



Back At The Ranch...



Fall 2005

Founded by the Maryland Sheriffs' Association

Scholarship Awarded To Former Resident



From left to right: Fred Price (BOD), Jayne Bongard (President BOD), Ryand Smith, Richard Stone (Exec. Dir.), Karlys Kline (1st Vice Pres. BOD), David Clark (BOD)

On August 22, 2005, the Board of Directors voted to award a \$4,700 scholarship to Ryand Smith to assist him during the first semester of his senior year at Maryland Eastern Shore. Ryand was awarded a \$1,200 scholarship during the spring 2005 semester to help defray the rising cost of school.

Ryand arrived at the Ranch when he was eleven years old and left at eighteen. During this time, he grew from a cute little kid with an award-winning smile to a great young man with an award-winning smile! Ryand was an outstanding athlete and honor roll student when he graduated from Frederick High School in 2002. During his tenure at the Ranch, he set the standard for behavior, athletics, sportsmanship and academics.

Ryand completed his first year at Maryland Eastern Shore in the spring of 2003, making the Dean's List. On August 29, 2005, he begins his senior year majoring in accounting. He occasionally stops by the Ranch to visit and play basketball with the boys keeping us abreast of his progress in life. He makes Frederick his home living with Bobby and Kelli Ambush who were instrumental in his life on the Ranch and off.

He is truly a role model for his peers and a pleasure to be around.

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Providing Guidance and Support to
the Youth of Maryland since 1974

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES \$12,500 FOR MARYLAND SHERIFFS' YOUTH RANCH

Structural Systems, Inc., located at 201 Popular Avenue, Thurmont, Maryland, has for the past thirteen years planned, organized, and conducted an annual golf tournament to benefit the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch, a foster home for boys 10-18 years of age in Buckeystown, Maryland. This year's Tournament was sponsored by Structural Systems, Trus Joist Engineered Wood Products, Huber Advantech Sheathing, Jeld-Wen Windows, and USP Structural Connectors. During the past thirteen years, the tournament has raised over \$173,000 including this year's total of \$12,500.

This year's tournament was held at the Whiskey Creek Golf Club, 10599 Whiskey Road, Ijamsville, Maryland, on May 25th. It once again demonstrated Structural Systems commitment to helping others and their ability to rally others in support of the Ranch.



From left to right: Ellen Parker, Leah Baker (Structural Systems), Richard Stone (Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch) and Sharon Ogden (Structural Systems)

In 1974, the Maryland Sheriffs' Association founded the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch to provide a home for homeless boys, opening its doors in 1978 on a farm outside of Cumberland, Maryland with three boys. In 1980, it relocated to its current location and is now home to twenty-eight boys from throughout the state. The Ranch's operation is governed by a Board of Directors and maintains a close working relationship with the Sheriffs' Association.

Organizations and individuals such as Structural Systems, Inc., Trus Joist Engineered Products, Huber Advantech Sheathing, Jeld-Wen Windows and USP Structural Connectors are a vital part of the Ranch's success. Together, we make a difference!

To make a donation or to offer your gift of time
and talent, please call the Ranch office:
301-874-4701
Thank You!

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Director's Message



Christmas The Season of Giving!

Once again our youth at the Ranch will be filling out their Christmas wish lists for the holidays!



There are a number of ways that you can be involved in making Christmas special for the boys. One of those ways is making a donation towards the boys' Christmas wish lists by designating "Christmas" on your check or the enclosed card. You may also choose to adopt a boy for Christmas by calling Linda Clark at 301-874-4701, ext. 105.

Poinsettias for the Holidays



As a way to remember and honor your loved ones, we invite you to purchase a poinsettia in their memory! For a donation of \$15.00, we will remember your

loved one in a list in our next newsletter.

If you would like to make a donation towards a poinsettia, please write "poinsettia" on your check,

Merry Christmas and
have a Happy &
Blessed New Year!



If you would like to make a donation on-line, please visit:
www.donationdepot.com

The Ranch is licensed by the Department of Human Resources for twenty-eight residents 10 to 18 years of age. As of the end of September, we are averaging 26.1 residents per month for FY 2006 (July through September). We currently have 24 residents. We continue to contact the Departments of Social Services throughout the state in an effort to fill our beds and provide a home for homeless young men.

Christmas is fast approaching and again this year we are asking individuals or groups to consider sponsoring one or more of our residents for Christmas. The first of November we will have our residents fill out a wish list not to exceed \$200.00. Individuals wishing to sponsor a resident will be furnished with the wish list to guide their purchases. The gifts are handed out during our annual Christmas party.

We continue to work on getting approval for our new building. Our site plan and site improvement plan have been approved. Due to pending winter months, we are waiting to put the project out to bid in January with work to begin in April 2006. In the mean time, we continue to place donations received from our newsletter mailings, not otherwise designated, into the new building fund.

The Ranch and our boys are doing well, but we recently learned some disturbing news. Allegheny Power Company has put an application before the Public Service Commission to place a transmission line from their substation into the Urbana area in an attempt to meet the demand caused by new construction in the area. The Department of Natural Resources has been meeting with Urbana residents (they call themselves stakeholders) in preparation for appearing before the Public Service Commission to oppose the route selected by Allegheny Power.

These meetings have resulted in the stakeholders suggesting a different route which would bring the lines across Ranch property. This route was previously considered by Allegheny Power, but due to required condemnation proceedings they decided against this route as they do not wish to destroy anyone's home. The Ranch Board of Directors have decided to oppose the route selected by the stakeholders and support Allegheny's position of not displacing families.

I thank you for your support of the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch, a home for homeless boys.

Richard K. Stone
Executive Director

Donations received in Honor/Memory of:

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| Florence Thomas Awkard | John R. Morris |
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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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BIRTHDAYS FOR THE BOYS!!

October

Sean - 2nd
Michael - 23rd

November

Scorpio - 9th
Jamal - 15th

December

Greg - 8th
Andrew - 22nd

January

Brian - 7th
Javan - 25th



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MSYR Fall Game Day



The boys participated in an afternoon of games on Tuesday, October 4th. There were races, football and target throws, a word game, timed events, and the day



ended with a milkshake game that all the boys enjoyed.

For the Casey house:

1st place - Michael G.
2nd place - Chris C.
3rd place - Joshua P.

For the Veirs house:

1st place - Brian S.
2nd place - Greg J.
3rd place - Tyler B.

MSYR Fall Events



On October 14th the kids at the Ranch visited a Pumpkin Patch and a Corn Maze. On October 21st the pumpkins that were picked out at the Pumpkin Patch were decorated, scarecrows were made, and in the evening the boys enjoyed a bonfire - where they roasted marshmallows, had smores and listened to spooky Halloween stories! Great fun was had by all as the boys enjoyed the fall season!!



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School News



2005 MSYR Back to School Picnic

Our Annual Back to School Picnic was held on Monday, August 22nd. We celebrated the ending of summer and the start of another school year. Boys, staff and some of our official board members were in attendance.

The day started with a baseball game with the boys and the staff. Everyone played a hard game of ball - and fun was had by everyone. Next, as refreshment after the game, the boys engaged in a watermelon eating contest. Watermelon has never disappeared so fast before!!



The boys moved onto a bean spitting contest, where even some of our staff and board members joined in! Many strategies emerged as the boys tried to figure out ways to get there beans to go the farthest!



From there - the boys moved onto sack races. Jamal could not be beat as he jumped his way to the finish line. Mr. Levi headed up the Bingo games - as the boys excitedly awaited each number until they could finally shout out "Bingo". A word search puzzle ended the games for the day.

Miss Regina went above and beyond in furnishing everyone with a delicious spread of grilled chicken, salads, beans and homemade cake! Thanks to Mr. Turner and Mr. Fisher for their help on the grill. The food and fellowship made the perfect ending for a fun filled afternoon!

With malice toward none, with charity for all,
with firmness in the right as God gives us to
see the right, let us finish the work we are in.

Abraham Lincoln

1809-1865 Sixteenth President of the USA

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2005 MSYR EDUCATION BANQUET



On July 11th - the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch held their annual Education Banquet. Upon entering the Shaw Building, the students were taken back into time with this year's theme "The Old Schoolhouse." Nicolea Ambush, Child Care Counselor and Staff Artist, transformed the gym into a replica of a one room schoolhouse.



Regina Constant-Davis, Food Service Coordinator, cooked a hearty dinner and Linda Clark provided the decorations and student certificates. Many thanks to Gail Cody Simms, Bobby Turner, Grace Roberts and Ricky Bowie for handling the set up and take down chores in the Shaw Building.

Among the attendees were youth residents, Ranch staff, MSYR Board of Directors, and Frederick County Public School personnel. The following people represented the schools where our students attend: Frederick High School - Denise Fargo-Devine (Principal) and Mike Sanino (School Support), Urbana High School - Dale Peters (Assistant Principal), Ballenger Creek Middle School - Meta Badshah (Principal), Heather Ridge School - Virginia Carroll (Teacher), Lewistown Elementary School - Judy Grove (Teacher), Mark Mitchell (Pupil Personnel), and Tony Dreibelbeis (Summer School).

This year the Executive Director's award went to James T. and the Education Coordinator's Award went to John H. Each of the boys were recognized for their achievements throughout the 2004-2005 school year.

The banquet brings together an entire community of people who serve the educational needs of our youth. Without their commitment and dedication our students could not reach their goals for success. The Ranch is grateful for all their support.

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