

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.”

Badlands Learning Center Opening Soon

Home On The Range (HOTR) is pleased to announce we will soon have a non-public school on our campus called Badlands Learning Center. HOTR made the announcement after receiving written approval from North Dakota Department of Public Instruction/Center for Distance Education (NDDPI/CDE) and being awarded a \$300,000 grant from Dunn County.

The classrooms and school will be located in the Carus Building. There will be four classrooms and the school will be open year-round. HOTR has recently hired a special education teacher. We are currently in the process of hiring learning coach supervisors and learning coaches.

The application and proposal was submitted to CDE to help HOTR residents receive academic credits for their classes. The average length of stay for a HOTR resident is four months. Because of this short-term placement, the residents weren't in school long enough to complete classes and receive full credit(s). In the 2022-23 school year, only 38% of the HOTR youth in school received earned credits.

The youth attending Badlands Learning Center will partner with the Center for Distance Education. The student's classes will be online and lead by a certified teacher from a remote location. When the resident leaves HOTR, he/she will be a student of the CDE and will be able to complete their course anytime from his/her home, a library, or home school district. The classes and credits will transfer with the youth. The CDE keeps track of the grades and transcripts. The youth can take the classes at his/her own pace.

Badlands Learning Center will be open year-round and the schedule will be determined by the administration and staff, and won't necessarily follow the regular public school schedule.

HOTR will have a small class beginning in June and be in full operation in August.



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Financial Support

HOTR does not receive direct financial support from the Bismarck Catholic Diocese. Care rates charged for services cover approximately 75% of the actual cost. The remainder must be raised through gifts, grants, our agricultural operation, fundraising events, and investments.

Financial Statements Available

A copy of the most recent HOTR financial statement is available to persons or organizations upon request. Please contact our business office at (701) 872-3745.

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68th Annual Home On The Range CHAMPIONS RIDE Saddle Bronc Match



2023 Champion Kolby Wanchuk on
Muddy Creek's Buggy 90.5 pts

AUGUST 3, 2024 1:00PM (MDT)

Gates open at 11:00 Grand Entry at 12:30

Exit #7 on I-94
16 miles west of Medora

Admission Charged at Gate
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Limited
bleacher
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Live Calcutta of Long-go cowboys on Friday, August 2nd at ND Cowboy Hall of Fame in Medora, ND

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Champions Ride Match intermission-August 3rd

For info or advance tickets, call or go to:

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Grants

Roughrider Electric Charitable Foundation Inc. awarded us a grant of \$4,000. This was for the purchase of standing wardrobe closets for the boys' dormitory. This furniture is specifically designed and built for traumatized youth. The closets are built with safety features, for functionality and to be long-lasting.

Home On The Range was awarded a \$10,000 grant from BMO Bank for professional development. Each year, the clinical team looks for new and successful treatment options and programs to increase their knowledge of working with traumatized or exploited youth. This year, the team is attending a conference specifically designed on how to treat and work with CSEC (Commercial Sexually and Exploited Children) youth. This conference is offering new trainings on therapeutic programs available for exploited adolescent boys. The team will also be touring a facility that specializes in treating exploited boys.



CANINE ASSISTED THERAPY

Xena is still looking for her forever home! She was found near the Montana state line. She appears to be roughly 4-5 years old. She is up to date with her shots and is spayed. The kids at HOTR are working on crate and place training, the treadmill, healing and loose leash walking, sit, and down. She appears nervous with new people and environments, so takes a little time to warm up. Once she does, all she wants is attention!

She is available for adoption.

A youth that has worked weekly with Xena and the K9 program would like everyone to know this:

"The HOTR K9 program has not just changed my life, it has showed me what I am good at and what I am meant to do in life and what makes me not want to do drugs and be an angry kid. I have been at HOTR for 8 months now. See I am not going to say I am a different person, but I do have a different mindset and I could not have done it by myself. I will say I am so happy. See this place showed me no matter what I have been through or what I have done, I can have a different life other than fighting, running away, and doing drugs at 14. When I helped a dog in the K9 program find a home and learned how to train dogs something switched my mind. My whole life I have wanted to be an architect but since that day I never want to stop training

dogs and finding dogs homes. No one is going to change that all thanks to the amazing people who helped me chase my dreams, so again thank you HOTR K9."



If you are interested, please contact Brittany Williams at 701-872-3745, ext. 7120 or by email at brittanyw@hotrnd.com.



Thank you to the North Dakota Knights of Columbus Councils, Members and Family! For the 2024 Shamrock Project, they raised nearly **\$43,000!!**





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Upcoming Events

Race for the Range Jackpot Barrel Race
Sunday, June 16, 2024
Stark County Fairgrounds, Dickinson, ND

7th Annual Dakota Golf Scramble
Sunday, June 23, 2024
Bully Pulpit Golf Course, Medora, ND

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.