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## 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW EDITION!

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### 2019 Year in Review with ENWR!

Welcome to our Winter 2019/2020 newsletter edition. This is a special recap of some of the major events that happened with Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch during 2019!

**'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**

## Festival of Trees



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Ivan Blom, Chas Cowles, Lee Blom, Marcia House and Gretchen Reynolds.

The Festival of Trees is such a great event! Each year, on the Friday following Thanksgiving weekend, the Fraser Valley Lion's Club (Fraser, CO) provides live Christmas trees to 25 non-profit organizations. Each non-profit selects and decorates "their" tree in the morning and then returns in the afternoon for the Festival of Trees event from 4-8pm. It's a free event for anyone

who would like to attend and the trees are sold via silent auction with each non-profit receiving the proceeds from their tree. Our theme for decorating our tree this year was depicting Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch. As you can see in the picture we had an eagle's nest as our topper, two children ornaments near the top, many

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# ENWR Board Changes

This past year (2019) brought a few changes to our ENWR Board. We had some members who felt led to resign due to time constraints and others God has led to us with a desire to share their talents and gifts on the next leg of our journey.

We are so thankful for the contributions that our Board members have made since the inception of Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch. We have had many meetings praying for ENWR's development, sharing stories of what God has done, listening for His direction in taking next steps and then taking action on whatever He's shown us to do. It's been quite a journey and we're thankful for each person and their willingness to serve God and offer back to Him the talents and giftedness He's blessed them with. Each one has left their unique fingerprints behind and have helped us move forward to where we are today. We'd like to recognize and thank all who have served in the past as Board members for ENWR which include: Curtis & Jindy Hight, George & MaryAnn Bulpitt, Leah McClain, Cathie Hook and Katie Knies.

Currently ENWR's Board members are: Norm Jacobs, Ivan Blom, Gretchen Reynolds, and Tina Strang and Founding Board Members, Wes & Marcia House and Jeanne Selin.

This past Summer Marcia House had the opportunity to attend a seminar on "Building a World Class Board" and learned many things about non-profit boards. One of the primary take aways had to do with the evolutionary stages of a board and the needs and requirements of each stage. ENWR is currently at a stage (phase) called a "Two Hatter" board, where members must wear two different hats. One hat is as a working member of the ENWR team by utilizing their unique skills, talents or abilities to help do things the organization needs done. The second hat is as a board member, lending their support and direction for the organization. Oftentimes, it is at this stage where there can be a high turnover rate of board members due to the increased need of their time commitments and involvement. The criteria that is used in selecting new Board members (which was shared with us by John Croyle at Big Oak Ranch in Alabama) is that they must: (1) Love God; (2) Love Children; (3) Be Humble; (4) Be Teachable; (5) Be Loyal to Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch's mission and it's administration.

Please pray for those who are currently serving and that God would lead us to others who could help us in moving forward in 2020.

**Watch for the  
Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch  
Spring Edition in your e-mail  
in April 2020!**



## ENWR BOARD

**Ivan Blom  
Marcia House  
Wes House  
Norm Jacobs  
Gretchen Reynolds  
Jeanne Selin  
Tina Strang**

## OUR MISSION

Renewing Hope. Rebuilding Dreams. Restoring Futures. Impacting Generations... One Life at a Time.

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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!

# 40 Hands in Forty Days

ENWR is so excited to participate in a new fundraising event called 40 Hands in Forty Days. This past September they received an invitation to apply to be a part of this fundraising campaign and in early October received notification that they had been accepted! 40 Hands in Forty Days

includes 40 non-profits in Colorado who will have the opportunity to share all about their organization and mission while enabling them to solicit donations over a 40 day period (March 2nd-April 10th, 2020). ENWR is working on making this an even more productive

event by creating a 40 day prayer calendar which will include specific prayer requests for each day during this event. And, they'd like to encourage joining them in some type of fast coinciding with this event. The fast may include giving up something during the 40 days or adding something productive such as reading God's Word for x# of minutes or adding an additional time of prayer to your day, etc. They really believe God has led them to this opportunity and are praying for creative ways to make this a productive fundraising campaign.

One idea that has come to light is to find as many people as possible to give at least \$40 during this event. And, if you're up for a challenge, they are looking for 40 people to find 40 people to give at least

\$40 during the 40 day event! Do you notice a theme here? Maybe something to do with the number 40! Do you realize how much money could be raised if this can be accomplished? How about \$64,000!! And, if these same 40 people would commit to using the



prayer calendar and praying each day, that would be 64,000 prayers being lifted up on Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch's behalf! **If you are interested in being one of the 40 to find 40 others (one each day), please send an email to: [mhouse.enwranch@gmail.com](mailto:mhouse.enwranch@gmail.com) so that they can provide you with materials to assist with accomplishing this mission.** There are a few who have already made this commitment. Will you pray about joining them? As they say, "Many hands make light work!"

### How it Works:

Throughout the 40 days, donors will have the opportunity to donate tax-deductible gifts through the 40 Hands in Forty Days online donation portal. Donors will be able to view our profile in order to better

understand our mission, cause and needs. The 2020 giving season will run from Monday, March 2nd through Friday, April 10th of 2020.

The website where they can find our profile and make a donation is: [40handsinfortydays.org](http://40handsinfortydays.org). You can actually view our Profile at this location now, but the Donate button will not be activated until March 2, 2020.

"Also, each nonprofit will benefit from additional promotional exposure as new and existing donors will be driven to the 40 Hands in Forty Days website.

Furthermore, 40 Hands in Forty Days was developed for companies looking to channel their philanthropic gifts during this high profile campaign. These Philanthropy Partnerships are creatively structured, providing incentives for nonprofits throughout the campaign. Any of the participating 40 may be eligible for this form of additional funding that will be directly awarded above and beyond all donations received from donors during the 40 days. These generous partners will be listed on the partner page when they come aboard for you to better understand how you can help your nonprofit achieve these additional funds!" (40 Hands in Forty Days website)

Please join us in praying for a SUCCESSFUL fundraising/fundraising event!!!

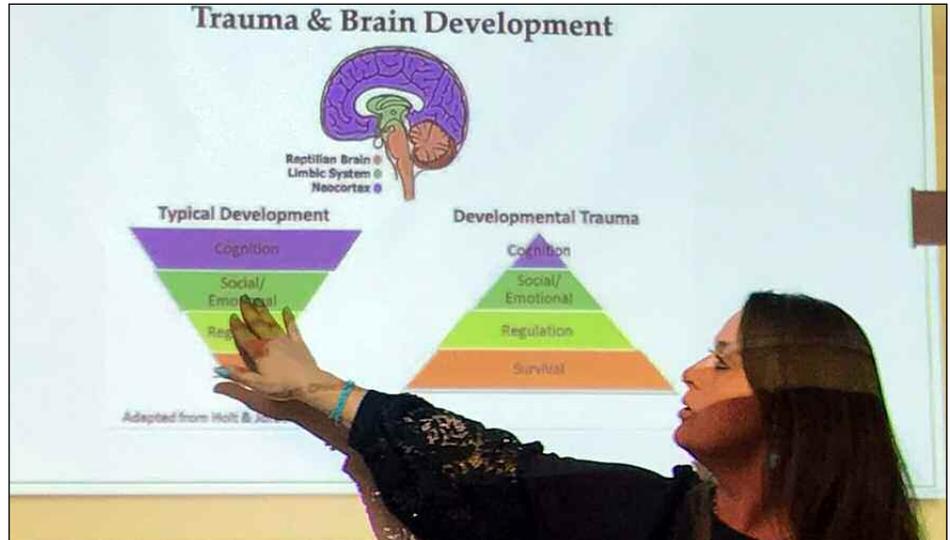
# GREAT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: TBRI & Neuro Psychology Seminars

Marcia House, Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch Founder and Executive Director, along with long-time ENWR associate, Sam Bankert, attended the TBRI Training Class, hosted by The Adoption Exchange in Denver in Jan./Feb. of 2019. TBRI stands for Trust Based Relational Intervention. TBRI® is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of children and youth from “hard places” as well as the needs of the adults who seek to help them heal, learn and grow. The 25 hour TBRI® training course was divided into four sessions and utilizes three sets of principles. Empowering Principles to address physical and environmental needs, Connecting Principles for creating connections with the child/youth to disarm fear, gain trust and enhance learning, and Correcting Principles to help children learn appropriate ways of getting their needs met and successfully navigating challenging situations each day. While the intervention is based on years of attachment, sensory processing, and neuroscience research, the heart-beat of TBRI® is connection.

“When you connect to the heart of a child, everything is possible,” said Dr. Karyn Purvis, of the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development.

## GRAND COUNTY, CO SEMINARS

In August 2019, Marcia was able to attend four days of training in Grand County (Granby, CO). They were blessed to have Katie Bell from the Adoption Exchange travel



**DR. LISA MARR**, a specialist in the field of Neuro Psychology, shares about Trauma and Brain Development.

to Grand County to conduct a 3 day TBRI seminar. And then, a couple of weeks later, Dr. Lisa Marr, a specialist in the field of Neuro Psychology, presented a seminar at the local High School. Marcia shared, “It was amazing to learn more about the brain and how it is impacted by repeated traumatic experiences and how that affects a child’s/adult’s behavior. And, it is so encouraging to learn that it is possible for a child/adult to experience healing by helping them create new neuro pathways in the brain. This can be accomplished through utilizing a variety of tools and can result in changed



**DENVER TRAINING:** Sam Bankert (right) and Marcia House (left) attending TBRI Seminar in Denver.

behavior and ultimate healing for an individual.” This information, and its application, will certainly aid ENWR as they seek to help children heal from past trauma and become all that God created them to be.

# Christmas Presents for Foster Children and their Foster Family

We had the opportunity once again in 2019 to purchase and give gifts to a Foster family registered in Grand County. This family is such a blessing to their Foster child and this community. This Christian couple has four biological children, a child adopted from the Foster Care system and a Foster child. They have such BIG hearts and each family member has made BIG sacri-

fices in order to help a child in need. Because of the financial gifts many of you have made, we had the ability to provide gifts for each member of the whole family. They could not say "Thank You" enough to all of you for your generosity, but we also let them know that it is they who are to be thanked for their service in providing a safe and wonderful home to a child... some-

thing that we cannot wait to do ourselves! This ministry will continue even after we are able to launch Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch. We feel it will bless our children to take part in this as they know first hand how much it will bless the other children.

Thank you to those of you who have helped make this possible!

## Festival of Trees

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western ornaments including horses and children's western toys, hand crocheted horse heads placed on candy canes (by Dianna Tiger-Claggett), gift cards for miniature golf at Meandering Moose in Grand Lake, CO, a small western saddle, stuffed horses and an assortment of Breyer Horse items. Our tree was purchased for \$575 by Jan Knisely of Edward Jones in Granby. Many thanks to Jan for her continual support of ENWR!!

And, throughout the evening people can purchase tickets to "vote" on their favorite tree by placing their tickets into a bag located by each tree. At the end of the evening, these tickets are counted and we placed second with over 400 tickets in our bag which garnered us an additional \$50 from the Lion's Club (for placing second). We also receive money for each of the tickets in our bag so in all we will receive about \$925 for the evening.

While the money always helps, we feel the biggest benefit of the evening is the opportunity that we have to meet many new people and share the vision and mission of Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch. We met many wonderful people and are hopeful that these contacts will lead to future support and involvement. Please join us in praying for this!

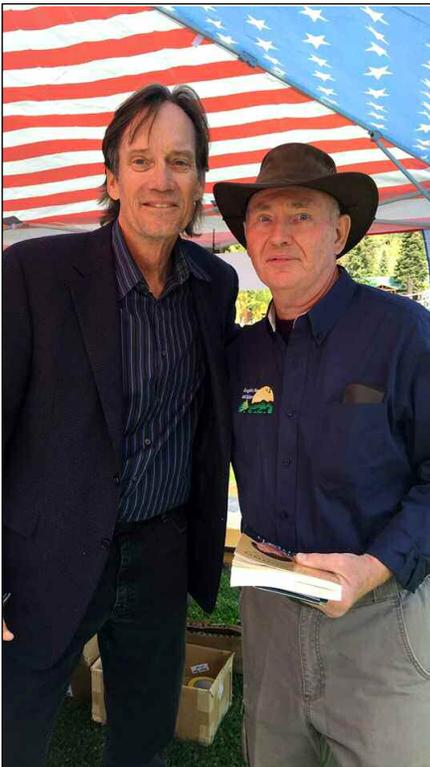
Thank you Fraser Valley Lion's Club!!! What a great and fun event!!



# U.S. Constitution Week Celebration

ENWR had a wonderful time sharing about Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch at Grand Lake, CO's U.S. Constitution Week where they had the opportunity to set up a booth on Saturday, September 21, 2019. They met a lot of great people who shared our passion to help children who have been orphaned, abused, neglected or are homeless.

One of our team members even had the opportunity to share about ENWR with the keynote speaker for this event, Kevin Sorbo. He has been in several Christian movies, one of which was the first "God's NOT Dead" when he played the part of the college professor! Awesome event! Awesome day!!



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER,** Kevin Sorbo with ENWR Volunteer, Dave Claggett.



**ENWR Booth:** (L-R): Marcia House and volunteers, Dave and Dianna Claggett. Missing from picture: Ivan Blom (ENWR Board Member).



**MARCIA HOUSE** sharing ENWR's Mission with guests at the event and acquiring their contact info in order to keep them informed as to ENWR's progress.

# Meet a Couple Founding 500 Members

We are thankful to announce that we currently have 20 members of the Founding 500. The Founding 500 is 500 individuals, churches or businesses who commit to giving \$1,200 per year (\$100/month) for five years. This is an opportunity to leave a legacy while helping to change a child's life forever! Here are a couple of our members who have made this commitment and responded to the questions: What prompted you to become a member of the Founding 500? And, why was it important to you? Here's what they had to say:

## Tyler & Sarah House



There are many reasons we have supported and will continue to support Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch through finances and prayer. Knowing that there are children without a home, or living in a harmful situation is incredibly heartbreaking to us. Finding a place of where to start in helping these children is a daunting and sometimes overwhelming thought, so we believe that financially and prayerfully supporting is a small start toward making a big impact in the many lives of the children that will live at the

ranch. We know that God is a restorer and healer and we fully believe ENWR will be used as a tool in bringing restoration to broken lives. We are anxiously awaiting Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch's opening to provide these lost children with a wholesome home, hope for a future, and a place of belonging and purpose.

## Brian & Gretchen Reynolds



Gretchen and I have known Marcia House for over 20 years. I met Marcia when she and I coached the Middle Park High School girls' basketball team in 1998. I remember her talking about the great opportunities she had with kids and her involvement in the Fellow Christian Athletes program.

When she shared with us her desire to help kids through Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch, we were all in. As a coach and a teacher, I've seen some children's lives that could have benefited from a loving environment that ENWR will provide. The idea matched Marcia's love for kids and her desire to care for children through this Christian ministry.

We committed to this mission and are happy to support ENWR by being members of the Founding 500 which is such a marvelous program for children. It is worth it no doubt!!!!

## Here's How You Can Help

If you feel that God is calling you to join with them/us in caring for children who have been orphaned, abused, abandoned, neglected or are homeless, it is actually very easy. **Go online to [www.enwranch.org](http://www.enwranch.org).** Click on the Founding 500 tab located at the top of the page. Follow the instructions leading you to our puzzle page. Select a piece of the puzzle, fill out the information requested and then click on "Submit". This puzzle is being used to track our progress and when it is completed it will reveal a beautiful piece of artwork created by Amanda Markel ([www.WildGraceDesigns.com](http://www.WildGraceDesigns.com)). AND, at the conclusion of the fundraising campaign, each member will be presented with a print of this beautiful piece of artwork which can be displayed in their home, office or church.

The Founding 500 will always be a part of our History. There will be a place in the main office building where the Founding 500 Member's names will always be displayed. In addition, these individuals (churches, businesses, corporations) will be invited and honored at a "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" when we are ready to open as well as be invited to a special event held each year in their honor. Their names will forever be remembered as the ones who helped us launch Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch.

**If you are interested in changing the world for a child by: Renewing Hope. Rebuilding Dreams. Restoring Futures. Impacting generations...one life at a time, we hope that you'll join the Founding 500.**

## 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** – Your ongoing prayer support is an absolute necessity for the successful operation and direction of this endeavor. A few specific prayer requests would include praying for us in the following areas: (1) Our ENWR Team and Board's individual walks with God - That we would spend time daily with God; that we would continually be growing closer, drawing nearer and listening closely to Him; that we would hear Him and follow His direction as He leads us; (2) The children that God will be entrusting to us to care for - That God would keep them safe until they arrive, give us wisdom in providing for their needs when they arrive, and that God would open their hearts to receive all that He has for them while they are with us. (3) A Place (Property) for us to get started; (4) Fundraising – That God would lead us to those whose hearts He has already prepared to give financially in helping children who have been orphaned, abused, abandoned, neglected or are homeless.

**Founding 500** – We need 500 individuals, churches, businesses, or corporations who will make a commitment to give \$1,200 per year (or \$100/month). This will provide the necessary resources to cover our operating expenses and also enable us to build one additional home for children at the end of the five year commitment.

**Monthly Support** – Gifts of \$25, \$50, \$75 or some other amount given on a consistent basis will help make a difference in the lives of the children who will be entrusted to us. This money will help provide for such

things as food, clothing, education and medical expenses when the children arrive.

**Memorial Gifts and Honorariums** – Memorial Gifts can be given in memory of a family member or friend who loved children and spent time here on earth helping and caring for them. The Honorarium Program allows you to honor friends or relatives on special occasions such as Birthdays, Mother's/Father's Day, Anniversaries, or other Holidays. In each case, we will send an appropriate letter acknowledging the gift.

**Special Gifts** – Gifts of personal/real property, trusts, life insurance, marketable stocks and securities, gifts in kind or estates can be given.

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

**Gifts of Services/Talents** – In the near future we will be in need of those who would be willing to give of their time through sharing their gifts of services and talents. Would you begin praying about how you might be able to share the gifts and talents that God has given you with ENWR? We know we will need help in the following areas: Children's Needs: Counseling; Educational Specialists; Social workers; Relief Parents; Resource Families; Medical, Chiropractic, Dental or Orthodontic Services; Pastoral Care; etc. Physical Plant Needs: Site planning and preparation; Remodeling and New Construction (homes, indoor horse arena, recreational facilities, offices, etc); Plumbing & Electrical Services; etc.

## ABOUT ENWR

Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch (ENWR) is a 501-c-3 non-profit, privately funded Christian ranch providing individual family style homes for children who have been orphaned,



abused, abandoned, neglected or are homeless. We will be located on a working cattle and horse ranch in the beautiful mountains in Grand County, CO. Here, children who exhibit mild to moderate behavioral issues due to past family and environmental circumstances will find permanent, loving Christian homes.

