

# Joy Ranch

A Christian Home  
for Children



Fall  
2015

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### Mission Statement

To provide a welcoming, safe, caring, and Christ-centered environment to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of children and their families in crisis.

### History

Founded in 1961 by Richard and Mary McHenry, Joy Ranch has been home to over 5000 children. Located in the Blue Ridge mountains, Joy Ranch maintains five ranch-style cottages, an administration building, a full-size gym, barns, pastures, and sport fields on 60 acres.

### Ministry

Joy Ranch is a residential home serving children ages 5 - 21 in crisis situations due to the death, imprisonment, or incapacity of parents, or other necessitating circumstances. Dedicated house parents provide a family atmosphere where love gives life and makes a lasting difference. Joy Ranch is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit. Your gifts are tax deductible. Make checks payable to "Joy Ranch." We accept all major credit cards via on-line giving, with the opportunity to set up recurring gifts. Text **joyranch** to 41444 to donate.

### Joy Ranch

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**On the Cover:** Lori and Porsche on hike at Pilot Mountain

## PREPARING FOR RAIN



"Preparing for rain" was the answer given in the scene from the movie *Facing the Giants* when the head coach asked the pastor why he was praying over the lockers after school.

In other words, we need to be prepared to assist with the great harvest of healing and restoring that the Lord is bringing about. I believe our Board of Directors, before my arrival, sensed this coming event and began to assess the need of reaching all families in the region that are hurting and in crisis.

The residential care program will continue to meet the needs of children who arrive here for all sorts of reasons.

But the question has always remained here over the years- *what happens to the children when they leave Joy Ranch? Then what?*

The very last two verses of the Old Testament sum up the theme of Scripture: *Restoration.*

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (Malachi 4:5-6)

Thus, it is our desire to see all youth, through Joy Ranch's ministry, restore their relationship with Jesus. Our hope is that through our Youth & Family Initiative, that whole families can find healing and restoration.

If one's natural family will not provide the needed acceptance and support, then the Family of God plays a major role through Christian foster care, mentoring, Christ-centered counseling, and connecting with the local church.

Our team at Joy Ranch is poised to reach hurting kids and families throughout the region. We have the right vision, right team, and right strategy, but we cannot move forward without YOU! You may not be present in the houses, or in the counseling sessions, or at the seminars, but YOU play a major role in the restoration of so many lives that will be reached for Christ through your prayers and support.

Prepare with us for a huge harvest of hope, and get your umbrellas out.

Burdened By Our Call,

Brian Allen  
Executive Director

REACH \* RESCUE \* RESTORE

# SO COOL, SO FUN, SO GRATEFUL

Mr. Gene, the House Dad in the Exodus Girls Cottage sat down with Kalista and Nikki to ask a few questions. **Mr. Gene:** What is your craziest memory here?

**Kalista:** We were at Walmart and I saw a big thing of pillows and decided to jump in it and I got stuck in it and the District Manager of Walmart watched me and said, "Hey, are you Ok?" and I said, "Yeah, what's up?"

**Nikki:** When me and Dorothea wore those huge sweatpants and we fell and I hit my head. Ha, ha!

**Mr. Gene:** What about your house parents?

**Kalista:** They are funny, caring, and trustworthy. They ask how you are doing... a lot!

**Nikki:** Very helpful, even though they get on my nerves sometimes (chuckles). They are understanding. They treat us like we're their own kids. Very protective.

**Kalista:** Yeah, I like that, too! They make you feel very important even though there are seven people in the house.

**Mr. Gene:** What about church youth group?

**Kalista:** They're more like a caring group of friends and they help you and pray for you when you are having a bad day.

**Nikki:** They understand us and get involved in our lives, and pray for us when we are having a hard time. They love us and involve us in activities with the town and the church.

**Kalista:** They care about us and how we are in a personal way and help us through things the Biblical way!

**Mr. Gene:** Enjoy the Wilds & the beach trip?

**Nikki:** Yes, very much! I had never been to the Wilds and it was so much fun. The beach trip was amazing. I'm so grateful for Garden City Chapel paying for everything.

**Kalista:** I really liked both. The Wilds was so cool to meet all kinds of great people and I got closer to God and learned a lot about the Bible. At the beach all of us at Joy Ranch had time to get to know each other well because I was new.

**Mr. Gene:** So chicken is your favorite food?

**Nikki:** I *hate* chicken, but my favorite is macaroni and cheese.

**Kalista:** Cheesy pizza pasta.

**Mr. Gene:** What is Joy Ranch?

**Nikki:** It's happy. It's a place for kids who need help for them and their family.

**Kalista:** It's safe. It's a place where you feel loved without being judged.



## Honor & Memorial Gifts

*Those memorialized are alphabetized in bold with donors indented underneath.*

## In Memory

### **Eric Albano**

Frank C & Betty Albano

### **Lucille Angle**

Glenn Angle

### **Noelle & Nicholas Baber**

Carl Baber

### **Rose Baldasty**

Helen Cook

### **Albert Lewis Bedsaul**

Ms. Ima Johnson

### **Lawrence Bell**

Jay & Wanda Lovejoy

### **Mary R. Bell**

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Jay & Wanda Lovejoy

### **Tom Bell**

Jay & Wanda Lovejoy

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and Leonard Smith

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Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Boyles

### **Mr. Grey Boyles**

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Boyles

### **Della Brooks**

Mrs. Ellen Brooks

### **Richard & Sarah Burcham**

Helen Beamer

### **R.T. Cayton**

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny E. Murray

### **Charleston, SC Church Victims**

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Vernon

### **Milo Cockerham**

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### **Preston & Opal Cox**

Nancy C. Mize

**Memorial Gifts** *continued...*

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Dorothy Fender

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Thomas & Jane Ferguson

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Thomas & Jane Ferguson

**Roy Fletcher**

Debbie Morrison

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**Billy Ray & Deborah Francis**

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Glenna Cox

**Carlos Haunn**

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Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Combs

**Effie Hollins**

Thornspring United

Methodist Church

**Mrs. Ruby Hull**

Terry Johnson

Rocky Ford Christian Church

**Kester T. Jarrell**

Class of 1950

**Brian Allen, Executive Director.** I have the privilege of overseeing the ministry of Joy Ranch by providing vision, direction, support, training, and counsel. This dedicated team works together to fulfill our high calling.



**Glenna Cox, Administrative/ Human Resource Director.** I recruit missionaries for the ministry and advocate for them by managing benefits, payroll, and training requirements while helping coordinate administrative budgeting and daily operations.



**Terry Smith, Bookkeeper.** I handle financial record keeping- transactions, accounts payable and receivable, reconciling bank statements and processing all donations.



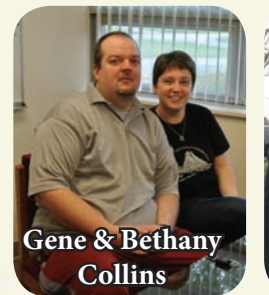
**Peter Pratt, Facilities Manager.** I coordinate all maintenance and repair of Joy Ranch facilities, vehicles and equipment, and provide care of our animals.



**Brent Carrick, Development Coordinator.** I promote the mission and build the identity of Joy Ranch by nurturing partner relationships, planning events, and providing a positive representation for our ministry.



Jason & Michelle Miller Boys



Gene & Bethany Collins

Exodus Girls Cottage

**House Parents.** We provide for the children's needs, skills, enjoy fun and fellowship with them as we strive to show them the love of God.



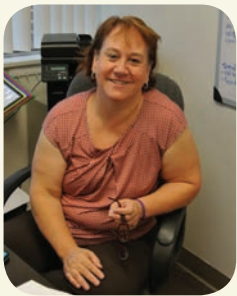
Mowing equipment given in memory of Louis & Verna Anderson of Claudville, VA who loved Joy Ranch

*Sue Ellen Smith* 1952 - 1971



A gentle spirit who volunteered at Joy Ranch with her Mountain View UMC youth group. Sue Ellen always wanted to take the Joy Ranch children home with her. She died in a house fire.

Her brother Lee Smith and his wife Judy have kept her legacy alive through faithful support.



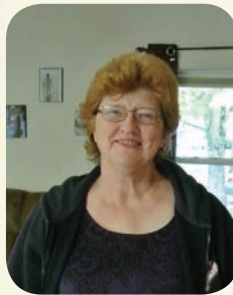
**Susan Huxster, Residential Program Director.** I work with the Direct Care team in providing a loving home, modeling Christian principles to our children. I work with Virginia licensing to confirm this accountability we have set for ourselves.



**Carla Allen, Director of Volunteer Services.** I support all other Joy Ranch ministries by recruiting, training, building our volunteer base, and working with individuals and groups who have a heart to generously give of their time, talents, and resources.



**Christy King, Services Coordinator.** I perform a variety of support services to assist Case Management in providing for the on-going care of each child.



**Mary Terry, Case Manager.** I advocate for our children as a liaison with parent or guardian, and provide guidance in their individualized service plans.



**Christy Gunter, Media & Communication Specialist.** I provide the tools and resources necessary to share the stories of Joy Ranch with the world.



**Michelle Rash**  
Boys Cottage



**Keith & Diane Rivers**  
Relief House  
Parents

...e children's daily needs, teach them life  
...n them and in general, just live life with  
...love of Christ.



This endeavor is designed to spark and impliment collaboration among faith-based organizations and churches. There has been much concern over the spiritual and emotional welfare of the children and teens after leaving Joy Ranch. We envision a community-based care model providing Christ-centered counseling, foster care, mentoring, parent-support, health services, etc. Thank you for your prayers as we launch this effort to reach the whole family and connect them to the family of God.



**Joe Gunter,**  
Youth and Family  
Services Director.

## Memorial Gifts continued...

### Glen & Louise Jessup

Buford & Shirley Jessup

### Henderson Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Phillips

### Mayetta Forrest Jones

Donald & Glenda Wohlford

### James T. Jones

Mrs. Dorothy Jones

### Annie Mae Jones

Shirley Sayers

### Minnie W. King

Donald & Glenda Wohlford

### Pauline Kirkman

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Boyles

### WillaDean P. Kirkner

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### Murray G. Lainer

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### Mildred R. Lewis

George Lewis

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### Minor Lucas

Glenna Cox

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### Ted Moore

Pamela Moore-Battaglia

### J.E. Murray

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny E. Murray

### Belford Newman

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### Rhonda Noble

Debbie Morrison

**Memorial Gifts *continued...***

**Connie K. Palm**

Ms. Ella May Akers

**Gene Ratcliff**

Mrs. Mary Underwood

**Jonathan V. Robertson**

Debbie Morrison

**Dr. John T. Roper, Jr.**

Dr. & Mrs. John Roper, Sr.

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Alfred & Beulah Tickle

Lillian Shelor

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Ruth R. Francis

**Kurt H. Smith**

Barbara Smith

**Annie Spraker**

Petunia Christian Church

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**Thomas & Myrtle Trent**

James & Linda Riddle

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Shirley Sayers

**Becky Vaughan**

Ms. Ima Johnson

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Jake Ward

**Harlan White**

Joe & Susan White

**Jean White**

Joe & Susan White

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Mr. & Mrs. Allan Kjeldsen

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Mohney

**Mrs. Helen Worrell**

Rita Johnson

**Louise H. Wright**

Mr. Beauford Wright

*highlight reel  
9-12-15*



*The highlight reel of JoyFest 2015 is a colorful, fast paced film of fun & inspiration. Fifty beautiful creations brought in over \$30,000.00 in our quilt auction. The "Love Quilt" made by the Joy Ranch family with the help of Mrs. Helen Cook fetched a jaw-dropping \$15,100.00. The crowd grew through the afternoon, enjoying the music of The True Life Travelers & youth band Undone, while getting acquainted with area ministries such as The Battleground, Taking it to the Streets, God's Pit Crew, and Christian radio station Joy FM. Safety Pup with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department was on hand, Debra Bolen tied balloons, Linda Gibson painted faces, Bill Cox gave horse-drawn wagon rides, and Ms. Debbie of Cliffview Children's Ministries entertained with puppet shows.*



*our day with  
as the sun finally came out, and glori*



*The Chicken Bus,  
The Blue Ridge Panthers Hot Dogs,  
Crooked Oak Moravian Church Pintos & Cornbread,  
Snack Time Food Stand Soft Pretzels, Nachos & Cheese, & desserts,  
Worship of Galax First Assembly Pork Rinds made up a fantastic menu!  
And the nice, new picnic tables & park benches from Lowe's  
gave us ample seating.*



*The Rain held off,  
allowing Damien Ristaino & Amanda Cargile to parachute  
in our midst. Damien waited out the windy weather, & concluded  
with tethered rides in his Phoenix hot-air balloon, giving the last ones just  
gloriously lit up the balloon as it beautifully set on the days festivities.*

## In Honor

**My Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**

Helen Cook

**All Our Veterans**

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Miller

**Bill & Ann Anderson**

Ms. Susan Anderson

**Tim Bowman**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Phillips

**Tim & Sandy Bowman**

Joy Ranch children & staff

**Faye C. Boyer**

Mr. & Mrs. Monte McQuillan

**R.T. Cayton**

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Murray

**Agnes Chilton**

Lillie Mae Haynes

**Helen Cook**

Joy Ranch children & staff

**Brian & Sally Davis**

Eleanor & Curtis Parks

**Noah Conrad Gregory**

Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Gregory

**Ed & Veronica Hix**

Trinity Baptist Church Asheville

**Ruby Marshall**

Chester Marshall

**Ann Martin**

Mountain View

Pentecostal Holiness Church

**J.E. Murray Sr.**

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Murray

**John Nichols**

Joy Ranch children & staff

**Betty J. Parker**

Robert E. Parker

**Natalie Payne**

Pine Ridge Baptist Church

**Jim & Betsy Phillips**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Phillips

**Pine Ridge Baptist Youth**

Pine Ridge Baptist Church

**Margaret Turner**

Betty T. Gordon

*The Lord make his face  
shine upon thee, and be  
gracious unto thee.*

Numbers 6:25

**Life is Art. Live it in Color.** We are pleased to bring you our quarterly newsletter in full color. That's how life is at Joy Ranch. Even when days are gray, love brings our canvas to life, vibrant with variety and rich in color. *And beauty is the signature of the Master's brush, and everything is beautiful that knows His loving touch.*

# Live & in Living Color



We made it!



Programs!



Cheese!

Ga! Ga!  
Ga!

I love you!



**Fiddler's Convention**  
Joy Ranch residents & staff children sell programs

**New Park Attraction**  
Mission Team from Woodland Baptist builds Ga-Ga Pit

**Summer Enrichment**  
Mountain hikes, horse rides, & game room enjoyment

**Garden City Beach Trip**  
Annual trip is always a highlight of the summer

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