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The Christmas Party was a blast!



The kids and tutors have been putting in a lot of effort throughout this school year, and we kicked off the holiday season with a joyful Christmas celebration. The afternoon was filled with crafts, cookie decorating, games, music, and gifts—lots of laughter and happy moments all around. None of this would have been possible without your generosity. Whether you give your time (to our amazing volunteers—we appreciate you so much ❤️) or support us through donations (a big thank you to our wonderful donors 🙏), you make experiences like this possible.

Your kindness is creating more than just opportunities to learn to read—it's bringing confidence, encouragement, and plenty of smiles to the kids we serve. Thank you for being such an important part of what makes this program special.

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The children always look forward to the Christmas party. They get pizza to eat and cookies to decorate. Some kids really love the sprinkles! Who wouldn't?!

We sing Christmas songs! The kids love it!



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Cookies and gifts and games!

You give the kids so much with your generosity!

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THANKS TO MANY OF YOU, THE RANCH PROPERTY IS OURS!

Thank you to the many donors who helped make the purchase of the ranch possible while still faithfully supporting Kids Ranch programming. Your generosity means we can expand our programs this summer and begin using the ranch property as a place for the whole community to gather.

We are so thankful for your support.

Interested in holding a meeting or gathering at the ranch? Let us know!

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Thanks to an anonymous donor and the wonderful team at Kurt Schlieckau heating and cooling, the ranch has a new furnace!



The furnace at the ranch is the original furnace that was installed when the building was built. It has been hanging in there, but after a problem came up this winter, it became obvious that the ranch would need a new furnace in the near future. Because an amazing donor came forward, we were able to have Kurt's team come in and put in a new furnace. They have been amazing!

Thank you to the donor and to Kurt's team.

You both are awesome!

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WEBSITE UPDATES

Hello friends,

We are in the process of updating the content on our website, and we invite you to take a look at some of the changes we have been working on.

Why would we do this? The answer is a bit more complicated than simply wanting to provide a page “facelift.” Kids Ranch continues to do great work year-round, and we remain committed to partnering with the communities we serve, but we also plan to seek the support of major donors and foundations outside of our immediate service area. Often, these individuals and organizations will browse Facebook pages and websites to informally learn more about an organization they are considering supporting, so it is important that we are sharing clear, accurate, and up-to-date information as we take thoughtful steps toward seeking larger donations and long-term sustainability.

Many of the organizations we will be approaching want to understand not only what we do, but how our work is making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and their families. Rather than focusing only on hardship, we want to highlight progress and demonstrate how Kids Ranch programming supports growth, confidence, and long-term impact. If you have a success story you would be willing to share, we would love to hear from you. Your stories help us show major donors and foundations that investing in Kids Ranch is a thoughtful, long-term investment in children and in the communities where they live.

So, with this mission in mind, **do us a favor and take a gander at our revisions.** If you notice something we may have missed or have feedback you would like to share, please reach out to Anna at development@thekidsranch.org.

We would love to hear what you think.

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Camp Referrals Needed

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Kids Ranch is seeking referrals for at-risk children, ages 7-11, to attend a 2-week summer day camp at the ranch in Rock Springs. We need your help to identify the campers who would most benefit from this camp experience.

At camp, children are taken out of stressful life situations and placed in the healing environment of nature under the watchful eye of caring staff and volunteers. This will be an opportunity to participate in a unique educational experience! The program includes therapeutic horseback riding, reading, art projects, games, snacks, and self-esteem building activities. Kids Ranch aims to nurture bodies as well as minds. Campers enjoy physical activities such as hikes, gardening, and outdoor play.

We serve children who have experienced poverty, neglect, abuse, learning disabilities, incarceration or absence of a parent, divorce, homelessness, significant grief and loss, or a lack of social skills. This is the “hurting child” who does NOT have significant behavior or cognitive needs and does not require one-on-one attention.

The participation fee for 2026 camp is \$500 per child; however, full and partial scholarships are always available. No child is ever turned away due to lack of transportation or financial limitations!

To refer a child, contact Corbin at (608) 963-9174 or email corbin@thekidsranch.org. Please ask the parent for permission for Kids Ranch to contact them directly to begin the application process.

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



Volunteers , you are amazing!

Your work with the kids is making such big changes in their lives. They couldn't progress without you and Kids Ranch couldn't do this without you!



Lifesavers needed!

Do you want to bring a child the gift of reading?

Do you like to spend time outdoors or making crafts with children?

Do you want to change a life?

You can become someone's lifesaver!

[Click here to volunteer!](#)



Just a short note to say how much we love our volunteers and donors! Kids Ranch needs you and you always come through! **You keep changing lives and we thank you for it!!**



Love,
Kristie Gander-Executive Director