

Ranch Hope Celebrates 46th Anniversary at Annual Founder's Day Banquet

Michelle Roberts-Jones of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office received the 2010 Silver Spurs Award, presented annually by Ranch Hope, at the Founder's Day Banquet in May. "Our Silver Spurs Award is given annually to an individual or to an organization that shows leadership in assisting troubled youth," said Dave Bailey, Jr., Ranch Hope's Chief Executive Officer.

Michelle Roberts-Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Rowan University, formerly, Glassboro State College. She later received a Master's Degree in Psychological Services from the University of Pennsylvania. Roberts-Jones then began her devotional journey of working with several outlets of youth and family services.

For the last 20 years, Michelle has worked as a Criminal Investigator for the Camden County Prosecutor's Office. She has had the opportunity to lecture students on bullying, cyber bullying, conflict resolution, self-esteem, cultural sensitivity, gang awareness, and drug awareness and resistance. She has also used her training as a certified Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) to work with youth in Camden County school systems.



Ranch Hope's Chief Executive Officer, Dave Bailey, Jr. presenting Michelle Roberts-Jones of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office with the 2010 Silver Spurs Award.

Dave Bailey, Jr. pictured with Clarence and Barbara Fennimore of the Central Jersey Auxiliary as they accept Ranch Hope's Good Guy Award.



Organizations recognized during the Founder's Day event were the Sharptown United Methodist Church of Pilesgrove, NJ, and Bobbitt Pontiac-Buick of Salem, NJ. They received the Christian Partners and Corporate Partners awards respectively.

Sharptown United Methodist Church, led by Pastor Doug Smith,

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Ranch Hope Participates in Mannington Mills Habitat Project

On May 11, three students and a teacher from Strang Schools Horticulture Class, along with Ranch Hope's CEO, Dave Bailey, Jr., joined the New Jersey Audubon Society in the 3rd and final phase of the Mannington Mills project; planting approximately 6 acres and 1,300 native shrubs and trees.

"We want to thank you and your students for all your help. We had a very big job to do and you really helped us have a very successful day!" said Beth Ciuzio of the NJ Audubon Society.

The project will restore 12 acres of agricultural ground to forested riparian buffer in an area of the Mannington Mills corporate campus located in Salem County, NJ, approximately 8 miles from Ranch Hope's Alloway Campus.

"By having our students participate in this project, it provided a unique experience for the members of the Horticulture Class," said Dave Bailey, Jr., "additionally, it allowed us to collaborate with the NJ Audubon Society and Mannington Mills." "The Campbell Family and Mannington Mills have been a tremendous supporter of our mission for many years."

Early 2006, the NJ Audubon Society began outreach in the Mannington Meadows Important Bird Area (MMIBA), within which Mannington Mills NJ corporate campus is located. NJAS developed a set of recommendations



Ranch Hope's Chief Executive Officer, Dave Bailey, Jr. pictured with Strang School staff and students, and community volunteers as they plant trees and shrubs for the Mannington Mills Habitat Project.

for the property and a plan for implementation.

Late 2008, Mannington Mills joined NJAS' Corporate Stewardship Council and we began implementation of the plan to increase the amount of scrub-shrub habitat in the MMIBA.

In 2009, they completed the first two phases of the project, planting 1,600 tree and shrubs in the spring and fall of that year. The work that was done on May 11 completes the third and final phase of the project.

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