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Our Vision

For every child to experience redemption.

Our Mission

LOVE the child, SAVE the horse, enable children and their families to realize the HOPE they can have in Jesus Christ.

NEW BEGINNINGS

-by Micheline Barkley

It has been far too long for a ranch update. For that, I am truly sorry. As you can imagine, managing the 50 acre farm that the ranch sits on can be a daunting task. Additionally, last year, Matt & I sold our home of 20 years and moved to the home that abuts the farm. Painting, decluttering, cleaning, packing, moving and unpacking made 2018 a very busy and exhausting year for us. Please forgive me for not sharing the amazing things God has done at RYYR.

Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch is growing because the need is great. With that growth, the days fill up quickly with care for kids and horses. This is why we are so happy to announce that RYYR has hired Rebecca Shaw to help facilitate our growth.

At the very young age of 16, Rebecca knew what she wanted to do but wasn't sure what God had planned. Her love for the Lord and horses brought her through her childhood adversities with a joy and purpose. Her passion was to use God's awesome creation, the horse, in a way that opens the door to the love of Jesus Christ, thus redeeming lives that were once broken and hopeless. God has given Rebecca, the desires of her heart "Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart." -Psalm 37:4 NAS

Rebecca received a Bachelor's degree in education from Geneva College. She also has owned her own horses as well as had many years of volunteering as well as employment with various therapeutic riding facilities. She has spent the past 10+ years studying horse training, riding, behavior and has also received her certification with the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH). Becca was a teacher in Mexico for two years at an orphanage with children who had experienced trauma. This experience was the catalyst for her desire to help hurting children. However, this desire would have to take a backseat for a few years as Rebecca came home to care for her mother who had become ill. And as God would orchestrate it, around the same time her Mom's health began to improve, Becca heard about RYYR through a friend. In the fall of 2017 she quickly acclimated at the ranch and it seemed as if she had been

there for years. Because of the craziness of 2018 for me, I could not handle all I had to do so Rebecca stepped up and “took the reins” and became our mentoring Program Coordinator.

When she is not consumed by ranch activities, Rebecca loves to spend time outdoors hiking, biking, rock climbing and kayaking.

We feel so blessed to have Rebecca helping us get organized so we can help more kids in need.

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RESCUES



(ABOVE- Remi at rescue

RIGHT- Remi now with Rebecca)

Remi was rescued earlier this year in late winter. If you had seen her then, you would have thought that she didn't look too bad. Well, that was because she had lots of fluffy hair to compensate for her malnourished condition. We quickly discovered that she had been left out in fields along with another horse for the past 8 years, unhandled by humans. Her pasture mate had also died two years prior. And after 8 years, for whatever reason, she was unable to get access to another field of grass or hay. A neighbor contacted RYYR and we were able to corral her in a small area and trailer load her. Since coming to the ranch, we have confirmed that she is blind in her left eye and potentially has some vision loss in her right eye as well. It has been a huge adjustment for her to live in a barn and be led from her stall to pastures. In addition, she went from a relatively quiet solemn life to a noisy, active barn. Remi is a sweet horse and now in good health, she's had her feet trimmed, vaccinations and teeth done. Unfortunately, she is not a rideable horse and would be better suited in a single owner, quiet home with lots of pasture turn out and a run in. She would need a pasture mate as she has severe anxiety when separated from other horses. Please share her story and if you know anyone interested in giving her a home as a pasture companion or fostering her, feel free to contact us here at RYYR.



ANYONE LIKE CAMEL INSIDE CHOCOLATE? Meet our Mini Mule.....ROLO

Two young ladies rescued a horse and got it a smaller companion. When the horse was healthy, they found it a forever home. But what to do with Rolo? Why yes, we'd LOVE to add him to our menagerie! Rolo is not quite a year and a half yet and a handful. He was not handled much from birth so his instinct is to always run away in fear. Savannah has been working with him to gain trust and teach him to walk on a lead line. It's gonna be a long road but LOOK AT THAT FACE how can you resist?

IS ANYTHING TOO DIFFICULT FOR GOD?

Your life changes in the blink of an eye. Most of you have experienced this and know it is not always for the better. This is one of those stories. In 2018, a beautiful and very polite teenage girl (we'll call her MK) came to RYYR to participate in our mentoring program. MK had witnessed two people die during a horrific car accident. The trauma had left her with nightmares and daily melt downs. MK just wanted to return to her life, finish high school and graduate but it all seemed too difficult. MK was deathly afraid of horses but on her first day at the ranch, she came eye to eye with her fears. While we were doing general introductions, I had one of our other mentors retrieve Pansie from the arena, and bring her around the back of the barn office so MK would not see her coming. As MK was talking, I could see her eyes narrow when she first felt Pansie breathing over her shoulder and then her eyes widened when she realized it was a horse. When she turned around to face our large draft horse, everything she felt melted away, leaving only momentary fear. And then Pansie lowered her head to get a little scratch. Little did MK know it, but in less than a month, her meltdowns and nightmares would stop. MK finished her program six weeks later and has since graduated from high school, able to resume the life she enjoyed. God is the healer. This ranch and it's volunteers are all just his tools.

"Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." Luke 18:27 NIV

ARE YOU A TOOL THAT GOD CAN USE?

As we organize to facilitate more children, we need your help to complete a variety of tasks. Please prayerfully consider offering your time and talents for God's glory. The following is a list of some of the volunteer positions we have available:

Website Manager
Barn Chore Volunteers
Mentors
Operating Director
Head of Fundraising
Fundraising Committee

Grant Writer
Handyman/Skilled Craftsman
Landscaping Maintenance Team
Events Cook
Youth Group Leader
Prayer Partners

UPCOMING EVENTS

November – 9th Spaghetti Dinner at Prince of Peace Church
20th Benefit Dinner at Big Knob Grange (reservations are required, email Micheline for information Micheline.barkley@ryyr.org)

DO US A FAVOR.....please follow us on facebook, we can keep you up to date on all our activities!

What Parents are saying about the effects of RYYR on their kids -

“It seems to calm her down a lot. Volunteers to clean around the house, takes care of her pets more.”

“Love and respect for horses. Confidence, responsibility, and enthusiasm. Increase in responsibility overall. More confidence in school.”

“Less screaming and tantrums. Sleeps better after a tiring ranch day.”

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