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Fundraiser - The McCrary Family will host another Movie Night fundraiser on Monday, August 1, 2016 at the Grand Lake Community House in Grand Lake, CO. Advance tickets will go on sale in the month of June and will be available at Back 40 Coffee, located at 1141 Grand Avenue (Downtown on the Boardwalk). The movie will be "Mom's Night Out," a great classic comedy!

"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**

Donations Needed!



The Advisory Board and the Eagles Nest Wilderness Ranch Team will be touring a ranch property this week that is located in Grand County, The property, which currently has water rights associated with it, will be coming up for sale later this year. Marcia House, ENWR Executive Director, had a fact finding meeting in May with an individual representing the ownership group. Marcia reports that the meeting went well., and that the two sides are working together towards either a purchase, lease to purchase, or a lease agreement.

My Passion for ENWR

BY MARCIA HOUSE

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." (Psalm 127:3)

I truly believe that children are gifts from God and He created each one for a specific purpose with a plan for each one of their lives. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which He prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph. 2:10)

I have always loved children... even as a child myself, I was always drawn to the younger children wanting to help care for and comfort them when they were crying. This love for children continued as I grew and that is why I knew very early on that I wanted to be teacher. As I was in college pursuing a teaching degree, I volunteered at the local orphanage watching after the children while the houseparents went out on a date or had other appointments. I also volunteered to coach basketball at a school for the mentally challenged. All of these opportunities solidified my desire to work with and help children.

Following college I began teaching and coaching where I began to see how many of my students/athletes were not being cared for, encouraged or given guidance, let alone cherished as a blessing from God. Instead they were being abused, neglected, emotionally abandoned and left to figure things out for themselves. These children were desperate and sought out love, acceptance, and guidance in all the wrong places. This led them to making very poor choices which would affect them the rest of their lives. This broke my heart then and now. I always thought that given the opportunity, I would pursue creating a place for children who found themselves in these situa-

tions.

I know God placed this desire in my heart many years ago and it has never diminished. I've continued working with children in various places and in different ways throughout the years. God continued preparing me by leading me to various books, articles and places that were dedicated to helping children who have experienced abuse, neglect, abandonment and homelessness. I am a firm believer in something that Father Flannigan (Founder of Boys Town in Omaha, NE) said many years ago, "There are NO bad boys" (children). I believe there are only children who have come from bad circumstances, and in many cases, it is through no fault of their own.

About two and a half years ago, God began to speak to me through sermons at church and a women's Bible study that it was time to begin working on this "place" for children. He made it very clear this was to be of His design and direction and I am to WAIT upon Him and move in His timing. I am so anxious to begin helping children find the safety, security, love, acceptance, encouragement and fulfillment of their HOPES and DREAMS that God meant for them to experience. Together we can help them to know that they are cherished and deeply loved by us and the One who created them.

Please help us move forward on this journey... we need your support to make this become a reality in the lives of children. Please pray about how God might use YOU to help us get Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch started in the very near future.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

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

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BRIEFLY

Project Updates - There are several projects nearing completion, and should be ready to go in the month of June. The Business Plan / Budget are getting close, as well updates to the PowerPoint presentation, and the presentation folder. An alternate plan for the voice over to complete the promotional video is being explored. And, a promotional magazine will be going to print in a couple of weeks.

ENWR Newsletter

Welcome to the "Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch News," the official newsletter of Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch.

This publication was created to keep you informed of the progress we are making in reaching our goals. We publish the first of each month, and the newsletter will be available electronically free of charge.

There is no fee to subscribe. Simply private message our Facebook page ([facebook.com/ENWRanch](https://www.facebook.com/ENWRanch)) and we will add you to our subscription list. We will not share nor sell your e-mail with anyone outside of ENWR.



I N S P I R A T I O N A L :

Mickey's Story

BY MARCIA HOUSE

I was teaching High School in Ohio when I learned that we were going to be getting a new student by the name of Mickey. Many of the teachers had apparently had Mickey before and were not very happy about his return. Let's just say, he didn't have a very good reputation for his past actions or attitude. Mickey had been in and out of Juvenile Detention facilities and Drug and Alcohol rehab facilities since he was 7 years old. Let that sink in a minute...since he was 7 years old. But, I've always loved a challenge and children and that is why I think God led me to become a teacher. So, I prayed that God would give me Mickey as many times in a day as possible and I would do my best to reach out to him and help him in any way that I could.

Mickey was 16 when he arrived at the High School where I was teaching. And, God answered my prayer and allowed me to have Mickey 3x's a day, 5 days a week! As I began working with Mickey, I learned that he had prayed and asked Jesus into his heart during his stay in the last Juvenile Detention facility where he had been. I believe God brought us together for a purpose and little did I know that He planned on using this time and experience to lead me to start a home for children today.

You see, Mickey did great when I was there to talk with him every morning before school, keep an eye on him throughout the day and pray for him throughout the remainder of the school year. He made it through all of the situations that he faced at

home which included: living with an Alcoholic mother and uncle (reminder, Mickey previously had alcohol issues of his own); a police raid at 1am in the morning on a school night when they were looking for a gun that his uncle had discharged at a local bar earlier that evening; very little support or direction from the authority figures in his life; etc. He began to thrive. We learned that Mickey LOVED art and was a VERY GOOD artist. So, we helped him established a few goals which included graduating from H.S. and continuing onto Art School. Everything seemed to be going in the right direction.

But, that's not how Mickey's story ended. I left to go to Graduate school and I lost touch with Mickey. A couple of years later I learned that he had been arrested and was in the county jail...he was now 18. He had been arrested for breaking and entering and because of his past they were going to "throw the book at him" and send him to prison. I knew of a Pastor in that area and asked him to go visit Mickey. The Pastor later shared that when he told him that I had asked him to come, that he broke down in tears, very sorry that he had let me down. I knew that Mickey's heart was good, but without a good home environment and people who cared enough to give him guidance, he never really had a chance. This is where the ENWR vision started... I always thought that someday I would love to start a home for children in crisis, like Mickey, hoping their story would have a very different ending.

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 holi-

days. In each case, we will send an appropriate letter acknowledging the gift.

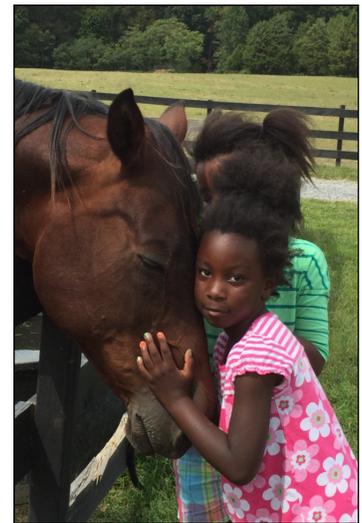
Eagle Club – Your membership in the Eagle Club sponsors one of our children for one full year, including food, clothing, shelter, education and insurance. Each member pledges \$12,000 over a one year period (usually paid in \$1,000 increments per month).

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.

