

The RANCH HOPE FACTOR

~ NEWS AND HAPPENINGS FROM RANCH HOPE ~

SPRING 2017



Alex's Polar Plunge raises money to support Diabetes programs

The air was warm but the water was very cold at Camp Edge in Alloway on Saturday February 25. More than 30 people of all ages from Ranch Hope and the community enjoyed the warm sunshine and braved the freezing lake water to support the Ranch Hope Omega Program and the South Jersey Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Many more individuals watched, cheered and took video as the participants took the plunge! When it was all over, Ranch Hope's CFO Doug Wright won the individual trophy while the Ranch Hope Administration group won the team trophy for raising the most money for the cause—both contributing to the overall total of more than \$2,800!

The event was named after Alex S., a youth in Ranch Hope's Omega Program who has Type I Diabetes and works very hard to stay healthy. Alex had the idea of a "polar plunge" in the lake to raise money to support a cause that is so important in his life. The inaugural Alex's Plunge was a great success, and Ranch Hope youth and staff hope to make it an annual event.

For more information about Ranch Hope's Omega Program, visit www.ranchhope.org. To find out more about the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, visit www.jdrf.org. Visit www.campedge.org to discover what's happening at Camp Edge.



The Ranch Hope Family wishes you a blessed Easter!

He is not here. He is risen just as He said.
Matthew 28:6

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The Strang Gang – school staff members Jordan Palmieri, Jennifer Carvalho, Sera Lopez and Russell Camey – plunged for the cause.



This band of superheroes braved the cold water to support Alex's Plunge.



Alex S. celebrates with other "plungers" in Camp Edge's very cold lake.

Strang School welcomes Sophie the Therapy Dog

If you have been in Strang School lately, you may have seen a beautiful dog amidst the students. Sophie, a German Shorthaired Pointer (GSP), is a nine-year old therapy dog who belongs to school counselor, Mr. Carl Palmer. Mr. Palmer adopted Sophie from foster care after she had been rescued from a shelter in Kansas. Mr. Palmer has taken Sophie through extensive obedience training and she has been a therapy dog for about three years. In addition to Strang School, Sophie and Mr. Palmer have done therapy work at nursing homes, assisted living facilities and the Arc of Atlantic County.

Sophie has made several visits to Ranch hope and continues to visit about twice each week. During her visits, she's proven to be an exemplary therapy dog. She has offered unconditional acceptance, served as an icebreaker, provided a soothing presence and created a positive distraction. Sophie has afforded our youth and staff a wonderful opportunity to give and receive physical affection. She is very well-behaved, she is attentive to our students and staff and she makes everyone feel good. Sophie is a welcome addition to Strang School and we hope she continues to visit often!



Pictured here with Sophie are school counselors Mr. Carl Palmer and Ms. Kim Geremia.



Nicholas S. spends some quiet time with Sophie.

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Message From The Chief Executive Officer Dave Bailey Jr.

One of my favorite passages of scripture is Luke 19, the story of Zacchaeus. I am not sure if it is that I too am “vertically challenged,” or that this is one of the first passages I learned as a child. I immediately thought of the story of Zacchaeus in the fall of 2015. Julie and I had decided to take our children into the city of Philadelphia to experience Pope Francis’ visit to the World Meeting of Families. It was quite an experience, joining hundreds of thousands of Christians along the Ben Franklin Parkway in praise and worship, and meeting individuals from throughout the United States and the world. Of course, what brought the story of Zacchaeus to mind was when Pope Francis was scheduled to arrive. Crowds of people, at times over 10 deep were standing along the fence line, curbside, awaiting the Pope’s arrival. Eventually, there were those adventurous (some may say desperate) individuals that

He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.
Luke 19:3

began to climb trees and lamp posts to get above the crowds. While I have to admit that I too attempted to weave my way through the crowd and stand on tiptoe to see him, I have often wondered, “What would my sense of urgency have been if this had actually been Jesus?”

It was the experience of the “crowd” blocking my view that so greatly impacted me, though. Each day, our team members at Ranch Hope are ministering to youth whose view of Jesus has been blocked or distracted by the crowds in their lives. Crowds of trauma, crowds of drugs, crowds displaying violence, crowds against education, crowds of gangs; all blocking their view or moving them away from Jesus. What really can sting, though, is when it is our own Christian brothers and sisters who are holding fast to “their” view of Jesus and not allowing the youth of today to get curbside to see Him. Is this me too? Is there something in my life or my habits that is blocking today’s youth from seeing Christ? Do I see today’s youth as one of Jericho’s “sinners” or as a child of God needing to see Him?

One of the first realities we must understand at Ranch Hope is that we do not get to choose the youth we are called to serve. There isn’t a sign out front that defines the “type” of youth and families we serve; you don’t have to be a member, or meet a certain criteria. Our role is to model Jesus to all youth and families, to plant seeds, and to allow the Holy Spirit to then move within their lives. Our role is to welcome each youth to stand at the curb and see Jesus, and to have Jesus tell them, “I must stay at your house today.”

Thank you for your support and for allowing Ranch Hope to be a community where youth and families can have the “crowds” of their lives removed, no matter their backgrounds.

“Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.’”
Luke 19:9-10

Dave Bailey Jr.

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Chaplain's Corner

By Pastor Horace Kinlaw, Chaplain

Hope in the Right Direction

Psalm 25:4 – “Show me Your ways, Lord; teach me Your paths.”

As you go about your daily tasks, God is working in your life in ways you may not even notice. We must not close the door on what God can do. For the believer, events do not occur by luck or coincidence, rather we have faith that God is directing our lives for His purpose.

However, God does not always work in the way that seems best to us. Instead of guiding us along the direct path, He may take us by a longer route to avoid certain circumstances and situations that may harm us. If God does not lead you along the shortest path to your goal, don't complain or resist; instead, follow Him willingly and trust Him to lead you safely around unseen obstacles. He can see the end of your journey from the beginning, and He knows the safest and best route. Although we may not recognize God's guidance in our lives, know that He has been with us every

step of the way, even if it seems like a demotion. You may not understand His plans at first, but the results will prove that God's way is always right.

God does not ask us to go where He has not provided the means to help. Trust Him to supply courage and resources at the right time. When you follow God's guidance, you know you are where God wants you, whether you're moving or staying in one place. You are physically somewhere right now and He has a purpose in placing you where you are right now.

But to receive God's guidance, you have to want to be guided, and then realize that God's primary guidance system is His Word. By reading the Bible and constantly learning from it, we will gain the wisdom to perceive God's direction for our lives. When we are willing to seek God, learn from His Word, and obey His commands, then we will receive His guidance. Begin to understand God's purpose for your life by discovering what He wants you to do now! Jesus will lead you into a deeper and better understanding of His truth. So instead of asking for answers from God; Instead of praying, “God, what do you want me to do next?” ask for direction.

That's the foundation of what we do here at Ranch Hope. We lead our youth and staff to Jesus Christ. We read and teach the Word of God and apply it to our daily lives to walk in the way the Lord directs us. We Hope in the Right Direction.

Amen

Save the date — Founder's Day Banquet scheduled for May 11

Ranch Hope will celebrate 53 years of service to youth at our 2017 Founder's Day Banquet, on Thursday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m. at Sharptown United Methodist Church in Pilesgrove.

We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be Bishop John Schol of the United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey. Bishop Schol was consecrated a bishop in 2004 after 25 years of experience as a pastor, denominational executive and nonprofit executive director. He was assigned to lead the United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey in 2012.

Ranch Hope is also pleased to announce our honorees for 2017. Our Silver Spurs awardee is Mrs. Isabel Bracken of Mission Teens, who is being honored for her many years of dedication and service to youth in New Jersey and throughout the country. Our Christian Partner Award will be given to the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church for its ongoing support to Ranch Hope and other youth ministries. Our Corporate Partner Award will be given to The Hibbard Group, Inc. for its ongoing leadership and support of Ranch Hope Radio and other Christian radio ministries.

Please join us for this fantastic evening of celebration! Tickets are \$25 each and tables seat eight guests. To reserve your seat or for more information, please contact the Development Office at 856-935-1555 ext. 125 or lindas@ranchhope.org.



Dave Bailey, Jr. at the 2016 Founder's Day Celebration with Clarence Fennimore, representing 2016 Christian Partner Awardee Allentown United Methodist Church.

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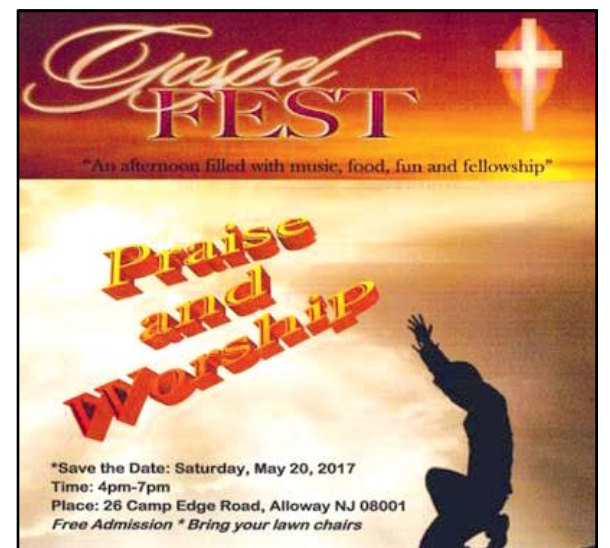
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RH Youth involved in Ranch Hope Winter Activities

Despite the cold weather, Ranch Hope youth were very busy having fun in throughout the winter months! All residents participated in a 4-on-4 basketball tournament which everyone enjoyed. The Adventure Therapy Group went to Camp Edge and learned Morse code. They made dinner over a fire and stayed overnight in a yurt. Youth enjoyed movie night every Wednesday and game night every Thursday in the Student Activities Center and these fun nights continue throughout the year.

Many of our youth were involved in Ranch Hope's 2nd Annual Drive-Thru Nativity on December 16, playing different roles in the Nativity story. It was a very cold night, but everyone braved the cold to get into the spirit of the true meaning of Christmas.

During Christmas break, youth enjoyed ice skating and bowling trips, movies and a day in Philadelphia at Dave and Busters. After the break and through the end of February, the basketball teams ramped up with the varsity competing against several Christian schools in South Jersey and the JV competing in the Salem County Rural League. Both teams did well

and the boys played their hearts out in every game.

On Super Bowl Sunday, the youth and staff enjoyed a Super Bowl party in the cafeteria. Everyone enjoyed food, prizes and great fellowship, and of course, the Patriots fans enjoyed it the most.

All Ranch Hope athletes who participated in the Flag Football season were invited to travel to the Wells Fargo Center on February 8 to see the Philadelphia 76ers take on the San Antonio Spurs. This was a great night, even though the home team lost. The youth and staff are very grateful to the Wranglers and Camp Edge auxiliaries for providing the tickets, refreshments and transportation.

Youth and staff always look forward to spring and early-summer activities! The Ranch Hope softball season begins in May and we will compete in the All-Faiths Coed Softball League. The annual Bergen County Salt Water Anglers fishing trip will take place on June 10 and the annual In His Wakes Ministries water skiing trip is scheduled for June 19.

Abundant Christmas blessings at the Ranch

Christmas at Ranch Hope is such a wonderful blessing. As we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we were very thankful for our many generous donors and supporters and for the gifts they so selflessly give to our youth.

In addition to Christmas morning, we held our second annual Live Nativity on December 16, Lunch with Santa at Camp Edge on December 17, the Christmas Cantata Chapel Service and special dinner on December 21 and the staff children's Christmas party on December 23. Of course, Santa Claus made appearances at several of these events! Special awards given at the dinner on December 21 included the Cowan Award to Brian K. and the most improved

Strang School student award to James S.

Everyone who attended these events had a great time and enjoyed some delicious food, good fellowship and special treats. It was a beautiful Christmas season at Ranch Hope. We thank our Giving Tree partners, donors, volunteers, auxiliary members, families and visitors who participated and supported our youth. Your loving kindness is greatly appreciated by our youth and staff!



The boys in Hunt Cottage enjoyed their Christmas decorating party with the Salem County Auxiliary.



Celebrating the Season at the Ranch.



Odesco shows off his decorated door.



Pictured here are youth and staff of Omega/Hope Home with members of the Camden County Auxiliary.



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Ranch Hope will begin our Accreditation journey in April 2017

Ranch Hope will be working toward our national accreditation with COA (Council on Accreditation) beginning in April.

The accreditation process will assist us in evaluating every area of the organization for conformity to the industry (behavioral healthcare) standards. We will be measured against best practices and will use this as a means to improve our outcome of service. Accreditation signifies that Ranch Hope is effectively managing its resources and providing the best possible services to all of its stakeholders.

The state of New Jersey has required us to do this as part of the new contract; however it has been the goal of our Board of Trustees to seek accreditation for several years.

We will begin the accreditation journey in April with an in-depth self-review of the organization against currently accepted best practice standards. We will have an onsite visit by an evaluation team comprised of experts in December of 2017, and a subsequent review and decision by the accrediting body by June 2018.

We selected COA as our accrediting body because they have worked with over 2,200 organizations and are recognized in 47 states, the District of Columbia, two Canadian

provinces, and China. COA also accredits the full continuum of child welfare, behavioral health, and community-based social services.

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We are looking forward to making the necessary changes to be ranked amongst top performing organizations in the field of behavior healthcare. We know the accreditation process will be a continuous journey and will result in Ranch Hope being a stronger organization.

Elaine Dunner

Director of Continuous Quality Assurance and Accreditation



COMING SOON!

Youth Leadership Council provides feedback for change

Ranch Hope is pleased to be a participant in the New Jersey Department of Children and Families' Division of Children's System of Care's (CSOC) Promising Path to Success program. Within this framework, CSOC has introduced the Six Core Strategies to Prevent Violence, Trauma and the Use of Seclusion and Restraint (6CS).

One of the major components of 6CS is full inclusion of youth and family voice and leadership in programs such as ours. The Ranch has embraced this by forming a new Youth Leadership Council. The Council – made up of nine young men and a cross section of Ranch

Hope leadership staff – first met in October 2016 to allow our youth the opportunity to help guide our management team. The Council meetings have encouraged dialogue between youth and managers on various aspects of Ranch Hope, including food services, off-campus jobs, Camp Edge, video game rules, family visits, chores, and other youth concerns. The boys have welcomed the responsibility of the Youth Leadership Council and take their positions very seriously.

One youth suggestion that has already taken off is Alex's Polar Plunge. The event was held on February 25 to raise funds to support Ranch Hope's Omega Program and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. A discussion of recreation and exercise has led to all youth being able to ride bicycles while at any level of behavioral success. A taste testing event in the cafeteria has helped the staff to plan new menus that will be implemented soon. These are a few examples of how the Youth Leadership Council's input has already had a positive impact on the Ranch. Since the group meets monthly, we look forward to many future productive discussions and improvement ideas.

Ranch Hope Upcoming Events

Combined Auxiliary Meeting	April 8
Founder's Day Banquet	May 11
Mother's Day Flower Sale <i>Sponsored by Salem County Auxiliary</i>	May 13 & 14
Gospel Fest at Camp Edge	May 20
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3rd Annual Wranglers' Tennis Classic	June 9
Combined Auxiliary Meeting	June 10

See back page for Camp Edge upcoming events!



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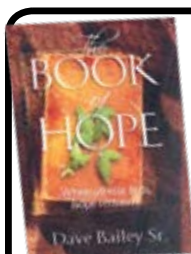
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Suburban Auxiliary's Victorian Tea and Fashion Show a hit

Local "celebrity models" strutted their stuff at the annual Ranch Hope Suburban Auxiliary Fashion Show fundraising event. On November 18, 2016 the Ranch Hope Cafeteria was transformed into a Victorian Tea Room as more than 100 attendees were treated to a wonderful meal with assorted sandwiches, salads, teas and desserts, and a show featuring fashions from the Ranch Hope Thrift Stores. The tables were complete with china cups and saucers and Victorian doll centerpieces, and everyone enjoyed the live piano and vocal music. The Victorian dolls were given away as door prizes which ended the afternoon with many smiles. Special thanks to everyone who modeled, attended and volunteered at the event. All proceeds will support Ranch Hope youth.



Alex and Scott were two of the local "celebrity" models at the Victorian Tea and Fashion Show.



Staff Spotlight: SCOTT CHAMPION

Scott Champion has been part of the Ranch Hope family since October 2016 and he is our Residential Director. He is a lifetime resident of South Jersey--born in Vineland, and has many fond memories of growing up in Cedarville. Scott earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Marketing from Liberty University. After college, Scott gained experience working with youth at the Center for Family Guidance in Camden, NJ, where he worked in Crisis Intervention and Behavioral Management.

When Scott is away from the Ranch he enjoys time with his wife and six children, and he is an avid wrestling and soccer fan. His favorite wrestlers are Dave Schultz and Dan Gable and his favorite Major League Soccer team is The Philadelphia Union. Looking towards the future, Scott hopes to one day start a soccer and wrestling program here at Ranch Hope. In his free time he enjoys coaching youth soccer and studying Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. He appreciates a good slice of pizza from Big John's Pizza in Bridgeton and enjoys a big Three Cheese Chicken Cheese Steak from Bud's Market in Alloway.



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Camp Edge announces summer plans

There is so much to do at Camp Edge this summer! Whether it is summer camp, disc golf, Archery Tag® or just relaxing by the lake, there is something for everyone at Camp Edge.

Back by popular demand, the L.E.A.D.E.R.s Academy will be offered at Camp Edge for the 12th year in a row! This week-long law enforcement and emergency services camp includes rigorous training including defense tactics, water safety, ropes and obstacle courses, firearms safety, tactical training and shooting, investigative techniques, interviewing, evidence collection, search warrants, search and seizure and arrests. The dates for this year's L.E.A.D.E.R.s Academy are June 19-23. Register early, as this program will fill up very quickly!

2017 marks the second year for the Warrior's Edge camp. This adventure-based experience for 5-12 year olds challenges youth to become 21st century warriors. Each child will learn how to use his or her mind, body and spirit to help others overcome difficulties and physical obstacles. Children will sharpen their balance, agility, strength, body-awareness and problem-solving skills through a wide variety of classes, challenges and obstacles. Warrior's Edge is scheduled for July 10-14, and everyone is encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Archery Tag® is new for 2017! Archery Tag® is played like dodgeball with bows and foam-tipped arrows. It offers a unique and fun way for people of all ages to enjoy archery. This exciting, action-packed game offers the ultimate family-friendly experience that engages everyone. Bring your family or your work group to Camp Edge to play Archery Tag®!

Also new for 2017—retreat weekends! See dates below.

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Archery Tag® is new for 2017!



Fun time on the water learning safety and adventure.

Hold the Dates!



Camp Edge * Upcoming Events

May 6	Bike to the Edge
May 20	Gospel Fest
June 19-23	L.E.A.D.E.R.s Academy
July 10-14	Warrior's Edge Camp
August 11-13	Father & Son Retreat
September 15-17	Men's Retreat
September 30	Muddy Bottom Run

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