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Plant a Seed, Smell a Flower

Spring is officially here. School is winding down and plans are being made for the summer. It is a time of renewal and awakening. The birds begin to fly north, the critters begin to roam, and the flowers begin to bloom.

The springtime flowers that we enjoy did not bloom overnight. At one time they were just seeds that needed to be planted, covered up, watered, and fertilized. These seeds were loved and carefully tended to. Then, when the time came for the seeds to grow, they beautifully bloomed because of all the effort that was put into them.

The Texas Boys Ranch Foundation works much the same way. The generous gifts that you and other donors contribute are like seeds that are planted into an endowment. They are tended to with love as they grow. Then, when they are needed, they bloom into resources ready for use.

Last year, the federal courts sent down a mandate that required there to be overnight staff awake in the cottages. This mandate was unforeseeable and therefore an unexpected and unbudgeted expense



for the Ranch. Fortunately, due to your support, the Texas Boys Ranch Foundation had the funds available for such a situation and was able to extend relief funds in excess of 75 thousand dollars.

We could not have supported the Texas Boys Ranch in this way without your past donations. Those contributions planted monetary seeds that grew to be used in a time of crisis.

Are you being called to plant some seeds in the endowment that will be used this year and many years to come? Contact Eric Creel for ideas on how you can make a difference in the children at the Texas Boys Ranch through the Texas Boys Ranch Foundation.

SHARING JESUS,
HEALING HEARTS,
TRANSFORMING LIVES.



A Bigger Impact

What a year 2019 has been for the stock market, and what a run it has made over the last decade! In fact, we've gotten used to hearing almost every evening "It's been another record-breaking day on Wall St." In March 2009, the Dow Jones was trading at just over 7,000. As of early March of this year, we've seen an increase of almost 300%. In 2019 alone the S&P 500 Price index returned 33%, if you include dividend reinvestment. That's pretty strong!

As of this writing, the stock market has taken a tumble, but gains over the last several years are still very strong. Some advisors have been recommending their clients "lock in" their gains by selling while prices are still high & buying other assets to protect against a potential significant downturn. At the same time, many charitably-minded people are seeing this as an opportunity to make a wonderful gift to their favorite charities. Either way, with all that investment growth, the government is certainly ready to get its share!

But what if you could keep the tax man at bay, and at the same

time make a powerful impact in the lives of wounded boys and girls today, and for generations to come? It's about as simple as signing your name!

As you know, when you sell shares of stock which you've held for more than a year that have increased in value, you're subject to capital gains tax. But when you direct your broker to transfer those shares directly to Texas Boys Ranch Foundation, you not only make a wonderful gift, but you avoid paying taxes on the gains. Since TBRF is tax-exempt, we can sell those securities without paying taxes, which allows more dollars to go to the mission. And you get the same charitable deduction you would as if you were to write a check. That's a double tax benefit for you!

The stock market's strong growth over the last decade makes gifts of securities a great way to support the ministry of healing children who have been subjected to terrible abuses and suffered inexcusable neglect. You have the power! Will you act during these historic times to make a historic difference?



To learn more about donating appreciated assets or other creative gift arrangements, visit tbrfoundation.myplannedgift.org. You can also send an email or call us here at the office to request information or discuss other options that might be right for you.



Safe at the Shelter

The main word at the shelter right now is transition. The leadership at the shelter has changed. Katy Phillips has moved over from the campus program to lead the work at the shelter. She is excited about the opportunity to expand on the fantastic care that is given to the kids.

Another transition is that the state has moved to Community Based Care to handle the Children's Protective Service placements. This organization works hand in hand with TBR Shelter as well as other organizations to keep sibling groups together as much as possible. The goal is for the

first placement to be the last placement and move the kids as little as possible.

In light of keeping sibling groups together, the shelter sometimes serves babies. Right now, the average age of children in the shelter is age 4. It can be very hectic caring for this many small children, but this team does a great job!

The Shelter asks for prayers for this time of transition. They are also in need of more staff and pray specifically for male staff. It does a world of good for the kids to have positive male role models as much as possible.

The shelter is caring for

10

children currently.

It has been a busy year so far; they have had over

20

kids just since the beginning of the year.



The Texas Boys Ranch Shelter is just a pause – thanks to your support of the Foundation, it continues to be a very important pause in the journey of these sweet kids. We praise God for the work that is done.

Across the Ranch

Life on the ranch is going great. In our four cottages, we have 28 kiddos that range from 4-17 years old. They are up to their eyebrows in little dribblers basketball, school field trips, and other spring activities.

We have the best house parents who work hard to create a family environment and instill lifelong skills in the kids. One of the parents shared that she and her husband read a book and pray with the kids before they go to bed. She said that even the older kids ask to read a book. They often hear the phrase, "I love you," and one of the kids that is nine years old said, "This is the best family I've ever had."

After living in a cottage for six months, a group of siblings have changed from having very little respect for women to wanting to join the military or police force. We also have girls gaining self-confidence and asking for help with their clothing choices. Kids are changing and improving every day with patient, loving care.

We have a sweet 17-year-old girl right now that has had a remarkable journey. She came to the Boy's Ranch shelter a few years ago being taken from a very trying situation and was eventually assigned to a cottage at the Ranch. She recently found out that she will be able to join a foster family with the intentions of being adopted. Hours and hours of love, patience, and prayers have gone into her journey.

Spend some time praying for the spring and summer to come. It is a challenge to keep 30 kids busy. They are planning camps, fishing trips, and vacations. Your support to the Texas Boys Ranch Foundation plays a crucial role in the kids' lives, including life-changing encounters with Christ during church camp. Pray that the kids and the staff feel the love of God in every place at the Ranch today and many years to come.

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