going directly to the Youth Ranch. Many of our volunteers at Breakaway gave of their time and energy to help make sure the events ran smoothly. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful weekend! We look forward to being a part of this event again in 2014. Thank you to all who supported Race to the Finish Line and we hope to see you again this year!

Our Mission is to bring hope, encouragement and healing to families in our area by providing an opportunity for children to learn about and care for horses in need.

Our Goal is for every guest to see and feel the freedom that comes through unconditional love by working with these special horses. We want to glorify God by serving others and helping them experience the hope and joy that comes from trusting Him.

HONORS/ MEMORIALS

We have received donations *in memory* of or *in honor* of very special people. If you would like to give a donation to remember someone special, please include your name, the name of the person you are celebrating and the reason you are honoring them! Donations have been sent for these special people:

MEMORIALS

Clara Yaden

Ruth Christie

HONORS

For Maxine Glueckert and Lois and Susan Richardson, love sent from very special friends and family for Christmas

Happy Birthday to:

Sloan, Doug, Susan,

Joe, John and Lois

Richardson