



# NEWS

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### ENWR Focus for this Summer

There are Four Key Areas that we are focusing our time on this Summer:

1. Licensing
2. Fundraising
3. Securing a Property
4. Creating Marketing Tools

### Help Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch, Donate Today

If you would like to help, please mail us at:  
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 Or, visit us at: enwranch.org

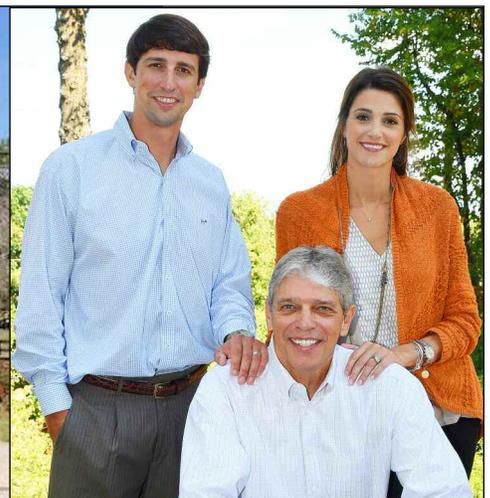
**“FOR I KNOW** the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” – **Jeremiah 29:11**

## Trip to Big Oak Ranch

Recently we had the opportunity to return to Big Oak Ranch. Big Oak is in Alabama and has been in existence for over 40 years providing children who have been orphaned, abused, abandoned, neglected or homeless with a second chance. During that time, they have had over

to help us as we move forward in the days ahead. He also indicated that he “would be honored to come to Colorado and speak on our behalf”.

We also had the opportunity to meet with Reagan Phillips, John’s daughter who is the Child Care



**LEFT: 2.** The entry to Big Oak Girl’s Ranch. **RIGHT: John Croyle (front) is the founder of Big Oak Ranch, now run by his two children, Brodie and Reagan.**

2,000 children call Big Oak Ranch home. We met with John Croyle, the founder of the ranch, and were able to ask many additional questions about their operation and learn about the next steps that we need to take in laying the groundwork for Eagle’s Nest Wilderness Ranch. John provided great insight in a variety of areas and is very willing

Team Director at Big Oak. One of the main reasons that we wanted to go back to Big Oak was to ask many questions about policies, procedures, staff hiring and training, guidelines for child intake, and a variety of other questions pertaining to licensing. In fact, our prayer request was that they would be “an

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# New Developments in Finding a "Home"



One of the "keys" to moving forward in establishing our Children's Home(s), is to find a place, a property, that would serve as "HOME" for the children God entrusts to us. As you know, we have been searching for a place that is a safe, peaceful environment where we can meet the needs of our children. We also would like to utilize horses, cattle and a variety of other animals within our programming so we need a ranch type property where we

can accomplish this.

Within the past few weeks, God has revealed something that only He could orchestrate as a possible way of acquiring a ranch that we have been looking at over the past year and a half. Unfortunately, we cannot share any of the details at this time, but we would ask you to pray that this would come to complete fruition. Then, we will have another incredible "God story" to share with you!

## Trip to Big Oak Ranch (continued from page 1)

open book" and be willing to share their knowledge and experience of what works well in helping children grow and heal from their past. God answered this prayer literally as Reagan had a large 3 ring binder in front of her when she said, "We feel that God is leading us to share (pointing to the binder) our 40+

years of experience with you....and you will be the first group that we are going to do this for." Reagan also said that she would be more than willing to come to Colorado and help us in any way that she could. WOW!!! God is FAITHFUL and AMAZING!!!



### ENWR BOARD

**Marcia House**

Founder/Executive Director

**Wes House**

Founding Board Member

**Jeanne Selin**

Founding Board Member

### OUR MISSION

Renewing Hope. Rebuilding Dreams. Restoring Futures. Impacting Generations... one life at a time.

### CONTACT US

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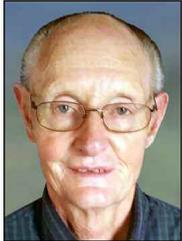
### SOCIAL MEDIA



If you are on Facebook, please go to: facebook.com/ENWRanch and "Like" our page! We also would encourage you to "Share" posts from our page when you can. "Sharing" our posts will put them on your wall and allow all of your Facebook friends to see the Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch post!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

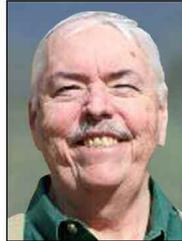
# Our Advisory Board



Ivan Blom



Mary-Ann Bulpitt



George Bulpitt



Cathie Hook



Norman Jacobs



Katie Knies



Leah McClain

## CONT. FROM PREVIOUS EDITION

Below are the bios for the remainder of the board members:

**Norman Jacobs** - A ranch manager at Heritage Ranch, Grand Lake, CO for the past nine years, Norm has spent most of his career working outdoors since college. In his home state of Iowa he was in the farming business.

Norm is a graduate of North Mahaska High School (IA), and Indian Hills Community College, where he earned degrees in Ag Mechanics, and math.

In his spare time he like to fish and ride horses.

Norm and his wife, Margo, have five daughters and three grandchildren.

Why he volunteers with ENWR: "I knew the needs of at risk children today and I wanted to help."

**Katie Knies** - Currently an administrative assistant at Community Church of the Rockies in Grand Lake, CO, Katie has a diverse background. She worked for the Yuma County Sherrif's office in Yuma, AZ, has been a teacher, and doll

designer, to name a few.

Originally from Forest Grove, OR, she graduated from Forest Grove Union High School. She attended Northwest Business College and Multnomah School of the Bible.

In her spare time, she likes to hike and sew.

Katie and her husband, Pastor Johan Knies, have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Why she volunteers with ENWR: "Knowing that this is near to God's heart and the need is so great, I wanted to be apart of what God was doing. It's exciting to watch God move and bring this ministry to life!"

**Leah McClain** - An operations department coordinator the past nine years for Mountain Parks Electric Company in Granby, CO, Leah has also been involved in ATV research as a sales representative, tech sales representative, purchasing agent, and a return specialist.

She attended both Middle Park High School, Granby, CO, and East High School, Sioux City, IA. She also attended Western Iowa Tech.

In her spare time, she enjoys music, reading and sports.

Leah and her husband, Kevin, have two children.

Why she volunteers with ENWR: "I have a heart for kids. I love watching kids develop their gifts and talents, and wanting them to have every opportunity to do so. The ranch is such a wonderful opportunity to offer at risk kids a chance to succeed."

**Ivan Blom** - Now enjoying his retirement, Ivan owned and operated a decorating company. He also worked for Caterpillar for 30 years. Ivan now resides in Grand Lake, CO.

Ivan, who has volunteered with Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch for a couple of years, is the newest board member.

In his spare time, he enjoys carving and working with oils.

Ivan has four children, two girls and two boys. He also has eight grandchildren to keep him busy.

Why he volunteers with ENWR: "I love working with young people."

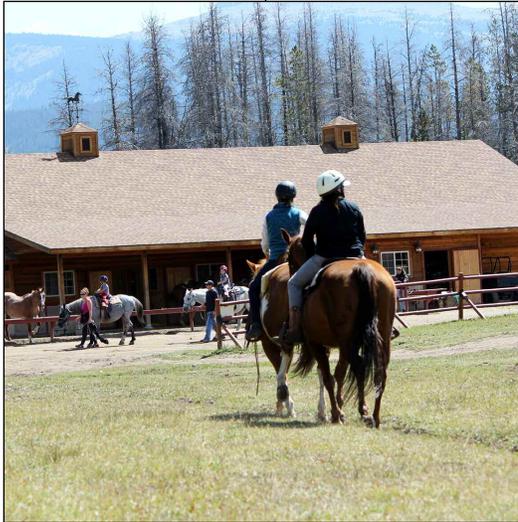
## HOW CAN YOU HELP ENWR?

# Here are Some Ways You Can Help

There are many ways that you can help which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

**Prayer Support** – Please pray daily for our staff and children. Ongoing prayer support is an

absolute necessity for the successful operation and direction of this endeavor. Without God's leading and provision, we are powerless to bring about the necessary changes in our children's hearts.



**Monthly Support** – Gifts of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more on a consistent monthly basis help make a difference in our children's lives. These gifts help with our daily need for food, clothing, education and medical expenses throughout the year and provides the continual "bedrock" for our annual budgetary needs.

**Memorial and Honorarium Program** – The Memorial Program gives you the opportunity to give a monetary gift in memory of a deceased loved one or friend. The Honorarium Program allows you to honor friends or relatives on occasions such as birthdays, Mother/Father's Day, anniversaries or holidays. In each case, we will send an

appropriate letter acknowledging the gift.

**Eagle Club** – Your membership in the Eagle Club sponsors one of our children for one full year, including food, clothing, shelter, education and insurance. Each member pledges \$12,000 over a one year period (usually paid in \$1,000 increments per month).

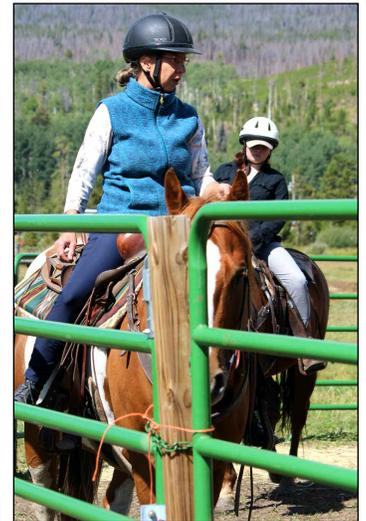
**Special Gifts** – Gifts of personal/real property, trusts, life insurance, marketable

securities, gifts in kind or estates can be given. Also, gifts of services and talents are readily needed and very helpful (ie, medical, chiropractic, dental or orthodontic services? mechanical work? construction & woodworking services? plumbing or electrical services? counseling services? etc.) We will need many Volunteers to serve as Resource Families, Relief Parents, Grandparents, Tutors, Coaches, etc.

**All financial gifts** can be made through our website, by setting up an automatic withdrawal or sending a check to PO Box 2188, Grand Lake, CO 80447 (payable to "Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch").

## ABOUT ENWR

We WILL be located on a working cattle/horse ranch in Grand County, Colorado in the Rocky Mountains. Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch will provide a unique setting to



give children hope for a brighter future.

We are committed to helping children who have been abused, abandoned, neglected, orphaned, and/or are homeless.

We will have several single family homes staffed by Christian house parents. Each home will accommodate up to six children.

