

The RANCH HOPE FACTOR

~ NEWS AND HAPPENINGS FROM RANCH HOPE ~
FALL 2016



Ranch Hope students learn lifelong skills

Whether it is baking, computer graphics, photography or glassblowing, Ranch Hope youth gain skills and knowledge they will take with them to apply to their future work and personal lives. The youth enthusiastically showcased these skills in August.

Everyone who lives in Salem County knows about the Salem County Fair! During the first full week in August, our youth submitted their best photographs and baked goods to the Fair competition. The students worked very hard this year in their Family/Consumer Science and Graphics/Photography classes, and four won ribbons! Andrew won Best in Show for his Cherry Pound Cake, Scott won Best in Show for his Banana Nut Bread and Romeo won first place for his Tropical Jelly Roll. James won a second place ribbon for his outstanding photography.

In late-August, 11 of our youth participated in the 2nd Annual Art and Glass Week at Salem Community College. Students were taught by world-renowned glass artist and SCC's Artist-in-Residence Paul Stankard, SCC's Scientific Glass Instructional Chair Dennis Briening and SCC's Glass Center Coordinator Doug Ohm. During a week of oppressively hot weather, the youth toughed it out to create one-of-a-kind glass art pieces in the frameworthing and hot glass studios. They ended the week by creating a cast-glass tile which encased their frameworked objects. This collaborative art project will be placed at Ranch Hope to commemorate the students' accomplishments during Art and Glass Week. Ranch Hope extends special thanks to SCC, the SCC Foundation and the Robert M. Minkoff Foundation for their generosity and enthusiasm in support of this wonderful program.

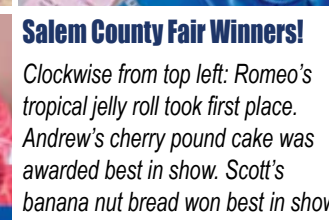
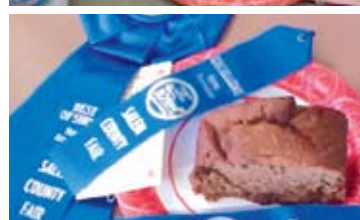
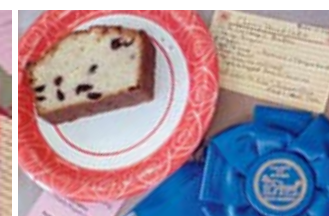
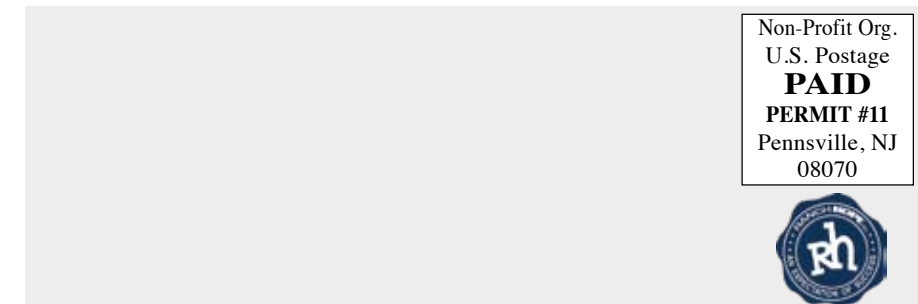
Congratulations to our Ranch Hope youth on their achievements. In the future, they can create glass art, take photos and bake for their families, friends and coworkers, and maybe even for their own businesses!



Richard works with molten glass in the hot shop.



Tasheer practices his frameworthing skills at the torch.



Salem County Fair Winners!

Clockwise from top left: Romeo's tropical jelly roll took first place. Andrew's cherry pound cake was awarded best in show. Scott's banana nut bread won best in show.

James' flower and beetle photo won a second place ribbon.

Ranch Hope chosen as beneficiary of 11th Annual Atlantic City Electric Golf Classic

Ranch Hope has been blessed for many years by the generosity of Atlantic City Electric and 2016 is no exception. Atlantic City Electric and the PHI Community Foundation chose Ranch Hope as one of three beneficiaries of their 11th Annual Atlantic City Electric Golf Classic, held on September 18 and 19 at Galloway National Golf Club. Even torrential rain could not dampen the spirits of the many sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and LPGA professionals who turned out to support the charity beneficiaries. In addition to Ranch Hope, the Val Skinner Foundation and the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey benefitted from the event.

Over its 11 years, the Atlantic City Electric Golf Classic has raised nearly 1.5 million dollars to help local nonprofit organizations accomplish their missions. The overwhelming success of the event encourages sponsors and players to return every year to support the community. Ranch Hope extends its sincerest thanks to Atlantic City Electric and the PHI Community Foundation for their contribution of \$57,000 in proceeds from the Golf Classic.



Atlantic City Electric (ACE) officials presented Ranch Hope with a check for \$57,000 in proceeds from the 11th Annual ACE Golf Classic. Pictured left to right are ACE Public Affairs Manager Bert Lopez, Nicholas, ACE Region Vice President Susan Coan, ACE Region Vice President Charles Wimberg, Rae'Qwan, and Ranch Hope CEO Dave Bailey, Jr.

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Message From The Chief Executive Officer Dave Bailey Jr.

In early October, I received a voice mail message from a mother of a former youth who had visited Ranch Hope in 1993. When I returned her call, she shared that her son had always thought of Ranch Hope as a second home. While his entire experience was positive, he especially remembered the equine program and the Belgian draft horses that participated in parades. Unfortunately, she also shared that her son's life had been taken just before Easter in 2003 and the case remains unsolved.

This mother's heart remains broken, and she continues to grieve some thirteen years later with no closure or answers for what happened and why. I cannot imagine the range of emotions she experiences on a daily basis, nor was I able to immediately heal her of this anguish over the phone. But, I am so thankful to play a role in a ministry that continues to serve this family, this mother. Why did she call the Ranch on this particular day? Pictures and memories of her son in his youth brought her back to Ranch Hope and the positive relationships and changes she saw in her son's life. I also believe that it was the Holy Spirit that lead

her to make this call, one in which I was able to pray with and for her and to encourage her to connect with a local church family. If you attend a church in the Atco, New Jersey area, and would be willing to connect and minister to her, I ask that you please reach out to me via dbailey@ranchhope.org.

You may have noticed that earlier in this message I stated that the young man had "visited" Ranch Hope back in the early 1990s. I chose "visited" because youth are just that—visitors—to Ranch Hope. Each day you partner with us to provide them with high-quality, life-changing services so that Ranch Hope can better partner with their families when they return home. Our goal after each youth returns home is to assist each family with continued therapeutic services, reintegration into their school district, job placement, and prayerfully, a local church community.

The reality though, is that there are moments such as this one, where the Ranch's role is to be a listener, comforter and encourager to a family member we haven't seen in almost fourteen years; to a mother who is seeking loving friends at a very difficult time.

Thank you for joining us in our mission to assist families in need today and in the future.

In Christ,

David L. Bailey, Jr.
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Ranch Hope recognizes supporters during Founder's Day & Gospel Fest celebration

More than 150 people came out on May 14 to celebrate Founder's Day. Although the threat of thunderstorms kept the event from taking place at Camp Edge, everyone enjoyed a cookout luncheon buffet, awards, a memorial dedication, and beautiful Gospel music on campus in the Pete Retzlaff Athletic Center.

The 2016 Silver Spurs Award was given to Bob and Amanda DiGregorio, in recognition of their leadership, service and dedication to children, youth and families in Salem County. Bob and Amanda have been distinguished members of the law enforcement field for many years. They have also made a difference for the Kingdom of God, building quality relationships with youth and their parents at Sharp-town United Methodist Church. Together, they founded the LEADERS Camp for Ranch Hope, presented at Camp Edge each summer for the past 11 years. Through the camp, youth gain experience in law enforcement and emergency response, and in living a life that follows the path and fulfills the purpose God has intended for them.

The 2016 Christian Partner Award was given to Allentown United Methodist Church in Allentown, New Jersey. The congregation members of Allentown UMC have been faithful supporters of Ranch Hope for more than 30 years, through their mission giving, volunteer fundraising support, thrift store donations and sales of Acme and Shop-Rite gift cards. The Christian Partner Award was also given in memory of Barbara Fennimore, who along with her husband Clarence, started Ranch Hope's Central New Jersey Auxiliary.

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(L-R) Ranch Hope CEO Dave Bailey, Jr. with Silver Spurs awardees Amanda DiGregorio and Bob DiGregorio.



(L-R) Clarence Fennimore, representing Christian Partner awardee Allentown United Methodist Church poses with Ranch Hope CEO Dave Bailey, Jr.



Chaplain's Corner

By Pastor Horace Kinlaw, *Chaplain*

Doing it for God

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

God's love must permeate our motives so that all we do is for His glory. We should keep this as a guiding principle by asking, "Is this action glorifying God?" or "How can I honor God through this action?" Those who wish to do all the glory of God cannot succeed if they act in disregard for others. We do what is best for others, so that they might be saved. We should also be sensitive to the meaning of our actions to new Christians who are learning how to live for Christ.

As a Christian, you represent Christ at all times, wherever you go and whatever you say, realizing His constant presence and bringing honor and glory to Him in every aspect and activity of daily living. All we do for Christ should be done with the spirit of thankfulness for all He has

done for us. Believers freely put themselves under the Lord's guidance because they love Him, have accepted His salvation, and live to glorify Him.

1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever." The gift is a spiritual gift, a divine endowment that God entrusts to believers as stewards. Christians should use their spiritual gifts to God's glory, just as God intends. Our abilities should be faithfully used in serving others; none for our own exclusive enjoyment. God is glorified when we use our abilities as he directs, to help others, then they will see Jesus in us and praise Him for the help they have received.

Here at Ranch Hope, everything we do is for the glory of God. We are here to help one another grow in Christ as we lean on the Lord to help us and our young people. Everyone has a spiritual gift that when we join them together as believers and as children of God, we begin to see His glory. This gives us Hope that the purpose we serve is truly for God. It makes me think of Jesus' words, "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Our light here at Ranch Hope is shining. Amen

Ranch Hope recognizes supporters ... from page 2

ComTec, Inc. received Ranch Hope's 2016 Corporate Partner Award. Ranch Hope enjoys a family-like relationship with ComTec; their team has answered our call again and again with IT needs. ComTec has been a corporate sponsor of the Wranglers Golf Tournament for several years and has financially supported other events as well. Several years ago, when Ranch Hope's main office was destroyed in a devastating fire, members of the ComTec team arrived on the scene, saved our servers and helped to rebuild data which otherwise would have been destroyed.

In addition to the awards given, a very special memorial was dedicated on Founder's Day. A bench and plaque placed at Camp Edge were dedicated to the memory of three young men who thoroughly enjoyed relaxing and reflecting at Camp Edge: Levi James Baldwin, Frank P. Ecret III and Collin Luke Harvey. These three young men were a blessing to Ranch Hope and Camp Edge and we miss them very much.

Gospel Fest followed the dedication, featuring several local individuals, praise bands and musical groups. The musicians and singers performed worship and praise music favorites that had people clapping and singing along. Ranch Hope gratefully acknowledges the Family Enrichment Network for its financial support of Gospel Fest.

Overall, Founder's Day was a very uplifting experience for all who attended. We sincerely thank everyone for coming out to participate.



(L-R) Ranch Hope CEO Dave Bailey, Jr. are Corporate Partner award recipients Mike Vertolli, Rob Melchiorre and Greg Froio of ComTec, Inc.



Ranch Hope chosen as beneficiary of Golf Classic

(L-R) Ranch Hope Board member Bill Masten, is pictured with his wife, Lisa, and Ranch Hope CEO Dave Bailey, Jr. at the 11th Annual Atlantic City Electric Golf Classic. Thanks to Bill and Lisa for volunteering their time to help at the event.

Annual Ranch Hope sports banquet fun and motivational

The youth and staff of Ranch Hope were treated to an inspiring evening at our annual sports banquet on March 23. Our guest speaker, from the National Football League, was Green Bay Packers tight end, #80-Justin Perillo. After everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner prepared by the Ranch Hope catering staff, Justin Perillo stepped up to the podium to speak to our youth.

A native of Wilmington, Delaware, Perillo is a graduate of The Tatnall School, where he was a three-sport athlete excelling in football, basketball and baseball. He is a graduate of the University of Maine with a degree in Psychology, where he attended on a full-scholarship and received many awards for his performance on the football field. After graduating from Maine in 2013, Perillo was signed by the Green Bay Packers as an undrafted free agent in May 2014. He is now in his third season with the Packers.

Perillo's message for the Ranch Hope youth was clear. "Stay in school, listen to your teachers and parents, listen to God; and if you do those things you'll succeed, you'll do OK." He said that he has always worked very hard because he was never the biggest or fastest guy on the field, and if he wanted to keep his place on the team he had to continue to work harder. He also said that education was very important to him because football may not be his career forever. Perillo told the boys that they would face obstacles and challenges in their lives, but if they worked hard, they would overcome their challenges and achieve their goals.

The youth received trophies and certificates in recognition of their athletic participation and achievements. After they received their awards, Perillo signed autographs and took photos with the boys. We thank Justin Perillo for being with us to share his story and encourage our youth. It was a great evening for all, and now there are a few more Packers fans on the Ranch!



Activities staff Mr. Jeffers & Mr. Coston present Justin Perillo with a Ranch Hope football jersey.



Justin Perillo poses with student Matt F.

Imogene Albert Named 2016 Behavioral Health Care Worker of the Year



shelter programs may be hesitant to consider.

In addition to her duties and responsibilities at work, Ms. Albert is a single mother raising three high school age children and is a part-time graduate student. Congratulations, Imogene Albert, for your recognition by the NJACYF as a 2016 Behavioral Health Care Worker of the Year, and thank you for your loyal service and dedication to Ranch Hope youth!

Nicholas Watts Named 2016 Behavioral Health Clinician of the Year



Mr. Watts has achieved a level of competency related to attachment and trauma work within his practice, and has become certified in Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy.

Congratulations to Nicholas Watts on being recognized by the NJACYF as a 2016 Behavioral Health Clinician of the Year, and thank you for your dedicated service to Ranch Hope youth and families!

The Volunteer Recognition event was followed by a free concert by the Pine Ridge Boys Quartet, who entertained the crowd in the Chapel with their inspirational music. We thank everyone who attended this great evening of celebration.

The volunteers honored for their extraordinary service to Ranch Hope were:

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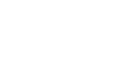
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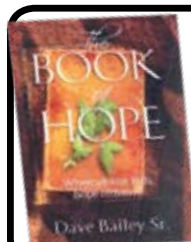
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Ranch Hope youth enjoyed a busy summer and fall

From water skiing to glassblowing, the summer was packed with many awesome and fun activities for Ranch Hope youth. The annual charter boat fishing trip aboard the Mi-Jo with the Bergen County Saltwater Anglers Club is always a big hit and this year's trip in June was no exception. Everyone enjoyed their day on the boat catching lots of fish, and we are grateful to the Club for their ongoing generosity and enthusiasm.

Throughout the summer, the boys participated in the All-Faiths Co-ed Softball League, competing against several churches from Salem County. They enjoyed many trips around the region including skating, bowling, go-karting, movies, the Cape May Zoo and a Wilmington Blue Rocks baseball game. And, what could be more fun than learning to water ski while learning the Gospel? That's what our youth did on the annual In His Wakes water skiing trip!



Andrew and James represented Ranch Hope on the field at the Philadelphia Union Soccer game on August 20.

We held our first annual Ranch Hope Olympics, which included weekly competitions in dodgeball, 4 on 4 basketball, human foosball and sand volleyball. We showcased our Conestoga wagon in the Woodstown 4th of July Parade and we had cookouts that included a punt, pass and kick competition and dessert from Mister Softie.

In August, the youth enjoyed the second annual Art and Glass Week at Salem Community College. The boys made some beautiful glass art pieces and had a great time, despite the hottest weather of the summer! Later in the month, thanks to the generosity of the Philadelphia Insurance Company and the Ranch Hope Wranglers Auxiliary, 22 of our youth and staff enjoyed an outing out at the Philadelphia Union soccer game on August 20. It was a great night with exciting soccer and good food at Talen Energy Stadium.

Fall brought us back to school, Halloween and the Flag Football season. Our Annual Fear Factor Eating Competition and Hayride took place at the end of October and everyone had a scary good time! The final game of the Flag Football season between the Eagles and the Patriots was played under the lights on November 9. It was a hard-fought battle and a very close game, but at the end of it all the Patriots won the championship! Thanks to all youth who participated and to staff, family and friends who came out to support them throughout the season. Stay tuned...we will be starting a Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs club at the Ranch. This program will not only teach the boys how to fish, but will also teach them about the environment and nature.



Youth in action enjoying the Flag Football season.

Favorite charities have students walking at Ranch Hope

What abundant blessings one short hour can bring! On May 26, 2016, eight middle school students, and their teacher ChrisAnn McCarthy, walked to raise money for two non-profit charities close to their hearts. Break the Roof is a brand new nonprofit organization whose purpose is to be a voice for all people with disabilities; and the MS Foundation helps those afflicted with the painful and debilitating disease of Multiple Sclerosis.

Teacher Jackie Chapman cut the red ribbon tied across the drive and the walk began. This event was very special to Mrs. Chapman whose brother, Matt Curcio, has Muscular Dystrophy and is the founder of Break the Roof.

The students proudly wore t-shirts they custom-designed and had printed by Mr. David Casius and his Print Shop students. Staff sponsors were asked to autograph the shirts and to pledge \$1.00 per lap around the half-mile drive within Ranch Hope—affectionately called “the loop.” As they passed by the starting line, some walking and some running, their shirts were marked with tally marks; proof they had completed each loop! At the end of the event, the students completed an average of six laps each around the loop.

Administrative staff provided water, Gatorade and snacks on the 85-degree, humid and sunny day! Principal Kimberly Bracciante and CEO Dave Bailey, Jr., were also on the scene to cheer on the youth.

Following the walk, students enjoyed pizza and cold drinks in the Recreation Center. Mr. Curcio was available via ‘Facetime,’ and he thanked the boys, answered questions and promised to keep in touch about his upcoming projects. One of our youth who had lost family members due to complications from MS led the class in a special prayer thanking God for the success of the day, for the miracles that were happening by His power and for the money everyone raised together.

Love, community and endurance played equal parts in the success of the Strang Middle School's Break the Roof/MS Walk 2016, which raised over \$1,000.00! Thank you to everyone who supported the students and gave generously to the service project. Visit <https://mattcurcio.org/tag/project-able/> for more information about Break the Roof.



Youth walkers Richard, Nick and Nicholas are pictured with Ranch Hope CEO Dave Bailey.



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Camp Edge has another successful Muddy Bottom Run

"More mud makes more fun," said one of the people who came out to brave the mud, flour pit, lake and climbing obstacles in the September 24th Muddy Bottom Run to support Ranch Hope's Camp Edge ministry. The "Twins" theme encouraged the 110 participants to dress alike, which made for some interesting and fun outfits including Dr. Seuss' "Thing 1 and Thing 2", and a pair each of zebras, turtles and giraffes. Some participants had run in the event for several years in a row while others were trying the course for the first time. One muddy runner said the event was "very challenging but lots of fun."

Camp Edge staff and auxiliary members organized the race and were happy with the turnout. The Camp Edge Auxiliary thanks the many sponsors, runners, volunteers and staff for helping to raise \$3,000 to support children's summer camp scholarships.



Mud racers "Thing 1 and Thing 2" pose with the Ranch Hope Mustang before the race.



The flour pit made the race even dirtier for this runner.



The Muddy Buddies trudge through the corner of the lake at Camp Edge.

Summer Camps a big hit at Camp Edge

Summer 2016 was an exciting time at Camp Edge! The 11th annual L.E.A.D.E.R.s Academy was held in the end of June, led by Bob DiGregorio, of the Salem County Department of Emergency Services, and Amanda DiGregorio, of the Salem County Prosecutor's Office. Children ages 11-14 attended the Academy, which included rigorous law enforcement training including defense tactics, water safety, ropes and obstacle courses, tactical training, firearms safety and tactical shooting. The campers carried out all steps of an investigation, including victims' interviews, evidence collection, search warrants, search and seizure and arrests.

Ranch Hope and Camp Edge extend sincere gratitude to Bob and Amanda DiGregorio, along with the Salem County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey Department of Emergency Services, Salem County Sheriff's Department, New Jersey State Police, New Jersey Fish, Game and Wildlife Department and Woodstown Police Department. Thanks to all of our partners, the Leader Camp was a huge success for the 11th year.

New this year was the Warrior's Edge Camp for ages 5-12. This adventure camp taught youth what it means to be a 21st century warrior and how to use their minds, bodies and spirits to help others around them conquer physical obstacles and overcome difficulties. The children sharpened their balance, agility, strength, body-awareness and problem-solving skills through a variety of classes, challenges and physical obstacles. The camp was very popular and will be on the 2017 summer camp schedule. *The Camp Edge staff have plenty of summer camp ideas for 2017, so sign up early!*



Campers investigate a crime scene during the Leaders Academy.



Leaders Academy "cadets" stand at attention and listen to their morning instructions.

Hold the Dates!

Camp Edge Upcoming Events

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| April 1, 2017 | Sasquatch Night Trail Run |
| May 6, 2017 | Bike to the Edge |
| June 17, 2017 | Sasquatch's Sister 5K Day Run |
| June, July & August, 2017 | Stay tuned for Summer Camp Schedule |

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