



O'CONNELL YOUTH RANCH

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From our Executive Director, Gina Meier-Hummel

Our young men had a good summer. They spent a great deal of time working in the garden and taking care of each house's individual lawns, which I hope translates to long term skills for them. We also, courtesy of donors, went to two Royals' games and Worlds of Fun. Several young men from House 1 went on a vacation to South Dakota. Additionally, the young men finished up a ten-week Alpha session and have met many great people who have volunteered in this program throughout the summer. The young men received engraved bibles for finishing this group.



We continue to work to bring the arts and music to the ranch, and just recently had a donor donate instruments to the ranch for young men who are showing this interest. With the art program, several of our young men have been very successful and even sold hundreds of dollars of art. This is very exciting for them and the staff. In house 1 we also have a reading program started. Additionally, the young men have been riding horses weekly and that has been fun to watch.

And finally, several of the young men will play football for Lawrence High and some have participated over the summer in weight training.

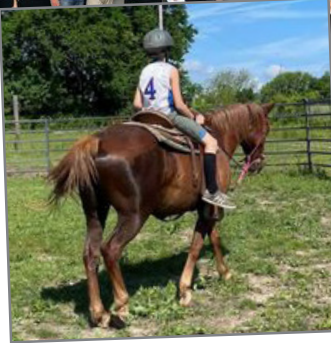
We appreciate all the support we get from our many friends. We pray you and your family stay safe and have a blessed fall.

Our Success Stories

In July, The O'Connell Youth Ranch was selected for EnvistaCares Challenge. This an initiative of Envista Credit Union that highlights a different local non-profit organization each month. OYR donors met Envista's challenge grant amount of \$2500.00 which allowed all the young men to go shopping for new school clothes and/or shoes and to make their own selections.

OYR applied for CARF accreditation and after a long process of meeting their standards on policies, practices, and facilities, OYR was accredited for 3 years in July. CARF accreditation is evidence that OYR strives to improve efficiency, fiscal health, and service delivery -- creating a foundation for consumer satisfaction. CARF accreditation as a demonstration of accountability and conformance to internationally accepted standards that promote excellence. We are delighted after all the hard work of our wonderful staff, we passed!!





LIST OF NEEDS

*Tooth
Brushes*

*PJ Pants
in all sizes*

*New Socks
& Undies*

*Flip Flops,
Crocs
or Slides*

*Homemade
Masks*

*New
Water
Bottles*

*Stocking Caps
& Gloves*

Bring donated items to O'Connell Youth Ranch - 1646 North 1320 Road
Please call in advance of delivery so we can ensure someone is there to meet you.

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