

The Ranch Hand

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“Under the guidance of the Catholic Church, provide a safe home for all youth who have experienced physical or emotional trauma, where every act is done with love to help them discover the dignity of the human person and learn the skills to manage life’s challenges.”

Resident Testimonials

Time and time again, we are surprised to see how strong and resilient our youth are. Here are a couple of their testimonials. These students told their stories in front of various crowds and events. They are so confident and did a great job!

“Creator: Lately I feel my life going in the right direction. I have so many good things going for me. Looking back not even 3 months ago, if someone were to ask me what I’m looking forward to I wouldn’t have a clue on what to say. I was so angry, so lost. Then I started to have faith again. Whenever I first got here I told Josh I didn’t believe in God, but now how could I not? My life has changed directions. I’m given this future I never thought possible for me, especially so fast. Here in a few weeks I will be 18 with my own apartment, fully furnished, wifi, cable, phone, phone card, n all for FREE! I honestly believe HOTR has save my life cause this summer I was so bad into my addiction, homeless, hopping couches. I just pray I can take advantage of the things coming and not mess up my sobriety n lose it all. Please give me strength to do my best, be my best, finish school, discharge n be happy with whatever’s next in life. I pray this in your name Lord. Amen.” **HOTR female resident**

What has brought me to Home On The Range? *“I was brought to Home On The Range to work on my mental health, my runaway problems and bad use of drugs.”*

How has HOTR impacted my life? *“Well where to start...it has changed many perspectives I had on life. Such as how I view and think of people, how I think about myself, and my past trauma that I used as a doorway to get to my drug use. Home On The Range immediately took me in as their own, which was very different for me due to my past trauma, but soon after I felt a calming sensation of warmth, of love, and careness. Not soon after I took the whole HOTR staff members and nmost of the girls as my own family. My mentality and my mental health was like a war of demons and angels fighting for the spotlight in my life, basically fighting myself for the new path I was soon going to take for my future self. The staff has taught me what actual love, commitment, and honesty is...they have helped me through how I view myself as a person in general, and today it still impacts my view of myself and others in a healthy way. HOTR has helped me break out of the darkness I drowned myself in before I got to the treatment facility. I never knew what family or a home was until I arrived at their door. I honestly never thought I would have a family or a place I’d call home before I arrived, but everyone has helped me mature and grown as my own. Not only am I grateful for my new family, I am also grateful for the love and help they gave without a fuss, an argument, or a substitution of others in my past trauma. HOTR impacted my life not only for the time in treatment, but for when I get discharged, I will still have a place to call home which is the family I was so very welcomed in.”*

What has work crew done for me? *“Work crew has taught me what hard work is and how to accomplish it. The great work crew individuals have helped me learn how to not give up when things get tough or hard, not only when your just shoveling hay or picking up cow crap or even building and putting things together for a new place at HOTR. They taught me not to give up in life itself. They have helped me learn what patience and commitment is. Work crew will not only be memories here and there, they will be lessons I’ll carry on with me into my journey into my new path of a healthy life.”* **HOTR male resident**

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Jolene Obrigewitch, Development
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G.E.D. Graduates

**We finished the school year and had
8 G.E.D. graduates from the 2021-2022 school year!**



**We would like to thank
Gerald & Estelle Wolberg for
their donation of the hay tedder
and wheel rake! This
equipment will be very helpful
for putting up hay, especially
this year!**



The boys and staff have got a lot of the demo done in Eagle Hall East!



**We had 2 blizzards
in April, bringing
lots of snow and
wind! We all
survived and it was
nice to see the kids
playing in the snow!**





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Upcoming Events

66th Annual Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match

Sat., August 6, 2022 1:00pm MDT

Live Calcutta & Sponsor Reception on
Friday, August 5 at ND Cowboy Hall of Fame in
Medora, ND at 6PM AND Live Calcutta of qualifying
cowboys during Saturday performance!

Tickets at www.hotrnd.com

Praise in the Badlands Concert

*featuring “We Are Messengers” with guest Ben Fuller
Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:30pm
at Medora Amphitheater*

Tickets available at Medora.com

Home On The Range is on Facebook and Instagram! Become a fan by searching for “Home On The Range” and “Home on the Range Champions Ride Match” and stay informed of our events and activities.



Our organization provides a therapeutic ranch environment for boys and girls who are disadvantaged, neglected, problematic, predelinquent and delinquent. Children of all races, creeds, and colors are served at our facility located in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota.