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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.

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On the Cover: Elkin, age 14, poses on the Joy Ranch tractor.

WORDS FROM AN ORPHAN...



Excerpt from "Fields of the Fatherless" by C. Thomas Davis:

I hated my life since the third grade when I was unmercifully beaten. I felt then that life is lost and death is looking for me. And my tears were telling me that life was nothing in comparison with death. I felt like a little cockroach, which responds in fear when seen.

A bunch of American people came to our school. I thought these people wanted to laugh at us. But I was mistaken. They are people willing to give up the most precious gift a person can possess-love. Their intentions to share seemed strange as they had their own kids. But these people have such big hearts to give that there is still enough room even for us little cockroaches.

Then I began to feel myself not a cockroach anymore, which deserved to be killed, but a little human being. It is a wonderful feeling. Believe me.

I don't have actual statistics, but I would be confident to say that there are thousands and thousands of children and teenagers who are feeling hopeless today right here in the SW Virginia and North Carolina area. They are feeling hopeless about their future, hopeless about their family, hopeless about their relationships, and hopeless about their eternal destiny.

For over 50 years Joy Ranch Christian Home for Children has been in the "offering hope" business. In order to confront today's hopelessness and fear, more people and resources must be engaged in bringing hope. Kid's and teens need your help more than ever. Please continue to partner with us to deliver hope.

The book of Proverbs promises that he who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given. (Proverbs 19:17) This is part of the benefit that comes with service to the fatherless, the widow, the poor, and the marginalized-God always provided when we desire to help!

A lifelong blessing will attach itself to your life when you follow the instructions of the Lord and join Him at work in His special fields. In other words- with your time & financial resources you cannot out-give God.

Please let us know through email or Facebook how God has been blessing you as a result of our work together in this harvest field through the ministry of Joy Ranch.

Thank you for your friendship and partnership,

Blessed By Our Call,

Brian Allen Executive Director

REACH * RESCUE * RESTORE

MAKES ME FEEL GOOD



Elkin's Testimony

When I first got here I thought it was going to be a nice place. It looked nice, with nice people. I was a little afraid. The other boys had just got back from camp, and I felt welcomed when Brandon first saw me, and he said, "Oh, a new kid." That made me feel good.

When I first got here we went on the beach trip, and that was fun, and going into the upside down house.

And I liked JoyFest, with the bouncy houses and food, and I got to spend time with my family. And I liked the trip to Old Salem. Joy Ranch is a fun place, and we do fun stuff.

Something new for me was having a chore to do. When I first did it I wasn't very good at it. I started getting good at my chore and that made me feel good. Mr. Jason helped me with my laundry, and it made sense, and I was able to do it. And that made me feel good.

The house parents are all nice. They take us on fun trips and do fun stuff with us. They watch us in case we do something bad that would hurt us. They help me with my behavior.

The house parents and staff help us with our homework and grades. They tutor me and help me with the subjects I am failing in. Sometimes they make flash cards and do fun stuff to help me remember.

I feel safe here, and I have a roommate, Jonathan, I can talk to. He's funny, and he's a good friend. I look up to him. He's nice to me.

The food is good. I like the pizza. And I like the desserts on the weekendwe make milkshakes. I like to skateboard. I taught myself how to ride the Rip Stick, and Jonathan helped me a little bit. Sometimes, my friends here, when I'm angry, they help me calm down.

At church we learn about Jesus, and the books in the Bible. We worship, and I take notes. I have a good time at youth group, the games that we play. I want to give my heart to the Lord, and be baptized.

The new little guys here (Isaiah and Matthew) do fun stuff, and are funny. I try to help them learn what to do, and that makes me feel good.

I like to smile. I smile when I'm happy. And I smile when people do silly stuff.

I would recommend Joy Ranch to my friends. It's a place for kids to get help. I've learned to do my own laundry, and clean my room better, and use good manners more often. I feel loved. They make sure I'm Ok. Matthew and Isaiah give me hugs.



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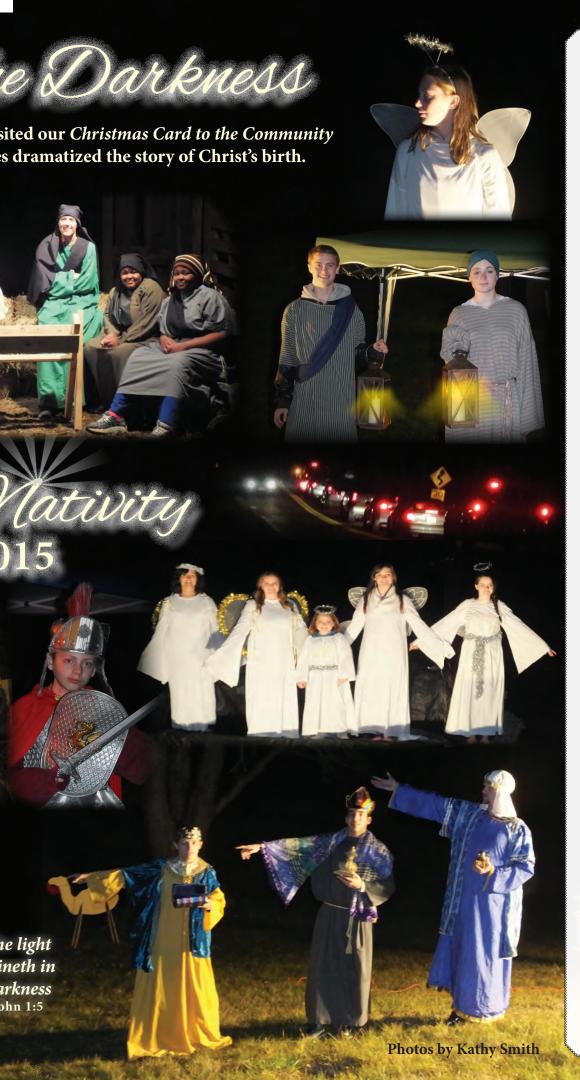
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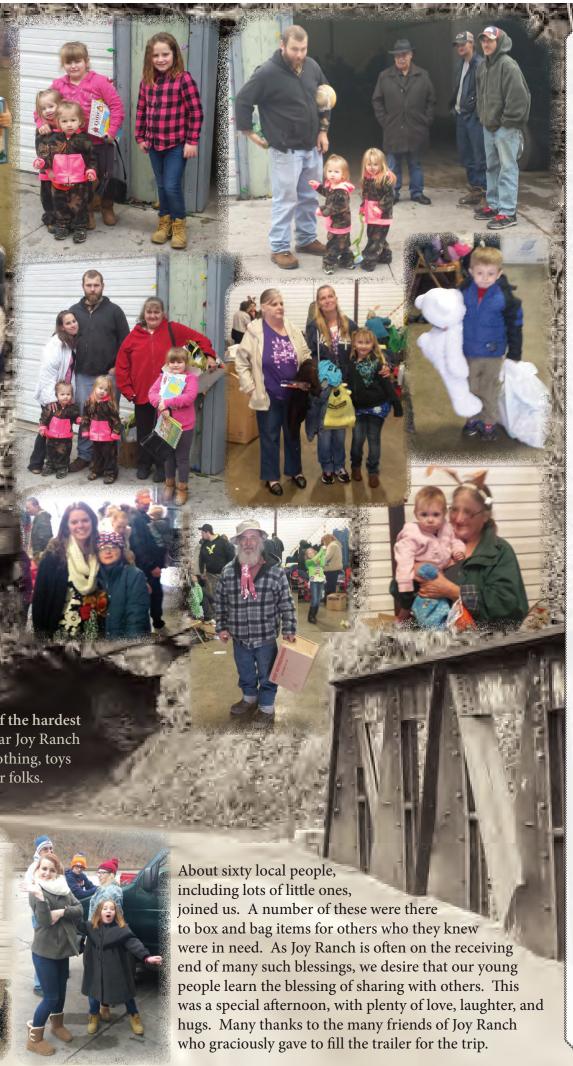
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I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

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