

TEXAS BOYS RANCH FOUNDATION

Sharing Jesus, healing hearts, transforming lives.

Supporting the Mission of Texas Girls & Boys Ranch

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PLANNING IS BRINGING
THE FUTURE INTO THE
PRESENT SO THAT YOU
CAN DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT NOW.
– A. LAKEIN

## Wish I May, Wish I Might

The balloons, streamers, cake & friends are all in place. "Make a wish & blow out the candles!" Destiny closes her eyes tightly, pauses for a moment, draws in a deep breath... What did you wish for when you were young? The children served at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch wish for the same kinds of things that most kids do. But many of them also wish for things most of us took for granted. Things like a safe place to sleep. Enough food to feed their vounger siblings tomorrow, with maybe a little left over for themselves. A mom & a dad who would love them & never leave them alone.

Little children look to the future through this wishing lens. In their world, future events, possessions & circumstances are accomplished through birthday candles, letters to Santa, & the "first star I see tonight." If only it were that simple!

Wishes & dreams are important in life, to be sure. Without them what great things would be accomplished? But wishing & dreaming is only the beginning of the thing. We must set goals to achieve those dreams. However, even goals are insufficient. Responsible adults make plans to achieve the goals & accomplish what they believe to be good & worthy in life.

One of the most enjoyable things we do at the Foundation is visit with friends of the Ranch about that which is good & worthy. We enjoy telling stories of young lives being rescued & changed forever. But there's another side to that conversation, and that is listening to you & hearing what is good & worthy to you. For many, it includes monetarily supporting the mission of healing abused & abandoned children. You've already made it a part of your charitable priorities since it represents an important part of your value system.

What about the future of the ministry? Would you like to extend your values to the next generation? Would you like to see the fruits of your lifetime continue to support what is important to you? With good planning, you can. With a solid estate plan, you can be sure that your loved ones will be well taken care of, and so will this ministry you have cared so much for over the years. Together, we can ensure that boys and girls both today & in years to come will be protected from harm, healed from hurts, and get to know Jesus.

In the end, your plans make Destiny's wishes come true.

— Eric Creel, President

PLANNED GIVING AROUND THE RANCH







### **Failing to plan**

While almost two-thirds of Americans believe that having a will is important, only one-third have actually completed any type of estate planning document. And although more people are saying that they don't know how or don't have the money for a will, overall, procrastination is still the primary reason for not planning.



#### Failing to coordinate beneficiary designations

It is important to periodically review beneficiary designations for assets such as life insurance policies and retirement accounts. The beneficiary designation takes precedence over what is stated in a will, so it is important to make sure these fit with your plans for your estate.



#### Failing to review asset titles

Are assets in your individual name or held jointly with someone else, or are they in a trust or entity? Assets titled jointly pass outside an individual's will and would go to the surviving account holder.

Example: Mr. Smith's will says everything goes to his children equally. But if he has one bank account in joint tenancy with his son, that account would pass to his son. This would result in unequal distribution, when his intention was for assets to be divided equally.



#### Failing to plan for disability or medical emergency

No one likes to think about the possibility of disability. However, one in three Americans will experience at least a temporary disability before age 65. Loved ones can be comforted in knowing that plans have been made in the event that happens.

# Estate Planning Checkup

- ✓ Do you have a will?
- ✓ Do you have an Estate Plan?
- ✓ If you want to make gifts to charities at your death, are they clearly set forth in your planning documents?
- Since you signed your planning documents, have you changed your mind about any aspect of the plan?
- Have you bought or sold a house or other piece of property since your planning documents were signed?
- Are you contemplating selling stock or other valuable assets with a low cost basis?

We would love to help you with your estate planning checklist. Contact Eric or Kim at 806-749-1103.



### YEAR END BLESSINGS

As we look back on 2021 we remember all of the amazing things that happened because of your support. Our kids enjoyed looking at Christmas lights, attending Christmas parties, and even Santa and Mrs. Claus showing up in a helicopter! Throughout the holidays many people brought treats and presents to make sure the children at the Ranch knew they were cared for and loved.

Many of the children at the Ranch and Children's Shelter get depressed during the holidays because they are reminded of the fact that they aren't celebrating with their own families. But with the care shown to them the last several months of 2021 they knew they were loved. One of the most hopeful things we experienced as the holidays were getting underway, was concern for a sibling group staying at the Shelter. Their parents felt hurt and ashamed that their children were taken away and they took the judge's orders to heart and immediately started to get their lives together so they could get their children back. They admitted their wrongs and worked diligently to do what they needed to do to be reunified with their children. Our loving staff encouraged them and helped them in many ways along their journey. What a true blessing it was that the children were able to go home in time for the holidays. Our staff at the Shelter made sure the children had presents, food, and that the family got what they needed to set up a home that was safe.

We couldn't continue to fulfill our mission of Sharing Jesus, Healing Hearts, Transforming Lives without the help of our good friends and donors. The legacy that the TBR Foundation provides gives us hope that we will be able to continue what we are doing for years to come.

—Traci Cheek, Director of Advancement, TxGBR

We are thrilled to announce that Texas Boys Ranch is now Texas Girls & Boys Ranch! New name and branding, same great services and programs! We have been serving girls since 2010 in an effort to keep sibling groups together during this difficult time of their lives. Changing the name will help us better reflect who we are and what we do.



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