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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May you have a Blessed '23!

Year in Review

Welcome to our Winter 2022/2023 newsletter edition. This is a special recap of some of the major events that happened with Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch during 2022!

"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**

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW EDITION!

Festival of Trees



LEFT TO RIGHT: Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch volunteers who helped out at the Festival of Trees include: Mary Meeks, Marcia House, Gretchen Reynolds, and Sam Bankert.

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL STORY ON PAGE 5.

Foster Family Christmas

Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch staff shopped for Christmas gifts for a local Foster Family who took in a little girl (10 months old when she arrived) they cared for from September of 2021 until August of 2022. They are such an amazing family of seven (Dad, Mom, four biological children and one they adopted from foster care).

They have served as a Foster home in our county for the past seven years and have provided tremendous care for each child they've received while also demonstrating and sharing God's love for each child as if they were their own.

A friend and volunteer of ENWR (**Debbie Brown**, who passed away last December due to cancer, had taken in over 28 Foster children, adopted eight and had four biological children of her own, all as a single Mom), had once told us that when you want to help a Foster family you should get gifts for everyone in the family, not just the Foster child because every family member makes sacrifices and helps with the care of the child who has been placed there. So, that's exactly what we've been doing as a way to begin to help children now. You all are part of this as it's through your donations to ENWR that we are able to do this!

Thank you from Eagle's Nest and the Foster Family! Here are a couple of pictures taken this year along with the corresponding text messages provided by the Foster Family:



"Merry Christmas! Thank you for Blessing us again! Everyone is so thrilled and thankful. We love everything you picked out. J*** is going bonkers over the robot!"



"The girls are thrilled with the snow pants...they don't have to wear worn out black pants from the boys ☺."

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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!

Granby Art in the Park

Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch participated in the Granby, CO "Art in the Park" on Saturday, September 3, 2022. We are very thankful for the kids, Jolee and Jacey Paugh, who helped us at this event along with the adult volunteers, Sam Bankert, Charlotte Ruffin, and Marcia House. We had 57 kids stop by the ENWR booth to make "Cowboy Boot Candy Necklaces" using Pixie Sticks, Nerds and Pop Rocks. A special thank you to Andy Paugh for helping to set up and tear down our booth!



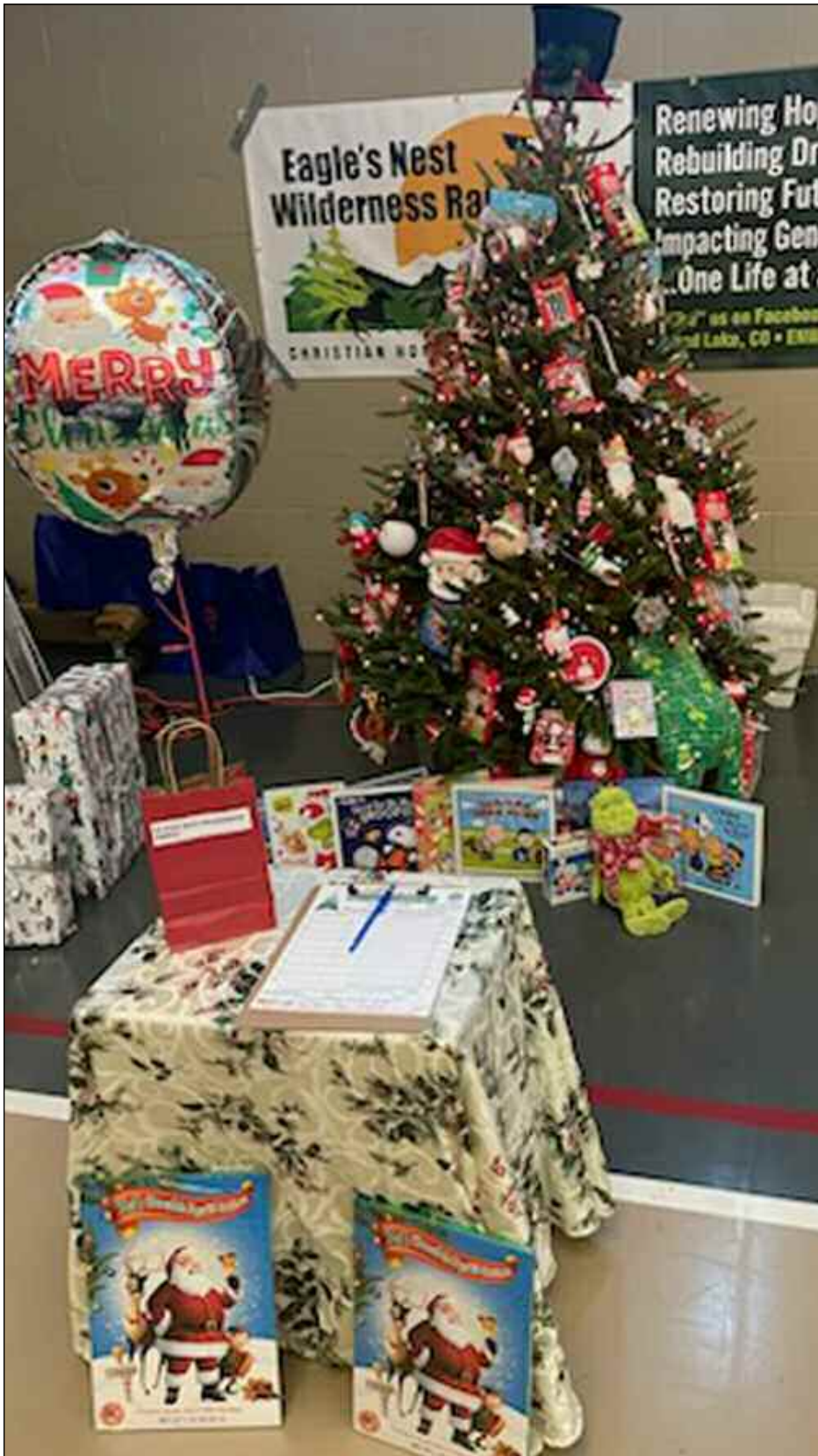
The Inaugural Soaring Eagles Mini Golf Tournament

The Inaugural Soaring Eagles Mini Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 in Grand Lake, CO at Meandering Moose Miniature Golf. We are very thankful for our hosts Brian and Gretchen Reynolds, owners of Meandering Moose Mini Golf and for all of our sponsors, participants, and volunteers! What a FUN day and successful event raising over \$22,000 our first year! We have already begun making preparations and are really looking forward to next year! **SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2023!!**

Photography was provided by Charlotte Ruffin.



Festival of Trees



The annual "Festival of Trees" was held on Friday, December 2, 2022 in the Grand Park Community Recreation Center, located in Fraser, CO and was sponsored by the Fraser River Valley Lion Club. This is such a FUN event, offering free hors d'oeuvres and beverages throughout the evening while giving nonprofits an opportunity to share information about their cause. Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch once again was given the opportunity to participate and this year our tree theme was "Old Time Christmas TV Shows." The ENWR tree included decorations reflecting A Charlie Brown Christmas, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph, The Santa Claus, and The Grinch.

Eagle's Nest finished 2nd in the "Favorite Christmas Tree Contest." People were able to "vote" for their favorite tree by purchasing tickets at the door the night of the event and placing them in a bag located on a table in front of the tree decorated by the nonprofit. Ballot stuffing was approved and encouraged. Thank you to those who attended the event and helped stuff our bag with tickets and those who gave in advance through online donations allowing us to purchase tickets for you and place in our bag.

Thank you to the following people who helped provide decorations and decorate our tree the day of the event: Sam Bankert, Gretchen Reynolds, Mary Meeks and Marcia House.

AND, a **BIG thank you** to **Donna Ready, Mountain Lake Properties**, who was the winning bidder for the ENWR tree.

BucketWishes App

We are excited to announce that we have made great progress this year in creating an App called BucketWishes. God led us to create this app to help people encourage one another and let them know how much they are thought about and cared for. We all need encouragement especially in the world we live in today! In addition, it will provide opportunities for greater exposure for ENWR, allow people to donate to our ministry and encourage our own children by providing messages of hope and love. We have applied for two trademarks to protect our App and each has now been approved. Our next step is to "test" our App with 25 entities (individuals, businesses, other non-profits) and make sure everything



"Encouragement by the Bucketful!"

is working well. Then, we are planning on launching the App by February 1st, 2023. Be on the lookout for additional information about

the official launch date through email and on FaceBook! We will need each one of you to help us spread the word!

ENWR Board Update

Our ENWR Boards (Board of Directors; Advisory Board) have fluctuated this past year for a variety of reasons. **Tina Strang** resigned in April due to increased responsibilities of caring for elderly members of her family while also working fulltime. **Ivan Blom** resigned shortly after this because he had moved away from the Grand Lake area and was dealing with health related issues. We are so thankful for each of them and

their service to Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch. They are certainly missed for all they've done to help us on the journey to launching this ministry and we are thankful for their continued support in other capacities.

We have been praying and asking God to lead us to individuals who would be in a position to serve on our board in 2023 and beyond and we look forward to seeing who God will send to us. We are looking

for individuals who: (1) Love God; (2) Love Children; (3) are Humble; (4) are Teachable; (5) Loyal to the mission and administration of ENWR; (6) have time and talents to share in serving the ministry; and (7) are willing to join the Founding 500 and support this ministry financially. Please join us in praying for new board members. Thank you!

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The Founding 500



This beautiful piece of fine art was created by one of our ENWR supporters, Artist Amanda Markel.

The Founding 500 consists of individuals, churches and businesses who make a minimum of a five year commitment to give \$1,200 per year (or \$100/month). The Founding 500 was initially created as a fund raising tool to help ENWR raise money to cover the first 5 year's operational expenses once we are able to launch this ministry. And, it will also provide enough additional money to build one home for the children which will be called "The Founding 500 Home". Several people joined the Founding 500 early in our ministry's development and have provided the necessary funds for ministry start-up costs, marketing materials and ongoing operational expenses while also enabling us to help children in our community now.

We are **VERY** thankful for those of you who followed God's prompt-

ing and joined The Founding 500 early in ENWR's inception. Without you, we would not be where we are today in building our operational funds in preparation for when God supplies a property where we can begin taking in children and providing safe and loving homes. We want you to know that we continue to protect the resources you are supplying and to this day, no one is receiving a salary for their work. And as a result, we now have slightly more than our first year's operational expenses (estimated at \$250K) in the bank ready to be used when the time arises. **Thank you for helping us reach this first goal!**

In order to track our progress with The Founding 500, we have a 500 piece puzzle on our website (found under the Founding 500 tab). As of today, we have 33 puz-

zle pieces spoken for (some are not yet shown, but will be very soon). If you'd like to see who the current Founding 500 members are, click on puzzle pieces with artwork showing thru to see their names. As you can see, we still have quite a ways to go in reaching our goal of 500 pieces.

For those of you who have not yet joined, would you consider joining with us NOW?

Our next goal is to reach 100 total pieces being spoken for by June 30, 2023! Will you join us as we prepare to help children who have been orphaned, abused, neglected, abandoned or are homeless? They desperately need an opportunity to have a safe home to live in and a family that loves and cares about them! Thank you for your consideration and prayers!

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.

