



## News and Happenings From Ranch Hope

### 2019 Flag Football Season



September 19th kicked off our annual flag football season! All youth were drafted into one of four teams: Colts, Eagles, Panthers or Patriots. They played every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and had a special Championship game under the lights in November.

### R-Block: Building on the Rock!



On Oct. 9, Ranch Hope launched a new initiative. R-Block is a community of "Builders" committed to surrounding the individual, family, neighbor and community with Reclaiming, Redeeming, Renewing and Restoring love. Builders are internal or external community members, including: residents, staff and community supporters *See page 3 for more details.*

### Home On The Ranch

It was the late 1960s; the Ranch was not even 10 years old. We had two cottages, a small school and about 20 boys. To say the least, we still had growing pains. Our staff numbered less than 20; our program was still in flux and doubts were rising that we would make it to our next anniversary. Dreams can become nightmares, and we were facing some serious sleeping problems. We needed a sign that our Lord still had His hand on the Ranch Hope ministry.

It was at this time that I received a letter in our daily mail, nothing unusual about the envelope, and the post mail was local. Hopefully it might be a major contribution— something to help us pay our bills, keep the doors opened. I was quite surprised that it contained a short note written by a child accompanied by her picture. As I'm writing this column, both are in front of me on my desk. They have been tucked away in a special file of great memories. Michelle wrote, ***"You are a great preacher. Here is a dollar for you so you can help the boys at Ranch Hope. Smile, God loves you, and so do I."***



Michelle

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### 2019 Climb The Mountain Week

By Pastor Fred Ruggiano, Chaplain



It was a super week at our 2019 Climb the Mountain Week, with 23 boys and 20 staff to handle all the adventure activities. Kudos to Ryen and Roger Garrison, who along with their team members, provided an outrageously Godly experience for our young men. Also, our kitchen crew provided delicious food all week long.

Youth learned more about themselves and God this week than at any point in their lives. But we aren't done, yet. God has really blessed us and bestowed favor upon us. Lives were changed because our staff responded to the call to ministry—Big Time!

All in all, it was a fantastic time on the Appalachian Trail. Our youth hiked 6 miles in one day, which included at 2 mile night hike!

God is so good!!! All the time!!!



## Message From the Chief Executive Officer

By Dave Bailey, Jr., CEO

### A Time for Everything

We are a culture obsessed with time. We find it. We lose it. Save it. Spend it. Give it. Take it. Share it. Juggle it. We time everything! What time did you get to work? What time did you leave work? How much time will it take me to drive to this destination? Waze © can get me there in less time than Google Maps ©.

In America we have been tested hundreds of times in our lives, within a prescribed amount of time. NJ Ask, PARCC, PSAT, SAT, LSAT—all of which not only test whether we can answer the questions correctly, but how quickly we can answer the questions correctly. Why is quicker, better?

Time. It has also become a major focus and factor in our work with the children, youth and families we serve each day. We are now not only asked to help them find the answers to their behavioral, educational and spiritual questions, but to do so in a prescribed amount of time. The quicker, the better.

So, now if you have read this far, I am asking you for your time. I am asking you to take time today to pray for our youth and staff. I am asking you to take time this week to consider how you, your church, your employer, an organization you are a member of can help support our mission, to foster environments that transform lives empowered through Christ-centered love and compassion. I am asking you to volunteer your time this month at our Thrift Store, be a fan at an upcoming Mustangs basketball game, or mentor one of our youth through the new "R Block" program.

We are a culture obsessed with time. I am asking you to use it wisely—to impact the life of our youth!

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
2 a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
3 a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-3*

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# Chaplain's Corner

By Pastor Fred Ruggiano, *Chaplain*



## God's Richest Blessings be Bestowed to All

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to learn. Just as the trees shed their dead leaves, so we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. Our youth are daily encouraged to apply the word of God into their lives. God's Word reminds us to:

***Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.***

***Eph. 4: 31-32.***

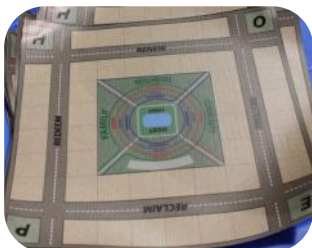
## R-Block Launch

By Roger Garrison, *Treatment Liaison Supervisor*

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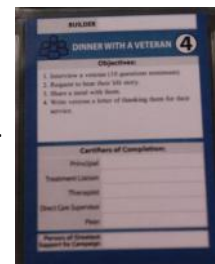
### Building on the Rock

R-Block gets its name from the four acts of love God demonstrated to humanity in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. In Jesus, we see that God's love Reclaims, Redeems, Renews and Restores. Recognizing these four demonstrations of God's love is vital because here, in Jesus, we find trustworthy answers to our deepest questions: Where did I come from? What is my purpose? What is right and wrong? Where am I going? One's belief about personal origin, meaning, morality and destination determines the life one will build. Like brick and mortar below the surface of a building, beneath the outward behaviors of each person lies a foundation of core beliefs. Here is a brief summary of how the design of R-Block uncovers beliefs and fosters transformation, empowered by the love of Christ.



Each Builder is given a deck of different campaign cards to chart their own course through various adventures. "Dinner with a Veteran" is an example of a Community campaign in the Educational setting. To complete this campaign, a Builder must complete the following: Interview a veteran with at least 10 questions. Request to hear a brief life-story. Share a meal with a veteran. Write a letter to a veteran thanking them for their service.

R-Block will provide youth with training in service occupation areas, developing character and skills that will transfer to their future career/work lives, as well as to their community and personal lives. The skill development areas include: first responder certification in CPR/AED/First Aid, lifeguarding, food service, bicycle repair, fishing pole repair, cashier/financial, car detailing, community gardening and computer use. The program also includes a peer mediation component, which equips youth with the conflict resolution skills needed to manage their personal and work lives—ultimately to become leaders in their communities. As youth receive the intrinsic reward of serving others, the process will foster positive character growth and in doing so, encourage them to make better decisions to have a positive impact on the lives of others. Even greater, the implementation of the program will foster an environment that will challenge each youth to examine their own heart in the light of Jesus, who did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.



**Ranch Hope gratefully acknowledges The CarMax Foundation for its generous support!**



#### Store Hours

Tue: 7- 4:00 p.m.  
Wed: 7- 3:30 p.m.  
Sat: 7- 4:00 p.m.

#### Why Shop at Ranch Hope Thrift Store?

When you shop at Ranch Hope Thrift Store, not only are you **getting** amazing items, at discounted prices, but you're also **giving** in a major way! Whether you're shopping, donating merchandise or contributing financially, you are serving youth from all over New Jersey who are facing adverse childhood experiences. **YOU** are creating a positive impact in the community. Through your continued support, **WE** can truly be the light in the lives of our youth.



# Home On The Ranch



By Rev Dave Bailey, Sr., Founder

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The gift inside was cash. In a sense it was the widow's mite from a very young lady. I held the "cash" for a moment and offered a prayer of thanks. There was something deeply moving in that moment. I had my sign. Her words and her gift revealed my commitment. One dollar did not meet all our financial needs- it did not turn the "red" to "black" on the financial ledger, but it was a sign. My spirit was renewed.

In our 55<sup>th</sup> year of helping youth with adverse childhood experiences, I want to encourage you to encourage us by sending a gift today in honor and remembrance of the little girl that helped us during a difficult time. I don't know where she is now or what she is doing, but I remember the impact she had over 45 years ago. You can have the same impact today—through remembering Michelle.

## Ranch Hope Milestones

### 30 Years

**Andy Bourdess** from the Maintenance Department celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Ranch Hope on April 10. A pizza party was thrown in his honor, and he was joined by long term co-workers from the school and maintenance department. During the celebration, Andy shared his testimony with the group regarding how God brought him to the Ranch from his home state of Pennsylvania.

**Reggie Redding**, a Residential Supervisor, celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sept. 17. A celebration was held by his co-workers during a Hunt Treatment Team Meeting. Mr. Redding was referred to Ranch Hope, as a relative of many other members of the Redding family who worked at the Ranch, and has been commuting from Philadelphia ever since!

### 25 Years

**Deborah Ross**, affectionately known as Mama Ross, is a Senior Direct Care Counselor. She celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Oct. 16. Mama Ross celebrated her anniversary at a Bailey Way Treatment Team Meeting. Mrs. Ross is well known for her kind, calm and loving nature that she has used to bless youth and staff alike!

### 15 Years

Therapist **Kristi Baese** celebrated her 15th anniversary with Ranch Hope on Jan. 19. Ms. Baese came to Ranch Hope as an intern and loved it so much she never left! She celebrated her anniversary at a surprise gathering held by her co-workers, and was awarded with a tambourine to help her continue to make joyful noise.

Graphic Arts Instructor and Print Shop Manager **David Casius** celebrated his 15th anniversary with the Strang School on Sept. 1. Dave celebrated this accomplishment with his co-workers at Strang School. Dave recently played an instrumental part in helping a young man realize the dream of starting his own graphic design business.



## Voices From RH Alumni



*"The Ranch was there for me 54 years ago. Thank you, Rev. Bailey, for your inspiration and decision to help us young people."*

*"I attended Ranch Hope—one of the best if not the best residential homes I've been to. A lot of the things I was taught at Ranch Hope are things that I use in my everyday life today. I was lucky to be a part of this program; it could have been worse for me when I was younger."*

*"I miss all the houseparents that were there when I was at Ranch Hope. They are a big family that's there for you. I even still have my Cowan Award that was presented to me by Mr. Bailey and Mr. Whitt."*

*"Man, has it really been 9 years since I left Ranch Hope, Inc.? Thank you Jesus for the transformation. You took what the enemy meant for evil and you turned it for good ❤️"*

**We want to hear about your experiences with Ranch Hope!**

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# Accreditation Update

By Linda P. Smith, *Director of Quality Assurance and Accreditation*

## Ranch Hope Achieves National Accreditation

So many wonderful things have happened since our last update!

Under the leadership of Elaine Dunner, our Accreditation Committee successfully completed the Ranch's Self-Study. The Council on Accreditation (COA) visited Ranch Hope in early Nov. 2018, to conduct our site review. During the visit, two COA representatives met with staff at all levels: youth, family members, board members, volunteers and other community stakeholders. They assessed all Ranch Hope policies, procedures and practices relating to Behavioral Healthcare, Shelter Care and Independent Living. At the conclusion of the site visit, the reviewers took all information they collected and developed a final report of their findings.

In Jan. 2019, CEO Dave Bailey, Jr., received a congratulatory letter from COA, that began with this statement:

**"It is our great pleasure to inform you that the Council on Accreditation (COA) has approved the accreditation of Ranch Hope, Inc., through January 31, 2023. Let me again say how significant this achievement is!"**

What a blessing to receive this confirmation! Becoming nationally accredited has been a goal of Ranch Hope's for some time and thanks to everyone's hard work and ongoing prayers for the Ranch, it is now a reality.

In addition to the accreditation letter, we received recommendations for areas of improvement, which will be reviewed during our next accreditation cycle. These are the areas we will concentrate on for the continued improvement and enhancement of our services to youth and families.

We sincerely thank everyone who participated in the self-study process and who will continue to work with us to maintain our accreditation for the future.

**Together, we remain committed to making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve every day!**



## Performance Quality Improvement Update

By Susan Williams, *PQI Manager*

### Survey Results

I am excited to share highlights from two key Ranch Hope surveys that were conducted during March and April. First, we surveyed our youth involved in Residential Treatment. There were 35 participants who responded overwhelmingly favorably that they are making good progress with treatment goals (94%) and that staff are providing the help and support needed (85%).

Here are just a few positive comments the youth made about staff:

**"Respectful."**

**"Wants me to succeed in life."**

**"Helps me with my struggles and trauma."**

The second survey distribution occurred around the same time as the youth survey, and it involved the parents / guardians of those youth involved in the Residential Treatment Program. There was a total of 21 respondents and the majority of them indicated that they have seen improvement in their youth's behavior since coming to Ranch Hope (77%). In comparison to where they saw their youth six months prior, 86% of the respondents indicated that their youth is doing better in school. Also, the relationship with the youth's therapist and therapy /counseling sessions were the top two most helpful things about the services their youth is receiving. Here are just a few of the comments pertaining to the therapists:

**"Amazing."**

**"Has been helpful."**

**"Made a world of difference."**

The top three comments when asked about improving services were: 1. More activities/daily exercise. 2. More well-balanced meals. 3. You're doing a great job/ great services!

Much appreciation for the support and assistance of all stakeholders involved with making this quality improvement activity a success.

A special thank you to our youth and parents / guardians for taking a moment to provide valuable feedback about Ranch Hope's services.



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# Strang Spotlight

Strang School students interviewed peers and teachers and reported on those interviews to effectively communicate information to others. Below are a couple of the interview summaries.

## Interview with Ms. Baese

By Kyle S.

Ms. Baese is a therapist at Ranch Hope. Her office is right next to the middle school. She started to work at Ranch Hope in 2004. She started to work at Ranch Hope because she did her internship here, and really liked the experience, as well as to share her faith with the kids at the Ranch. The best part of her job is when the boys see the potential inside of themselves. She loves to see when the youth are participating in fun activities, like sports, horses and projects. She would like to acknowledge all the students because all of them have great potential and are really awesome.

Her personal quote is, *"I can do all things through CHRIST who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13*

## Interview with Mr. Jules Jones

By Kyle S. and Alijah J.

Mr. Jones was a Treatment Liaison at Ranch Hope, now he is a House Parent in Campbell House. He started to work at Ranch Hope in February 2018. He chose to work here because he loves to work with kids. The best part of his job is interacting with children. The good thing he sees at Ranch Hope is, "When children help each other out without being asked." He would like to acknowledge all kids for trying their best to behave and for helping staff in the cottages.

His personal quotes are, *"Positive things happen to positive people,"* and *"Confidence is the key."*



# Supporter Spotlight

By Courtney Kingan, Director of Development

**"We waste so much money on little things that mean nothing, when a small investment can change a kid's life,"** said Carl Schumacher, long-time donor and volunteer of Ranch Hope, Inc.

A Scoutmaster in his early 20s, Schumacher, now 90, has always had a passion for helping kids and making a difference in the lives of children. In 1964, when Reverend David Bailey, Sr. founded Ranch Hope, one of his first calls was to Schumacher, who helped paint the Ranch's first cottages. Schumacher remembered walking through the units and recalled one youth in particular who was excited and proud to have a bed to call his own.



**"We don't realize how much it means to some of these kids – to feel that they are important, that they belong, that there are people who love them,"** Schumacher said.

For decades, Schumacher has supported Ranch Hope in multiple ways, but he's most passionate about sending kids to summer camp and Climb the Mountain Week – a week-long challenge event designed to experience Christ through personal interactions shared by youth and staff.

**"The experience they get – being involved with worshipping and honoring God in the mix with other kids who have not had the same experiences – it's a good chance for them to get away,"** Schumacher said.

Schumacher stated that he receives numerous requests in the mail from various organizations, but he doesn't always know where that money goes. At Ranch Hope, he has seen firsthand how his giving has positively impacted kids throughout the years.

**"There are those who have really been touched by being at [Ranch Hope],"** Schumacher said. **"[Ranch Hope] gives kids a chance to express themselves and gives them a chance to hear about the word."**

In addition to donating, Schumacher believes that there is one simple contribution that people can make that will change the lives of children:

**"We tell them that Jesus loves them,"** Schumacher said. **"We have to tell them that we love them too."**

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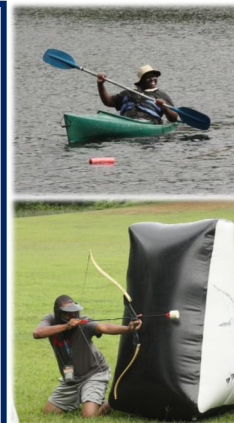
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# Summer Camp Recap

By Sam Williams, Assistant Director of Camp Edge



Summer was a great season for Camp Edge. We opened the Summer with the 14th annual L.E.A.D.E.R.s Camp (Law Enforcement and Developing Emergency Responders) in June. This camp continues to take new leaps each year with it's programming. This year included a newly designed Skills Rodeo to test campers on what they had learned throughout the week. Camp Edge hosts this camp in partnership with local law enforcement and emergency management officers.

Warrior's Edge Camp was once again held for two weeks in July; the first week was for ages 5 to 10 years old, and the second was for 10 to 15 year-old campers. We reached record enrollment this year for Warrior's Edge Camp (ages 5 to 10) with almost 50 campers attending! New and improved challenges helped sharpen the minds, bodies and spirits of our campers so they were able to become true Camp Edge Warriors. Every camper was able to complete the Warrior's Edge obstacle course on the last day.

A new addition this Summer was Adventure on the Edge Camp in July. This week of camp consisted of the most exciting adventures, challenges and learning experiences that Camp Edge has to offer. Campers, ages 6 to 13 years, took part in the high and low ropes courses (including the zip-line), learning to fish, kayak and overcome different challenges as a team. We were also visited by the Conserve Wildlife Foundation for a special presentation on Bald Eagles and their habitat here in South Jersey.



Camp Edge once again hosted the annual Harvest of Hope camp for five weeks from July to August. The camp averaged 95 children of migrant-working families for the duration of the program! Camp Youth Empowering Youth (Yey) was held for two weeks in August in partnership with the Southwest Council of South Jersey. The primary goal of Camp Yey is to empower youth to make healthy decisions and to serve as role models for others.

Aside from our summer camps, our high and low ropes course had a lot of activity in 2019 with visits from schools, colleges, youth groups, businesses and more. We also enjoyed playing archery tag by taking it on the road to places like Rowan University again this year, along with hosting many groups right here at camp.

Please contact us at [CampEdge@ranchhope.org](mailto:CampEdge@ranchhope.org) with any questions about scheduling a ropes course, archery tag or group event.



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

Tue, Wed & Th	Jan. & Feb. 2020	See Website Details	Basketball Games	RH Gym & Away
Saturday	March 21, 2020	2:00- 4:00 pm	Salem Co. Aux. Paint Party	New Hope Church
Saturday	April 4, 2020	6:00 pm	Sasquatch Run	Camp Edge
Saturday	April 11, 2020	10:00 am	Combined Auxiliary Meeting	Ranch Hope Cafeteria
Saturday	April 25, 2020	12:00- 2:00 pm	Cape May Tea Party	Hosted by Cape May Aux
Mon- Fri	June 22-26, 2020	9:00 am- 3:00 pm	L.E.A.D.E.R.s Camp	Camp Edge
Mon- Fri	July 6-10, 2020	9:00 am- 3:00 pm	Warrior's Edge Camp	Camp Edge
Mon-Fri	July 13-17, 2020	9:00 am- 3:00 pm	Adventure on the Edge Camp	Camp Edge
Mon-Fri	July 20-24, 2020	9:00 am- 3:00 pm	Warrior's Edge Camp	Camp Edge

