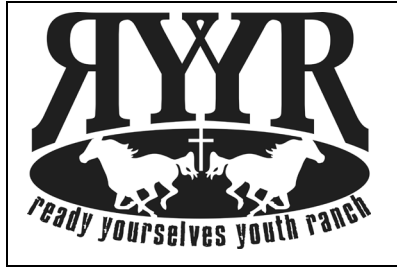


# NOVEMBER 2020



*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.*

## Good Bye to a Real Prince Charming



Anyone who has visited our ranch would remember Prince. He is the fancy “white” show horse with the biggest fluffiest tail you ever saw. Prince is owned by Kaitlynn Miller. Kait volunteered as a mentor several summers ago at the ranch and then she left for college taking her horse, Prince, with her. Her mom, Ann Miller called to ask if she could volunteer. Ann missed being around horses and so began our mutually grateful relationship. As it turns out, we got the better end of the bargain! Ann is without a doubt one of our most faithful, efficient, hardworking and horse-savvy volunteers EVER! The woman kicks butt at barn chores hands down. After college, Kait needed somewhere to board Prince while she moved to another state and started graduate school. That’s when Prince came to RYYR and became such a blessing to so many kids (and volunteers). Over the years that he has been at the ranch, he has helped to alleviate fears, increase confidence and simply give so much joy to everyone around him. When he first arrived, Prince had never been hand painted. Well, it didn’t take long for kids to see what a great canvas he was! We just wanted to take this time to thank Kaitlynn and Ann for letting us use Prince for our program. It’s not easy

being a lesson horse but Prince has done that and we are so grateful for his healing touch. Kait has settled in Ohio and is taking Prince to be with her. We pray that God would bless Kaitlynn & Ann for their kindness in sharing Prince. May God bless Prince with a long healthy life for his service in the name of Jesus.

## RYYR Christmas Wish List

Don't have time but wanna donate? We have 3 items we need:

### **GARMENT RACK:**

We have extra jackets and overalls for when the kids come and don't have proper clothing, however, we need somewhere to hang them but keep the dust off.



Garment Rack with PVC Cover on Wheels, Heavy Duty

Adjustable Clothing Rack with Extendable

Hanging Rail and Two Hooks, Chrome...\$54.99 on Amazon

[https://smile.amazon.com/Greenstell-Adjustable-Clothing-Extendable-Standard/dp/B07VJKSTDZ/ref=sr\\_1\\_7?dchild=1&keywords=garment+rack+with+cover&qid=1605881442&s=storageorganization&sr=1-7](https://smile.amazon.com/Greenstell-Adjustable-Clothing-Extendable-Standard/dp/B07VJKSTDZ/ref=sr_1_7?dchild=1&keywords=garment+rack+with+cover&qid=1605881442&s=storageorganization&sr=1-7)

### **18 GALLON STORAGE TOTES:**

We could use these storage totes to keep mice and dust out:

**Sterilite 18 Gal. Tote** Box Approx. \$5.00 each (under 15 inches tall)

Color does not matter, these are more durable than the see through plastic ones. You can purchase at Walmart, Home Depot and Lowes.

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Sterilite-18-Gal-Tote-Box-Infra-Red-Case-of-6/780903586>



### **THUMPER PROFESSIONAL EQUINE MASSAGER - \$384**

This massager would be such a blessing! Some of our horses are ridden 3 times a day in the summer months.

This massager would help provide comfort for their muscles and make their jobs easier.



## I Love Big, Sweet Horses....

Says one of our new teen volunteers, Josie. This is why she loves working with her favorite horse Lazarus. Josie fell in love with Lazarus the first time she met him this past summer. If you don't follow our ranch stories, you may not know that Lazarus is a very large Percheron draft horse that we rescued in January this year. It was a harrowing journey home because he fell in the horse trailer and could not get up. You can find the miraculous story in our January newsletter on our ranch website. Lazarus was an Amish horse in his previous life. When he first came, he was weak and sickly. There was an emptiness in his eyes. Since January though, we've worked on his health and nutrition and he has gained weight and become more vivacious. He looks forward to visitors and will interrupt conversations between people talking by just walking between them so he can get some attention. After his health improved, we needed to retrain Lazarus how to ride instead of pull. That takes a lot of consistent work along with teaching him to pick up his feet (THANK YOU Rebecca). THAT is a feat (no pun intended), however, Josie has been so faithful in working with Lazarus that he will walk and trot for her and pick up his feet more frequently.

In addition to working with Lazarus, Josie helps mentor with the kids that come for our summer mentoring program as well as the ones that come for the day camps. As Josie has said, "Working with the kids has taught me a lot of patience, especially when they aren't behaving but we have to love them just as they are." Josie has also said that being at the ranch has given her a sense of responsibility. These horses rely on us to take good care of them. Josie's grateful for the friends that she's made at the ranch too. She's mentioned on several occasions, *"When I am at the ranch, I feel God's presence, it makes me feel safe."*

**Matthew 18:20 – "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them" (NRSV).**

# November Community Outreach Saturdays a Success!

Thank you all who responded and came to help on our community outreach Saturdays in November. If you missed the opportunity, it's not too late, just call or text me 724-713-1653 (Micheline)!

## Sacrifice Area.....Update

With the first seed donation of \$100, we're off to a great start with a current total of \$5,158.40. Praise God for these donations but we will have a long way to go. We now need some volunteers to help construct these areas, one at a time. This project requires some men with handyman skills and at least one that has experience with operating construction equipment such as skid loaders and excavators. So, if you think you can help, PLEASE contact Micheline at 724-713-1653 or [Micheline.barkley@ryyr.org](mailto:Micheline.barkley@ryyr.org). Thank you!

## J & J Hoagies Anyone?

Remember those delicious, fresh, 18 inch hoagies? Well we're doing another round in December!

\$7.50	Traditional Italian	\$8.00	Baked Ham
\$9.00	Deluxe Italian (extra meat)	\$9.00	Cold Cut
\$8.00	Turkey & Cheese	\$8.00	Italian Pizza
\$8.00	Beef & Cheddar	\$7.00	2-pack Peperoni Rolls

Orders due Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, they will come in on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like an order sheet for their office, neighborhood or friends, please contact Micheline.

Please email any orders to [office@ryyr.org](mailto:office@ryyr.org)

## Have time....wanna help?

We are in need of a fundraising coordinator. Someone who can send out fundraising information to volunteers and donors. As well as a creative person to provide new fund-raising ideas. If you are interested, please let me know! Thank you! [Micheline.Barkley@ryyr.org](mailto:Micheline.Barkley@ryyr.org)

## Don't Forget About Your Covid Swear Jar

Don't forget to bring your coin jar to RYYR at the end of this month. I had no idea I threw around the words Covid, Coronavirus and Pandemic so much! My jar is FULL!



# Start with the Kids, then Help Heal the Family

-by Micheline Barkley

“It really started when their Dad physically, mentally and sexually abused me for years.” Nicole (not her real name) said, in a somber voice. It’s hard for her to talk about it sometimes because the memories come flooding back and then she has to shut down to survive mentally and it becomes hard to function. But don’t we all build walls around ourselves for protection simply as a survival mechanism? To deal with the trauma, she turned to the drugs and alcohol and that was when it got really bad. Nicole then started getting involved with the wrong people and that sent her on a roller coaster of years of addiction and battling to get clean and get her kids back. She loves her kids more than anything and they are the reason she fights every day. Her kids came this summer for our mentoring program. Her kids, Robin (9) and Adam (12) were two awesome kids. Considering what they have witnessed and what they have been through, you would draw other conclusions. When kids come to our ranch, I try not to read their history files because it tends to influence my perception of them, but when I met them, they were sweet and gentle and so well behaved, I was honestly surprised. After a few weeks, we invited Nicole to come to the ranch with her kids. She was so excited and just LOVED the opportunity to be in a stress-free environment around animals (which she loves very much). “When I’m at the ranch, I get to interact with God’s creations (horses) and feel so blessed that I am still on this earth to enjoy all His blessings.” Nicole was hesitant to come to the ranch at first. She was afraid that she would be judged for her past but after the first few hours of helping around the ranch she said, “I just love you Micheline!” We spent the day sharing life problems and God’s amazingness. At the end of the day, she realized neither of us was above the other, we were FAR from perfect but we were both sinners saved by God’s grace and THAT is what bonded us.

Nicole is so grateful for the opportunity that her kids have to come to RYYR and learn discipline and responsibility. It’s helped my kids immensely! Nicole reflected on being clean for one and a half years and gave God the credit. She’s been a believer in Jesus since she was a child but she didn’t start a relationship with Christ until she hit rock bottom with her addictions. Her battle will be life-long but she’s winning and encouraged to continue to do so when she has opportunities like spending a day at the ranch. She had no horse experience before she came to RYYR, except for a friend who has horses in Washington, PA. The extent of her interaction with horses was to pet them over a fence. She’s never ridden before and deals with severe anxiety on a daily basis. So much so that it can be paralyzing. But since the first time she came to the ranch, her goal is to overcome her fear and sit on or ride our big draft horse, Lazarus. She’s conquered the biggest beast in her life, so why not?

# APPAREL

You can support us by purchasing some logo apparel. We offer several types of shirts in two colors as well as hoodies, sweatpants and beanies. Check out our online store:

<https://readyyourselvesapparel.itemorder.com/sale>

Deadline is December 31, 2020. Orders will be complete January 20<sup>th</sup> or so!

## What's in a Name?

Ever look up the meaning of your name? For example, Felix is a biblical name and it means Happy & Prosperous. Why did I pick Felix? Hmmm.....stay tuned for next month's newsletter.

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<https://vimeo.com/392571914/5c6f4c7d20> and don't forget to follow our Facebook page for all our event updates!