



# Back At The Ranch...

**Maryland Sheriffs'  
Youth Ranch**



March 2008

Providing Guidance and Support to  
the Youth of Maryland since 1974

## *Christmas at the Ranch*

The Ranch's annual Resident's Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 19th in the MSYR Shaw Building. The party was attended by the residents, their families and friends, staff members and board members. Santa also made a special trip to visit the boys! This year's party theme was "presents"; there were large gifts surrounding a giant wrapped present. Each of the residents had their own gift station that was not revealed to them until Santa arrived. Numerous gifts were received by the residents, who were waiting with great anticipation.



Many thanks go out to Col. Randy Wilkinson of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Saint Paul's Church and Jeremy Derryberry of USEC, Inc who all "adopted" residents. We would also like to take the time to thank Linda Sadie of FaithPoint United Methodist Church, Joe Ostby of Saint Ignatius Church, Tammy Darvish of Darcars, Jimmy Rizk, Mary Rizk, Marianne Gouldin, Frank Coviello, Lisa Noll, Sol Romero and the Urbana Mom's Club, Ila Stitely of Engineering Solution Systems, Dianne Barringer of Faith Bible Church and Mark and Kimberly Snyder; all of whom donated various items to the residents for Christmas. A big thank you also goes out to Gary Lowry of Lowry Farm Market in Brunswick for donating three Christmas trees for the party! We would also like to thank Tim DeLauder, Brandon DeLauder, Robert Turner, Regina Davis-Constant, Linda Clark, Jenna Clark, Emily Clark, Levi Clark, Kristin Andrew, Simone Jenkins, Gail Cody-Sims and Mark Grover for their help in making this event happen!

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## *Dutch's Daughter Christmas Party*

On Monday, December 10th, the Ranch held its annual Christmas Dinner at the Dutch's Daughter. The party was attended by residents, staff and their families, as well as board members and their families. The residents were excited to get all dressed up to go out for an evening of elegance. During the party, each of the residents was entered into a raffle for various prizes. The Board of Directors presented gift certificates to the residents and also had gifts for the Ranch employees. John Cornelius, the president of the Board presented Certificates of Appreciation to Dave Clark and Ted Luck for serving a full nine year term as board members. An award was also given to Brandon A. for being Camper of the Week at the Word of Life Summer Camp. Many thanks go out to Mike and Christina Calantonio of PMC Communications, Inc. for sponsoring this wonderful event!



*Frank Coviello, MSYR Board Member. Mr. Coviello faithfully gives every boy a fleece pullover each Christmas!*

## *Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ranch*



On Tuesday, November 20th the Ranch held a fantastic Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents. The boys enjoyed being seated by a hostess and served by members of the staff acting as waiters and waitresses. It was a fun and exciting time for everyone involved. Many thanks to all who joined in to make it such a wonderful feast.

# Ranch News



## Director's Message

### Donations received in Honor/Memory of:



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### Poinsettia Donations received in memory/ honor of:

Josephine Porter

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Mark Grover,  
Executive Director

As the cold of winter gives way to the longer, warmer days of spring, I find myself looking back over a very busy year at the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch. Once again, the community has reached out to assist us in helping our boys reach their potential. Last year, we staged many events to reward and inspire our youth. Our most recent event, the 2007 Christmas party for our boys, was another hugesuccess. Year after year, I am privileged to be able to witness a child celebrate Christmas for the first time in their lives due to the generosity of a loving community. Once again, we are seeing our boys reflecting the love and generosity that they receive each year. This year, each of our youth donated \$25 to help a local Frederick family celebrate Christmas. We were also blessed by a munificent donation from USEC, Inc. (United States Enrichment Corporation). USEC, Inc. adopted 20 youth for Christmas this year. I also want to mention a young man, Jimmy Rizk, who raised all of the money and supplies for every one of our boy's Christmas stockings. Jimmy is a senior at Urbana High and took this on as his senior project. Our boys were thrilled with their stockings.

On June 21, 2007, we held the first annual Educational Auction. Our kids received 'Ranch Dollars' for their academic achievements (honor roll, attendance, improvement in grades, classroom effort, etc.). At the auction, we had a professional auctioneer auctioning off various prizes. This auction is designed to foster a love of learning in our boys that will serve them for a lifetime. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the Ranch lost a longtime Board of Directors' member last month, Fred Price. In recognition of his longtime service to the youth of the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch, we will be dedicating the Education Auction to him. The auction will now be called the Fred Price Educational Auction. We are in the process of acquiring prizes for this year's auction. We are asking our faithful supporters for their help. If you would be interested in making a financial donation towards this event, or in donating a prize, please call Mark Grover at 301-874-4701 X107. Some ideas for prizes might include portable disc players, video game systems, cases of soda, gift certificates to local shops, mp3 players, sports equipment, snacks, etc. Won't you be a part of this event and make a difference in a young boy's life?

Mark Grover, LGSW  
Executive Director

If you are receiving a duplicate mailing, please let us know by calling Kristin Andrew at 301-874-4701, ext. 101, or send an email to [kandrew@msyr.org](mailto:kandrew@msyr.org).

### *Our Mission*

*The mission of the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch is to provide disadvantaged and "at risk" youth with guidance and support in a healthy, safe and supportive residential setting, accompanied by caring staff and counselors, to assist them in becoming productive members of society.*

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## Remembering Frederick Price

On June 1989, board member, Hank Laughlin, introduced Frederick Price as a prospective board member. Bob Snyder moved and Al Clapp seconded to accept Mr. Price as a new member of the MSYR Board. Thus began Frederick Price's almost two decades of dedicated service to the youth of the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch.

When Mr. Price passed away on January 5th, he left a great void in the Frederick area. Fred not only served on the Board for the Ranch, but also on the Board for a number of other charitable and volunteer boards, including the Salvation Army, The United Way of Frederick County, the Frederick County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the American Cancer Society. Mr. Price was a past chairman and also a member of the board of associates of Hood College for over 40 years.

His volunteer résumé seems to point to a very serious individual. While Fred was serious about helping others, his lighthearted, mischievous nature was infectious. One could always count on Mr. Price to lighten up the mood of any meeting. He was quick witted and had a great ability to think outside of the box. In an effort to honor this great man, we searched for an event that would mirror Mr. Price's unique qualities.

The event that we found was our annual Education Auction. Each year our kids receive 'Ranch Dollars' for their academic achievements (honor roll, attendance, improvement in grades, classroom effort, etc.). At the auction, we have a professional auctioneer auctioning off various prizes. This auction is designed to foster a love of learning in our boys that will serve them for a lifetime. This event echoes many of the core values for which Mr. Price stood. It is fun, it requires community involvement, and it helps people build themselves up to reach their potential.

It is with great joy that we announce that we will honor Mr. Fred Price by dedicating our annual Education Auction to him. The "Fred Price Education Auction" will be held annually in June.

# Ranch News



**Gail Cody-Sims, MSYR  
Medical  
Coordinator**

### *The Ranch says Goodbye to Miss Gail*

After ten years of service we are sadly saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Gail Cody-Sims, who has accepted a position with the Frederick County Public School System. Known simply as "Ms. Gail", Mrs. Cody-Sims has worked tirelessly to fulfill her duties as the Medical Coordinator of the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch.

Many of our new residents come to the Ranch with very little. Medical attention is often an area of great neglect, making her position a very challenging one. Within days, Ms. Gail "rolls up her sleeves" and gets the medical, dental, and vision check ups that every resident is mandated to receive by the State of Maryland.

The rest of the picture is filled in by Gail being "Ms. Gail". She is a caregiver, an advocate, a Ranch Mother and a friend.

Several years ago, a resident returned from a medical appointment with an interesting story. He shared with me that after leaving the doctor's office, he and Ms. Gail came upon an injured bird. The frail animal was suffering from a broken wing. The youth and Ms. Gail placed the bird in a shoe box, rescuing it from certain harm. Unfortunately, the bird did not survive. However, this act of kindness had a profound effect upon the youth. What did survive was her lesson of compassion toward all living things. Whenever this former resident calls for a "Ranch Update" he always asks if Miss Gail is still rescuing injured birds. Happily, I respond in the affirmative and add that she takes care of homeless cats as well.

Suffice to repeat, we will all miss you; but your kind spirit will live always at the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch.

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# Resident Updates

## Thank You Grace Community Church



Many thanks go out to Grace Community Church of Frederick for taking the time to paint the bathrooms in our Wright building. We would also like to thank them for bringing Hershey bars for the boys and playing football with them.



### March

*Brandon R.-E. - 8th*

### April

*Dominic B. - 14th  
George K. - 30th*



## 2nd Term 2008 Scholastic Awards

### Urbana High School Honor Roll

Brandon A. - 3.25 GPA  
Ray B. - 3.67 GPA  
Jesse C. - 3.00 GPA  
Sean H. - 3.00 GPA  
Greg J. - 3.20 GPA

### Heather Ridge School Honor Roll

Quintin M. - 3.33 GPA

*Congratulations to our recent  
graduates!*



*Urbana High School  
Dominic B.  
Javan R.*

## Residents Enjoy an Evening of Monster Trucks



On Friday, February 22nd, several residents were able to attend the Monster Jam at the 1st Mariner Arena. The boys were very excited to be able to see many famous trucks, such as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle,

Back Draft and Prowler. There was some disappointment when the Grave Digger broke down in one of the first rounds. However, when he came back out toward the end of the show, our boys had their arms in the air, screaming and having an absolute blast! The boys had a great time at the show and are looking forward to the next time Monster Trucks comes to Baltimore!

*"Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose."*

*Helen Keller*



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