



# Back At The Ranch...



May 2009

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## *Structural Systems, Inc. 17th Annual Golf Outing*

SSI will hold it's Annual Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch Golf Outing on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at the beautiful Whiskey Creek Golf Club, with proceeds going to the Ranch. They are currently seeking sponsors for this event with sponsorship levels ranging from \$2,500 (Silver) to \$200 (Hole/Tee Sponsor) and many levels in between. Cost to register to participate in the tournament is \$140 per golfer or \$560 per foursome and includes greens fee, golf cart, a "goodie" bag for each



golfer, a 19th hole reception and picnic buffet, plus door prizes and much more. Come out for a great day of golf,

contests and prizes that will benefit our very worthy organization. Registration is now in progress so don't delay. Contact Kristi Woods at 1.800.800.7414 ext. 5303 or at [kwoods@structuralsystems.com](mailto:kwoods@structuralsystems.com) with questions, sponsorship information, or to register. Please send checks payable to "17th Annual SSI Golf Outing" and mail to SSI Golf Outing, 201 Poplar Ave., Thurmont, MD 21788. We look forward to your participation!

***What a child doesn't receive  
he can seldom later give.  
P. D. James***



Robert Bouchat & Family

## Alumni Visits the Ranch

Robert Bouchat was one of the original residents who transferred to Frederick from Cumberland in 1978. He was with us for 8 1/2 years. His two brothers were here as well since they wanted to grow up together. Robert graduated from Frederick High School in 1981, then joined the Navy for four years, graduating at the top of his class. He now works for the government in Jacksonville, Florida. Robert is the father of three children ages 13, 11, and 20 months. He has been happily married to his wife, Leigh since 2005. He and his family were recently visiting some extended family in the area and stopped by the ranch for a visit. "If it weren't for the Ranch and the positive role models I had here, I don't know where I would be right now," claimed Robert. "The best thing my mother did for me was to send me here." How encouraging to witness the end result of the work we are doing! The best investment one can make is in the life of another.

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# Ranch News

Youth for Christ  
Impact 2009  
Ocean City, MD



In March, several of our residents joined Arn Bjorndal, Executive Director of Central Maryland Youth for Christ and other teenagers from the area to attend this year's YFC convention in Ocean City, Maryland. They were impacted by a weekend of Christian rock music and biblical teaching that was especially geared for young people. A big thanks to Arn Bjorndal and Youth for Christ for sponsoring our boys on this weekend.

## Donations Received in Memory of...



Josh A. Kight  
Col. Joseph F. O'Brien  
Andrew Goldman  
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Charles Bishop Pruitt  
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## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME...

Friday, April 17th was a special night for the boys at the Ranch. They were given free tickets to the Frederick Keys opening game by MSYR's Chairman of the Board, Jayne Bongard. This was also a special night because Jayne threw out the opening pitch! Our sincere thanks to Ms. Bongard for the tickets and the wonderful evening for the boys.



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## Director's Message

Spring has arrived at the Ranch. You can see it in the faces of all of our boys. They are excited to finally be able to enjoy outside activities after a long winter. We have many plans for our boys this spring and summer. Each year we ask our boys to come up with a wish list of activities. Some of the things that they have asked for this year are summer camp, ocean fishing, amusement parks, camping, lazer tag, and golf. When I look at this list I am struck at how it shows that our boys yearn to be like their peers. I had a past resident return to say hello. One of the things that he told me was that he never realized how hard we worked to provide the residents with a normal childhood. He was very grateful for all of the 'normal' experiences available to him while he was at the Ranch. It is our goal to ensure that our kids get a chance to experience all of those 'normal' activities that are so important to kids.



Mark Grover,  
Executive Director

Spring also marks the start of our fundraising for the Fred Price Educational Auction. Each year our kids received '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. I know that with the support of this community we will be able to reach our goal of providing the best possible level of care to our boys. Thank you all for your support.

Mark Grover, LGSW, CRCCPA  
Executive Director

If you are receiving a duplicate mailing, please let us know by calling Joyce Wargny at 301-874-4701, ext. 101, or by sending an email to [jwargny@msyr.org](mailto:jwargny@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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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS...



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Can you guess what this picture is? That's right! It is a Leprechan Trap...a creative design by two of our residents, Dominique and Jacob. This was one of two activities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Ranch. We also held an Irish Jig competition! Sean and Brandon won first place with David coming in second. Good times were had by all!



### EASTER AT THE RANCH

It was a Thursday evening after dinner when the boys gathered in front of the Wright Building with bags in hand to find the plastic eggs containing numbers that would entitle them to a large array of prizes. After a thorough search of the grounds, they gathered in the Conference room to claim their goodies including the most coveted prize, 'Oodles of Noodles'!

The festivities continued the next day with boys gathering in the dining room to dye eggs. It was amazing to see so much creativity displayed. The eggs were then judged by Mr. Grover and Mr. Turner. McDonald's gift cards were given out to the winners. First place went to Jacob, second place to Mike, and third to Sean. The fun continued as everyone gathered outside for a game of Easter Egg Bocce-Ball. Boys joined with staff members as they tried to roll their egg closest to the designated egg without cracking their own. Quintin won first place in this competition with Greg second, and Elijah third. Each winner claimed a McDonald's gift card.



Easter Egg Bocce-Ball

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## Valentine's Day

A special thank you to the Montgomery County Association for Family & Community Education for the Valentine treat bags that they prepared for each of our residents. We greatly appreciate their kindness and thoughtfulness!



David B.

On Easter day, each of the boys received an Easter basket filled with candy and surprises!

Thanks to all who helped make this holiday special for our boys.

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## Resident Updates

### Happy Birthday To...



Dominique - March 27th

Jerome - May 8th

Quintin - June 25th

### Third Term 2009 Scholastic Grade Point Averages...



#### Heather Ridge School

Jack - 3.00

#### Frederick High School

Quintin - 3.00

#### Urbana High School

Josh - 3.00

David - 2.75

**GOOD JOB!!**



If you would like to make a donation on-line, please visit:  
[www.donationdepot.com](http://www.donationdepot.com)

## MEET OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Joyce Wargny, MSYR  
Administrative Assistant

Joyce Wargny is our most recent addition to the MSYR staff. Joyce was born in Westminster, MD and is now living in Hanover, PA. She has one daughter, two sons and two grand-children. Joyce has brightened up our front office with her cheery personality!

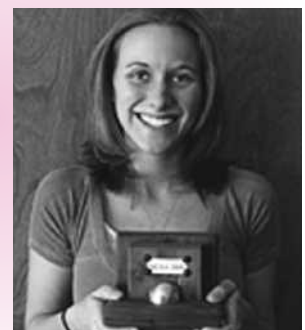
## CONGRATULATIONS

to Child Care Worker Dominique Burke on the birth of her new baby daughter, Malia Joyce on April 12, 2009. Malia weighed a healthy 6 pounds and 10 ounces. Best wishes to mother and baby!



## MARCH MADNESS NCAA WINNERS

MSYR held it's in-house NCAA Tournament again this year. Greta Mattis (Social Worker) won first place with Linda Clark (Office Manager) second, Mr. Ed Stacy (Volunteer Tutor) coming in third. Congratulations to all of our winners...everyone had so much fun playing!



Greta Mattis, First Place

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