



# Winter 2019 Newsletter

## News from the Pasture

He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name. Psalms 23:3

**W**elcome to 2019! All of us here at RSR hope this New Year has started off well for you! This winter has been a major blessing and an answer to prayer in many ways! First, we are so very thankful for the answered prayers of snow this winter!!!! Last year was so dry, so having all this moisture is such a blessing! We are now praying this blessing of snow will not only fill up the reservoirs around us but also help with hay production and the cost of hay this coming summer. The other answered prayer we have seen is in the people God has been bringing along side us as the year came to a close as well as into this year ahead. The ranch has been incredibly blessed with donations of hay for this winter, and the end of year giving increased substantially as well. This increase allowed us to pay all of our bills and fill our hay barn completely. Thank you to all of you have generously given of your time, talents, and money this winter. These are the tough months of the ministry (as we have no programs running) and your generosity has helped us to keep the herd as warm and healthy as possible during the cold, and it has set us up well going into spring. So thank you very much, from the bottom of our hearts!

## Upcoming Events

- **Give Back Night at Chili's**  
February 16 (Fundraiser)
- **Project Day**  
April 6 9am
- **Spring Clean-up Day**  
May 4 9am
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling BBQ**  
May 10 5:30pm-8:30pm
- **Men's Conference**  
May 11 Time TBA
- **Mentor Sessions (By appt only)**  
Feb 25-May 25  
Aug 26-Nov 23 (Weather permitting)
- **Camp HERD**  
June 10-14 (Beginner)  
June 24-28 (Intermediate)  
July 8-12 (Beginner)  
July 29-Aug 2 (Intermediate)
- **Fall Clean-up Day**  
TBA
- **Fall Harvest BBQ**  
Sept 27 5pm-8pm

**W**e wanted to give you a look into what our year looks like this year. Every year, as the year comes to a close, the Lord give us a word or a phrase for the up coming year. In 2018, the phrase was: "I will provide" and boy did God provide! This year, 2019, the Lord gave us the word, "Growth." We are so excited about this word and what it means for RSR moving forward. Right now, we are in the process of filling out an application for a capital grant, hoping for money to go towards building a barn. This building would provide a great place for all our events to be held in, but it would also be a fantastic space for Camp HERD. We are also excited to get our horse shades/shelters up this spring and do some grounds maintenance (in hopes of improving the drainage of rain and melting snow). Also, this year, we are hoping to raise and save



donations strictly for improvements made to the property to enhance not only the look, but also the function of the ranch itself. Some of these desired improvements are: install automatic waterers (to help lower our electric bill in the winter), put benches and a tack room in the back by the arena, add a gate at the back of the dry lot, replace fencing around the entire property, re-grade and gravel the driveway and parking area, and clean up the east side of the creek so we can have an obstacle trail course and picnic benches on that side (this will also mean we need to build a bridge). So, these are the things we are in prayer over as far as the physical property goes; however, we also are in prayer over those who come here to the ranch this year. We are excited to see God bring people who want to help volunteer and be a part of what God is doing here at RSR. We are also praying for the kids and families whom we will be blessed to serve and love on this year during our mentor sessions, our camps, our BBQ fundraisers, and our men's conference. We are

blown away by all the love and support from you all these past 4 years. We pray that you will continue on this journey with us and even bring along others for the ride. God's got a plan and we are so excited to ride the current as we follow the Holy Spirit wherever He leads. We have so many opportunities for people to jump on in and use their gifts and talents here, so if you are interested in helping love on our community through the programs here at the ranch, please contact us. Growth is exciting but it is also a time of struggle as we work towards the changes we would like to see happen. Will you join us in prayer over RSR this year? We thank you and love you all!



Love in Christ,

*Scott and Laura Pfeiffer*

## Live NOW Horse Sponsorship



Horse sponsorships: Live NOW on the website! Most of our equine partners are rescued, most are older, and each of them have a unique story to share. Our equines are the heart and soul of the ranch and they fully enjoy providing endless hours of love to each and every person who steps foot on the property! Horses take a lot of physical labor and financial responsibility, but what they give in return is unmeasurable! We want to make sure our herd is healthy and can continue to reach kids and adults alike for many years to come. Now you can help be a part of their lives and this ministry by becoming a horse sponsor! You have the option of sponsoring a horse each month in full, or splitting each month with someone else. Your tax-deductible, monthly sponsorship will provide food, farrier, and vet expenses for the horse you choose each month. In return for your generosity, you will receive a photo of the horse you choose, a little note/update each month, your name will be mentioned on our website, if so desired, as the sponsor, and you can schedule a time to come visit and spend time with “your” sponsored horse (grooming and walking around, no riding – bring carrots, take pictures). Who is your favorite? Check out our website and pick the horse you wish to sponsor each month!



## ABOUT OUR MENTOR SESSION

Our goal with the ranch, as a whole, is to be a safe, welcoming, and loving place to be. Here at the ranch, you will be encouraged, challenged, inspired, and most of all, loved! In our mentor sessions, we are given the chance to encourage toward hope, really love on, and pour into your child on a one-on-one basis. We are here to listen. We are here to be a trusted friend to your child, you, and your family as a whole. Through working at the ranch and with the animals, relationships/friendships are built and the Holy Spirit begins to touch the lives of all who are at the ranch. Mentor sessions are mainly for children ages 5-18. However, special age accommodations can be made. Please go to our website to fill out an application for our sessions. Once we receive the application, someone will be in contact with you to schedule a time that works for you and our schedule. Sessions are free of cost, weather permitting and on a first come, first serve basis.

# How can you help?

## ○ Prayers

- Please join us in prayer over the growth we hope to see and achieve this year at the ranch.
- Please be in prayer for the kids who will be coming to our camps and our mentor sessions this year, and for the families as a whole.
- Please join us in prayer over all our Co-Founders, Board of Directors, and our fabulous volunteers.
- Please be in prayer in how you can be involved with what God is doing here at RSR.
- Please join us in prayer as we pray for God's plan and provision over His ministry.

## ○ Volunteers

- We have many different opportunities to get involved with the ministry here at RSR. Some are behind the scenes, some more visible, short-term and long-term positions, too. Individual and/or groups welcome. Below are just some of the options. See one that interests you, or just want to help wherever needed? Contact us today! We look forward to serving alongside you!
  - Office help
  - Barn chores
  - Prepping for camps
  - Craft time during camps
  - Event planning
- Set up/tear down for events
- Grooming horses
- Riding horses (must be evaluated)
- And so much more...

## ○ Financial

- We are solely supported by tax-deductible donations. Any amount is greatly appreciated and goes right back into the ministry and operations.
- You can choose different avenues for your donation to be used: general fund (which helps us pay our normal day-to-day bills, but will also help us to continue our mentor sessions for free), camp scholarships, camp supplies, marketing, insurance, building projects, farm equipment, hay/feed, farrier, vet, and now we have the option for horse sponsorships.

## ○ In-Kind Donations

- Grass, or grass/alfalfa mix hay
  - Small bales preferred, but we are always so thankful for donated hay.
- Bags of Nutrena Safe Choice Senior Feed
- Farm equipment
- Horse panels
- Rock/gravel for the driveway and parking area
- Trees to plant around the property
- Automatic water buckets
- Material to build a bridge across the creek
- Mounting blocks
- Crafting supplies
- Office supplies
- Wheelbarrows
- Folding tables & chairs
- Big event tent