



## Climb the Mountain Week a great success

Vacation Bible School (VBS) rose to new heights this year as Ranch Hope youth participated in Climb the Mountain Week, August 20-25. Led by Chaplain Fred Ruggiano and other staff GUIDES, an average of 22 youth spent their days at Camp Edge engaged in high-energy physical challenges, quiet reflection and character-building experiences. Each letter of the word GUIDE brought with it the theme for each day.

The theme for Day One was Grace. Our youth demonstrated grace and encouragement to each other and recognized their families as gifts. The "U" on Day Two represented how Undeserving of grace we all are considering our own rebellious hearts. On this day, the challenges were grueling and fun at the same time! Youth and staff participated in the high ropes course and hiked and waded through a muddy stream. They lifted each other up and kept each other going!

Day Three was thrilling as the word of the day was Inspire. Climbers were inspired by the

grace that God displayed in the life of Paul. Activities included Archery Tag® and canoeing and kayaking on the lake.

On Day Four the group stayed overnight at Camp Edge. For many of our youth, this was the very first overnight camping trip of their lives. The word of the day was Daring; our youth

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*Jaheim climbed to the top of the mountain!*

## Ranch Hope youth enjoy an evening with the Delaware Destroyers

On May 15, 2018, the Delaware Destroyers Wheelchair Basketball Team challenged Ranch Hope youth and staff to a foul shot competition, a three-point shootout and a full-court game. Before they met on the court, the Destroyers, along with Ranch Hope youth and staff, enjoyed fellowship and dinner in the cottages. Our youth heard the team members' stories and testimonies and they appreciated the honesty and encouragement that came from the team.

As the competition got underway, youth and staff experienced first-hand how it feels to play basketball from a wheelchair; to shoot foul shots, hit three-pointers and sprint down the court while powering the chairs with their arms. This was a very inspirational and uplifting evening of fellowship and friendly competition. We thank the Delaware Destroyers for being with us!



*RH youth were up to the challenge of playing basketball in wheelchairs.*



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## Message From The Chief Executive Officer Dave Bailey Jr.

It is hard to believe that the summer of 2018 is over and another school year has begun! As you read through the articles and view the pictures highlighted in this edition of the Rh Factor, our team has also been looking toward the future of the Ranch Hope ministry!

In September, the Board of Directors approved the ministry's updated Strategic Plan, a process that began in January 2018 and will lead us into the year 2022. The Strategic Plan was developed by a committee, chaired by Director of Development Linda Smith, and included members of the Board and representatives from each department within the ministry.

One of the key goals of the Strategic Plan is to implement and effectively provide best practices in serving youth and families. A sub-goal is for Ranch Hope to attain national behavioral healthcare accreditation through the Council on Accreditation. What is accreditation? It is the formal evaluation of an organization or program against best practice standards. It is both a status and a process. As a status accreditation signifies that an organization or program meets standards of quality set forth by the accrediting body. As a process accreditation involves an in-depth self-review of Ranch Hope against currently accepted best practice standards, an

onsite visit by an evaluation team comprised of experts and a subsequent review and decision by the accrediting body. I ask that you keep us in your prayers during the week of November 4, 2018, as this is the time when our Site Visit will be conducted by a team of peer reviewers from the Council on Accreditation. We are thankful for the leadership and efforts of Elaine Dunner, Director of Quality Assurance and Accreditation, in leading us to the threshold of an important milestone in the 54-year history of the ministry.

The future is bright, but we all must realize that requirements to provide the types and levels of care to children, youth and families in New Jersey are constantly evolving based on new, innovative standards as well as the individual needs we are called to address. We have also seen an increase in the types and mergers of organizations providing services here in New Jersey. Major health networks, universities and national organizations are now providing similar services and it is now more important than ever that Ranch Hope have both short-term and long-term plans; as well as your support in not only meeting the prescribed needs of the families we serve, but in sharing the healing message of the Gospel which sets us apart. The reality is that we need your financial support now, more than ever, if we are to recruit and maintain the highest quality staff and provide the highest quality facilities and programming for the children we are called to serve.

In the next edition of the Rh Factor, I look forward to sharing with you that we have attained national accreditation and news on a new campaign we will embark on to catapult the ministry into the year 2020 and beyond, allowing us to continue assisting children, youth and families as they heal now and thrive moving forward.

*Dave Bailey Jr.*

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## Ranch Hope celebrated 54 years at Founder's Day Banquet

May 24, 2018 was a very special night as Ranch Hope celebrated 54 years of service to youth and families. The Founder's Day Banquet was a great event that included RH youth and staff servers and speakers and took place at the Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit Parish Center in Woodstown. Ranch Hope Catering provided a delicious dinner buffet enjoyed by everyone.

The 2018 Silver Spurs Award was given to the New Jersey Alliance for Children, Youth and Families for its many years of outstanding leadership in assisting children, youth and their families. The Alliance tirelessly advocates for youth, families and youth support organizations throughout the state of New Jersey.

The 2018 Christian Partner Award was given to Greentree Ministries for many years of financial support, prayers and encouragement to the Ranch Hope ministry. Ranch Hope is blessed to have such a faithful partner.

Atlantic City Electric, An Exelon Company, received the 2018 Corporate Partner Award for its outstanding ongoing support of the Ranch Hope ministry. Atlantic City Electric has been a sponsor of the Wranglers Golf Classic for 10 years, has provided street lighting on



*Pictured at the Founder's Day Banquet with CEO Dave Bailey, Jr. is Megann Anderson Fischer, Executive Director of the New Jersey Alliance of Children, Youth & Families, Silver Spurs Awardee.*

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## Chaplain's Corner

By Pastor Fred Ruggiano, *Chaplain*

### Celebrating the Harvest

*Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field. Exodus 23:16*

Thousands of years ago, God spoke directly to Moses and instituted a new festival for His people. In Exodus 23:16, according to Moses's record, God said, "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field."

Today, countries around the world do something similar by celebrating the land's bounty.

In Ghana, the people celebrate the Yam Festival as a harvest event. In Brazil, Dia de Acai de Graces is a time to be grateful for the crops that yielded their food. In China, there is the Mid-Autumn (Moon) Festival. In the United States and Canada: Thanksgiving.

Today, we celebrate the many ways that God uses His word to Harvest our young people here at Ranch Hope. His Word is a light unto their feet. In His Word, our young people find hope, healing, restoration, and love.

Being thankful at the Ranch is giving the love of Christ to a generation of lost souls. As we sit at our Thanksgiving tables, let us always be mindful of those families we serve. Let our hearts be full of both Thanks, and Giving!

May your families be richly blessed in this Season of Harvest!

Pastor Fred

## Youth Service Training Program makes great strides

In our last issue of the Rh Factor we introduced you to our new Youth Service Training Program developed by our Treatment Liaison Team. The program strives to empower youth with a vision and to encourage them with tangible rewards for their achievements. The three major goals of the program are: 1) to build an expanding community of service driven by peer-to-peer mentoring, 2) to teach youth new skills that will be utilized to serve the needs of others, first within the Ranch Hope community and then within their home communities, and 3) to develop youth leaders who will teach others the skills they have learned and mentor them to further develop these skills. Our youth and Treatment Liaisons have been hard at work and below are some of the highlights!

Our first youth received a lifeguard certification and with it supervised a senior water aerobics class at a local community pool. Our youth and staff planted a community garden. Throughout this process, they learned how to plant, cultivate, maintain, and harvest several different kinds of crops. The garden supplied our youth family members and the Ranch Hope community with delicious, fresh vegetables for many weeks.

In the area of food services, our band of dapper and professional youth servers dressed the part and served two major banquets, the Ranch Hope Radio 60th Anniversary Banquet and the annual Ranch Hope Founders Day Banquet. Youth and staff completed the process of becoming certified to safely handle food and trained in cooking and plating. They also took a "Ramen Challenge" and engaged in a food survey to advocate for campus food changes on a weekly basis. Food service training has been a great experience for all involved.

In June, our "RH Ninjas" participated in Goliathon in Mullica Hill. They worked very closely together, volunteering before the event and competing in the event as a team. Goliathon raises funds to support Charity: Water, an organization that brings clean, safe drinking water to people in developing countries.

Upcoming service training opportunities include: CPR certification training for every interested youth during the months of October and November, and helping to cater the South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter's "Spay-ghetti" Dinner fundraiser on November 10.

We are thrilled to see the Lord working in the lives of these young people, and we congratulate them on their achievements.



*RH youth servers take a break to eat their dinner at the Founder's Day banquet.*



*RH youth and staff work in the community garden as part of the Service Training Program.*

## Founder's Day Banquet

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the Alloway campus and most recently, made a three-year commitment to the Ranch as a beneficiary of the Atlantic City Electric Golf Classic.

Ranch Hope Volunteer of the Year Awards were given to the following enthusiastic and tireless volunteers: John Bobbitt, Althea Farrell, Bethanny Garrison, Marlene Gill, April Hollinger, Joan McCord, Judy Murphy and Gary Thompson. Special White Hat Awards were given to Eileen Bailey and Karen Frampus.

*Javier speaks to the Founder's Day Banquet attendees about his Ranch Hope experience.*



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dared to take a camping trip and spend time outdoors with nature in the darkness. They pushed themselves and their spirits!

Day Five (Friday) found a group of nine youth and six staff traveling to Pennsylvania to hike a 10-mile trek on the Appalachian Trail. The theme for this day was Exploration. They explored the wilderness, hiked the rugged terrain, camped overnight on the trail and had the time of their lives! They stopped at every mile along the way to reflect on their feelings and experiences, meeting both their therapeutic and spiritual needs.

Pastor Fred said that bringing the youth outside and changing the environment from traditional VBS was a positive move and that he saw "breakthroughs in attitude and behavior." He and the other staff members truly saw God working in the lives of our youth. Pastor Fred extended his sincere gratitude to all Ranch staff who accompanied the youth and challenged them to grow in their faith. He looks forward to building on and expanding the program for 2019!



# RANCH HOPE HAPPENINGS

## James Whitt Reaches 30 Year Milestone at Ranch Hope

On July 4, 2018, James Whitt celebrated his 30-year anniversary with the Ranch Hope Ministry. For many years Mr. Whitt served as the Program Director for Ranch Hope and currently works as the Director of Special Projects. Mr. Whitt and his wife Barb, also a former team member prior to her retirement, were honored at the Ranch Hope Board Picnic in July with a celebration of cake, flowers and a gift card to Cracker Barrel restaurant.



*Jim and Barbara Whitt*

## Maintenance Team has a great impact across the Ranch

Ranch Hope's Maintenance team is lively and passionate about the work they do each day. The team consists of six men with dedicated service to the Ranch spanning from six months to thirty years, averaging eight and a half years combined. These fellas are leaving their mark on our youth and staff; they are very friendly and greet everyone with a smile.

Facilities Director Jim Nichols and his team have been making breakthroughs and catching up on projects over the last year. Nichols started working for the Ranch in December 2017 at the height of the snow storms, and his work group spent many tireless hours battling the snow. As the weather warmed and the seasons changed, their focus changed to regularly scheduled maintenance tasks and much larger projects such as the installation of generators at two cottages and roof repairs at Camp Edge, Strang School and the Cafeteria. The biggest project the Maintenance team took on this year was Ranch Hope's new Welcome Center. The maintenance team relocated the Activities department and Recreation Center, the Social Services staff and the Treatment Liaison Team offices to the Welcome Center.

Nichols said he and his staff feel that the best part about working at Ranch Hope is helping to make a difference in the lives of our youth. His team members enjoy opportunities to work with the young men and teach them life skills and repairs while on their journey at the Ranch. The team reports that seeing the youth master practical skills and become successful, along with the thankfulness and gratitude from the staff, is what makes working at Ranch Hope worthwhile.

Our Maintenance team members work very hard and have a strong desire to make a difference at the Ranch. They quietly and humbly make changes that impact the Ranch youth and staff through great ideas, innovations, or inventions. We are all very grateful for this team's virtue, integrity and example.



*L-R is the RH Maintenance Team: Jim Nichols, Andy Bourdess, John Kelly, Chris Daniels, Marques Kratzer and Gil Trudell.*

## Ranch Hope Welcome Area gets facelift



*Pictured are newly renovated areas in the Welcome Center, including Reception and Treatment Services.*

## MaryAnn Bowman celebrates 25 year anniversary with Ranch Hope

On June 1, 2018, MaryAnn Bowman was honored for 25 years of dedication to Ranch Hope. MaryAnn has worked in a number of different administrative positions during her career and currently serves as the Office Manager of the Administrative Office. She is also the Executive Assistant for CEO David L. Bailey Jr. and coordinates all information technology needs for the ministry. The team celebrated MaryAnn's accomplishment with cake, flowers and a gift card to Maggiano's Little Italy.



*Pictured with Dave Bailey, Jr. is MaryAnn Bowman on the occasion of her 25th anniversary of service to Ranch Hope.*



## ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Elaine Dunner, Director of Quality Assurance and Accreditation

Ranch Hope is anxiously awaiting our site visit by the COA representatives in early November. The COA team will be meeting with all stakeholders to assess our practices and procedures and provide recommendations on improvement toward accreditation.

Please contact me if you would like to speak to the COA representatives on behalf of yourself, your family, or the community during the site visit. Individual interviews will play a key role in providing feedback regarding the quality of services provided.

Thank you to those Ranch Hope stakeholders that took the time to respond to our mailing and provide feedback to COA (Commission on Accreditation) by completing the survey. If you haven't – it's not too late to have your voice heard! It takes less than 3 minutes and you do not have to speak to anyone – all responses are numerical and anonymous.

**Your input will only be used for the purposes of helping Ranch Hope become a better organization for the youth and families that we serve.**

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Also, I'm very pleased to announce Susan Williams in the newly created position of PQI Manager. Susan joined the Quality Assurance group in late June. See her article at right regarding improvements being made at Ranch Hope.

## WHAT IS SIX CORE STRATEGIES?

New Jersey's Children's System of Care received a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Association (SAMHSA) in 2016 to help behavioral healthcare facilities like Ranch Hope become more trauma-informed in our approach to relating to youth and families - with the goal of lessening and eventually eliminating the use of physical holds and seclusion and to shorten the length of stay for youth in our care. The initiative is called "Promising Path to Success" (PPS) "6 Core Strategies to Prevent Violence, Trauma and the use of Seclusion and Restraint in Behavioral Health Settings (6CS)."

Below are the areas that we have been evaluating during the past two years in accordance with 6CS:

1. Leadership toward organizational change
2. Using data to inform practice
3. Workforce development
4. Full inclusion of youth and family voice and leadership
5. Teaching sensory modulation strategies for self-regulation, and
6. Implementing rigorous debriefing following all traumatic events.

Since the program launch in 2016 Ranch Hope has made great strides in training staff on expectations of the 6CS and working together to adopt best practices that will lead to a reduction in the number of restraints in all our programs.



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## PQI UPDATE

By Susan Williams, PQI Manager

The Performance Quality Improvement (PQI) Department uses feedback to make continuous improvement. Feedback is obtained from various sources including input from Ranch stakeholders, results from satisfaction surveys, programmatic reviews, and additional program evaluation activities that involve using data to make informed decisions. All these activities help support a continuous cycle of quality improvement here at the Ranch. To facilitate the feedback process, three suggestion boxes will be installed at various locations on the Ranch and at Ranch Hope Shelter of Hope in Williamstown. The boxes are for both staff and youth to make comments, suggestions, and/or express any concerns. The PQI staff will review and follow up on the information found in the boxes, bringing suggestions and/or concerns to be addressed to management and/or the PQI Committee as appropriate.

The PQI Committee is representative of various departments and was created to actively participate in quality improvement efforts affecting all levels of the organization. The group has been meeting monthly and has been involved with activities such as finalizing the PQI Plan and Model (Plan-Do-Check-Act Deming Circle – shown above); reviewing individual case files and completing subsequent corrective actions; reviewing incidents; and discussing satisfaction surveys. A PQI calendar was also created to identify each month's activity.

The PQI Department is currently focused on expanding the use of data to identify areas for improvement, make informed decisions based on analysis, and monitor the effectiveness of those decisions to reevaluate improvement plans as well as highlight successes. An example of how data is being used to make an informed decision here at the Ranch involves a menu survey that will soon be distributed to our youth. Because of our youth participating in a satisfaction survey regarding what they like about Ranch Hope, the youth identified that they would like more of a variety of food. As a result, PQI, Food Service, and Allied Therapy staff are working together to administer a youth menu survey to assess the youth food preferences. A follow up meeting will be scheduled with the youth to review the survey findings and discuss the next steps. Food services will make changes to the menu according to the youth voice.

The survey process is only one of the quality improvement activities and initiatives taking place here at the Ranch. The practice of continual improvement efforts is being promoted throughout the entire organization and with all stakeholders to achieve the best possible results for those we serve.

I look forward to sharing with you the many results of our quality initiatives in future articles.



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As a supporter of Ranch Hope you may be wondering what else you can do to leave a lasting impact on the lives of our children and families for years to come.

Below are a few options you may want to consider that will allow you to leave a legacy and benefit the children of Ranch Hope.

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## STRANG SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

This past summer and into fall, Strang School students interviewed peers and teachers and reported on those interviews to effectively communicate information to others. Below are a few of the interview summaries.

### Interview with Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Bells

By Ryan P.

Last week I walked up to the Fine Arts building and found Tray, Ron and Mrs. Bells scrubbing the walls outside the Fine Arts building. They were using a phosphate free cleaning solution to prime the walls before painting. The mural will incorporate art and music themes and I think it will be fantastic. On October 4th I saw Ms. Aponte, Mrs. Shari Murray, Mrs. Bells, Mrs. Robinson, Trey R. and Ron G. using a white, water based primer covering both sides of the front of the Fine Arts building. Mrs. Murray said she hopes to start the actual mural painting on the 11th.

### Interview with Mrs. Bracciante

By Jacob T. and Matt M.

Mrs. Bracciante is the Strang School Principal and Administrator. God brought her here to work in August 2010. The part of her job that she likes best is, "When I see the boys going home and being able to reach their goals." Some good things she has seen around school this summer are the school growing and the kids excelling every day. When asked if she wanted to acknowledge any students, Mrs. Bracciante replied, "All of the students are important as they slowly reach their independent goals!" Some words of inspiration from Mrs. Bracciante can be found in Proverbs 3:27, "Do not hold good from people when it is in your power to act."

### Interview with Mr. Morgan

By Adoniz A.

- What do you do? Television Production Teacher
- When did you start working here? January 2018
- What is the best part of your job? Interacting with students and seeing growth in their lives.
- Any good things you see going on at the Ranch or Strang School? The staff is very interested in the students learning and becoming independent.
- Are there students you would like to acknowledge? Why? Adoniz and Jacob see the true ability they have and are gaining confidence to do what they thought they could not do.
- Personal quote or statement? Very glad he is able to work with the young men here.



*Hector, Keenan and Ben graduated from Strang School on June 15, 2018.*

## Summer and fall activities keep youth and staff moving

As the summer heated up, the annual Co-Ed Softball League was well underway. Ranch Hope youth competed against other youth groups and church teams every Tuesday. It was both fun and educational for everyone who participated.

We took the In His Wakes Water Skiing Trip at Dividing Creek, where youth learned how to water ski and go tubing. Everyone had a great time on the water; for some it was their very first water skiing experience.

As the summer drew to a close, our youth took several bowling trips, played miniature golf, explored the Bridgeton Zoo, went ice skating and roller skating and attended a Wilmington Blue Rocks game. We also took daily trips to Camp Edge for hiking, biking and canoeing.

A super fun outing for our youth and staff was made possible by a good friend of Ranch Hope, Mr. Eric Harz. Mr. Harz donated 12 tickets with parking passes to see a pre-season Philadelphia Flyers vs. NY Rangers game at the Wells Fargo Center. The group was treated to awesome seats in CLUB SUITE F. This was a great experience for our youth and for some, their first NHL game!

And, speaking of Ice Hockey, the Liberty University Men's Ice Hockey team came into town in early-October and enjoyed an ice cream social and played board games with our youth. The following day everyone traveled to the University of Delaware to support the LU Flames as they took on the Blue Hens. Liberty won the game and our youth had a fantastic time.

Some of our boys attended a paint party, sponsored by the Camp Edge Auxiliary. Director of Allied Therapy, Barry Jeffers, said that as they were painting their pictures a song kept coming to mind...Masterpiece by Danny Gokey. Mr. Jeffers was reminded that just like the boys were making their masterpieces, the Lord is making his masterpiece as well, and that is us. We are all different and beautiful in His eyes. Youth also attended another paint party sponsored by the Salem County Auxiliary. They had a good time painting and the auxiliary members loved being with them.

Now that fall is upon us, the Flag Football season has kicked off and the boys are having a great season so far. The Championship game is scheduled for November 15 under the lights. Stay tuned to Facebook for any changes to the schedule. Everyone mark your calendars for the annual Ranch Hope Drive Thru Live Nativity on Friday, December 14!

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# Another busy summer at Camp Edge

Summer fun at Camp Edge has come to a close, and we're moving into a busy fall season. 2018 was a great year for our summer camps. We opened with the 13th annual L.E.A.D.E.R.s Camp (Law Enforcement and Developing Emergency Responders) in June, which had its highest enrollment ever! Some new additions to the camp included a mountain bike course, inflatable obstacle training courses, and even vision impairment goggles with karts! Camp Edge hosts this camp in partnership with local law enforcement and emergency management officers.

Our Warrior's Edge Camp was held for two weeks in July, the first week was geared towards 5-10-year olds, and the second towards 10-15-year-old campers. This camp, along with L.E.A.D.E.R.s camp also reached record enrollment this year! Campers used their minds, bodies and spirits in order to learn what makes a true warrior, while also coming together as a team to help each other succeed through both individual and team challenges. Each camper also completed the Camp Edge Warrior obstacle course on the last day.

Camp Edge once again hosted the annual Harvest of Hope camp for four weeks in July. The camp had more than 100 children of migrant working families enrolled for the duration of camp. Camp YEY (Youth Empowering Youth) was held in August in partnership with the Southwest Council. A major goal of Camp YEY is to empower youth to make healthy decisions and to serve as role models for others.

In addition to summer camps, our High and Low Ropes course stayed busy throughout the summer with visits from youth groups, schools, colleges, scouts and more. We also enjoyed taking Archery Tag on the road to Rowan University as well as to different youth groups from around the area. We're excited to continue having groups use our Camp Edge facilities for the remainder of the year!

Contact us at [CampEdge@ranchhope.org](mailto:CampEdge@ranchhope.org) or (856) 279-2519 with any questions about scheduling a Ropes Course, Archery Tag, or even an inflatable obstacle course event.



*LEADERs Camp squads assemble for drills.*



*Accepted the challenge to reach top of the Warped Wall.*

## Camp Edge Muddy Bottom Run was messy, fun time

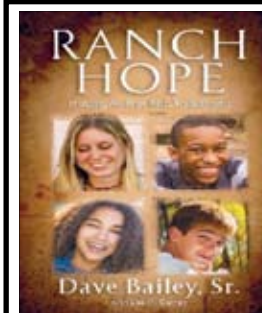
On October 6th, Camp Edge hosted the annual Muddy Bottom Run. This year's theme was Pirates and some runners dressed the part! Over 50 runners took on the five-mile course which included crawling, trudging, and running through mud, a Jell-O pit, flour pit, and multiple lake crossings. Thanks to our runners, we raised money to improve the camp and to help underprivileged youth attend our summer camps.



*Youth help each other on the Camp Edge Ropes Course.*

## Mark Your Calendar for Ranch Hope Upcoming Events & Activities

Friday	November 16	2:00 pm	Suburban Aux. Tea & Fashion Show	Ranch Hope Cafeteria
Saturday	November 17	9:30 am	Combined Auxiliary Meeting	Ranch Hope Cafeteria
Tuesday	November 20	3:15 pm	Thanksgiving Service	Lee Ann Bailey Chapel
Thursday	November 22		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Saturday	December 1	8:00 am	Ranch Hope Call-a-Thon	
Tuesday	December 11	6:00 pm	Cottage Decorating Party	Alloway & Williamstown
Friday	December 14	6:00 pm	Live Nativity	Alloway Campus
Saturday	December 15	11:30 am	Lunch with Santa	Camp Edge
Wednesday	December 19	1:30 pm	Christmas Cantata Service	Lee Ann Bailey Chapel
Monday	December 24	7:00 pm	Candlelight Service	Lee Ann Bailey Chapel
Tuesday	December 25		MERRY CHRISTMAS!	
Tuesday	January 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
Saturday	January 12	9:30 am	Combined Auxiliary Meeting	Ranch Hope Cafeteria
Saturday	April 6	6:00 pm	Sasquatch Run	Camp Edge
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