



A Message from Christine J. Spadafor, Chief Executive Officer

There are exciting developments at St. Jude's Ranch for Children and we are delighted to share them with you, our Ranch family!

True to our mission – **to serve all abused, abandoned and neglected children and families, creating new chances, new choices and new hope in a safe, homelike environment** – we continue to focus on meeting the unmet needs in our communities in Texas and Nevada. Last year alone we addressed a number of those unmet needs: starting a Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program in Boulder City; opening an Early Head Start Program (a community partnership with Sunrise Children's Foundation) for both the babies in the Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program and the youngest residents in our therapeutic foster homes on campus; starting a Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program in New Braunfels; and dedicating a home for children with higher level therapeutic needs at the Bulverde campus.

But we are not stopping here with only these four new programs. There are more unmet needs and more work to be done – and so with our dedicated boards, talented staff, committed volunteers, loyal donors, with the foundation of a strong financial position (no debt!), we are getting ready for two more.

The first is establishing an Independent Living Program located in Las Vegas – the only one of its kind in Southern Nevada. This Program will serve young adults ages 18 to 25 years old who have "aged out of the system" and

are in need of supportive housing services – completing high school, learning job skills to apply for, get and keep a job, receiving medical and mental health services, having temporary housing for nine to 12 months while they get on their feet, and ultimately find permanent housing. We applied for a total of \$3.3M in funds to both build 15 efficiency apartments for the residents plus provide for two years of operating funds. Clark County awarded \$2M and the U.S. Department of Housing and Development funded the remaining \$1.3M. We are hoping the groundbreaking will take place before the end of the 2010. We have been taking care of Las Vegas' kids for more than 40 years in Boulder City – and now through the generosity of Clark County and HUD, we will take care of Las Vegas' kids in Las Vegas, too.

The second is expanding the Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program in New Braunfels to 24 moms and their babies from 16. The expansion is necessary because every day we turn away girls and their babies due to lack of space. The estimated cost to renovate the existing structure is \$300,000. We raised \$150,000 for the renovations and had \$150,000 more to go. Tom and Pat Frost of San Antonio generously set a fundraising challenge: they will donate \$75,000 to help close the gap if we fundraise the remaining \$75,000. Well, we have met their challenge! "Knick" Curtis of Dallas has generously

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Cirque du Soleil's Cirque du Monde, Circus camp, Boulder City Campus

Cirque du Monde Performance and Board BBQ May 8th

Boulder City children and families enjoyed a wonderful performance put on by some of our kids who participated in Cirque du Soleil's Cirque du Monde circus camp and a BBQ put on by our local board.

Kids who participate in the Cirque du Monde program spend ten Saturdays training with Cirque du Soleil staff in skills like tumbling, balancing, trampoline, juggling, clowning and Diablo. Cirque du Monde is part of Cirque du Soleil's social call to action they call the Social

Circus. They use their artistic expression as a medium of intervention for "at risk" youth. Cirque says: "Circus arts call for teamwork and a combination of strengths and talents – and these are elements that can help young people develop a sense of belonging, freedom, creativity, perseverance and discipline. Circus arts also offer young people the chance to open up, express themselves and use their marginalized status as a tool to make new links with a society that often excludes them. This is how Cirque du Soleil has developed its international expertise and leadership in social circus." What we can tell you is our kids have a blast! They love the experience, they love to perform and they often surprise themselves at how much they learn and how good they get.

Boulder City Mail Room gets a Facelift:

On June 11th and 12th our Boulder City campus was the recipient of some amazing corporate philanthropy! Starting on Friday, June 11th Deloitte & Touche brought a team of 25 employees to the Ranch and they worked all day to install new ceiling tiles and fluorescent lighting in the Mail Room building, as well as weed pulling and landscape clean-up in front of the building. Below is part of an email we received from our Deloitte representative:

Thank you again for providing Deloitte the opportunity to have St Jude's Ranch as one of our projects for our national Impact Day event. Our entire team truly felt that we were making a difference yesterday. Additionally, Sarah's speech in the morning set the perfect tone with everyone on the team related to the importance of your mission, your impact on the community, and the change that we would be making on the lives of so many children.

I look forward to working with all of you in the future to find additional ways that Deloitte can team with St Jude's Ranch to continue to enhance and support your mission.

Deloitte was followed by approximately 130 Omnicom Cares volunteers from the company Omnicom Capital, Inc.. Boulder City's Mayor Tobler came out and welcomed the group before they got

to work. Painting interior of the building, building new shelves assembling clothing and hanging racks for the childrens clothing rooms, assembling benches, work tables and picnic tables. They even left behind some wonderful murals with great pictures and inspirational messages on them for the children. They worked fast, were incredibly nice and got a LOT done!

Additionally, Omnicom hosted all of our homes, families and children at the Aria Hotel Saturday night for a wonderful dinner! Staff and families enjoyed a relaxing time in one of the ballrooms with the Omnicom Cares volunteers and our kids were fantastic! They were all dressed up, well behaved and won over the hearts of the Omnicom Cares volunteers even more. We were all so proud of them.

We have made some great friends in Deloitte & Touche and Omnicom, and look forward to doing more together for years to come.



Construction on Boulder City Campus

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 Aubany Gandhi—May 28
 David Parton—May 30
 Gary Martin—June 5
 Patrick Salecki—June 10
 Maurice Richardson—June 14
 Elaine Corbaci—June 21
 Carla Salomone—June 23

ANNIVERSARIES

Nicole Dionisio—1 year
 Mignon Fuller—1 year
 Tyler Fuller—1 year
 Charles Pickens—11 years
 Timothy Pratt—6 years
 Maurice Richardson—4 years
 Trina Richardson—4 years

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donated the remaining \$75,000 as a tribute to his late father, Thomas Curtis who was a long-time supporter and champion of our children. We are eager to get the work underway as soon as possible, and hope to have all renovations complete by early 2011.

So the Ranch is on the move! And we will continue to add new programs and expand existing

ones, even in this economically challenging environment because the needs remain so great.

Every day we are so grateful to our boards, staff, volunteers and donors who care about our kids and who make this exciting growth possible for us to continue to advance our mission! We are blessed to have you in the Ranch family!



Summer time for Jovanna, Bulverde and New Braunfels Campus

Summer Activities

Summer is a busy time for our kids and they have been having a blast attending Camp Capers, vacation bible school, summer school, working part time, going to Fiesta Texas, Dallas Cowboys training camp, Missions minor league baseball games, the zoo, boating on the lake, and swimming in the new pool at the Bulverde Campus from **Gary Pools!**



Summer time for Angelina and friends, Bulverde and New Braunfels Campus

NEW BRAUNFELS

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BIRTHDAYS

April Rollins—May 5
Becky Schaefer—May 29
Sylvia Limon Leal—June 15
Denise Ortiz—June 25

ANNIVERSARIES

Melody Fischer—1 year
Collette Mengden—1 year
Rosita Rangel-Hileman—1 year
Neomi Santos—1 year

Dear St. Jude's Ranch for Children Staff-

Hi! I just want to thank you for all that you have done to help me since I've been here at St. Jude's Ranch. I would like to give a special thanks to the Emergency Shelter and Pregnant and Parenting Teen staff. I thank you all so much for helping me do right, eat right, learn new things and have new experiences. A very special thanks to Ms. Tressa, Ms. Collette, Ms. Melody and an extremely big thanks to Ms. Heidi! I want to recognize these nice ladies for all of their hard work and all that they do with the teen moms and their babies. They do the best they can to keep the house in order and organized. I hope that you consider me family, as I do you all. Another special thanks to Ms. Shea. She has taken time out of her day to take me to all of my doctor's appointments and birthing classes. She does everything she can to help the teen moms in the "system" and their children. These are the people that I am closest to and can go to when I have a problem. Personal thanks to Mr. Kevin. He is the only male staff and I feel comfortable talking to him about anything and everything. One more thanks to Bruce. You are the coolest counselor that I have had since I've been in the "system." I just want to thank you all for all of the gifts you gave me and my son Stephen at our baby shower. They are lovely and wonderful!

Thanks again! - Jenifer W.

Kids' Awards Banquet - June 8th

The 2010 Kids' Awards Banquet was a big hit- with the kids of course. Back by popular demand, we had a pizza party and ice cream social and had a roaring time handing out awards to all of the kids! New this year was the introduction of the Kids' Choice Award. The kids voted for the staff member they felt had done the best job throughout the year; really being there for them, listening to them, and helping them through their problems in all areas, from school work to getting along with their peers. The first annual Kids' Choice Award winners were: Bulverde Campus-David Miller and New Braunfels Campus-Heidi Huffman. This year's Angel Award winners were Clint and Heather Swindall and Steve and Betty Roederer for the Bulverde Campus and Judy Frey for the New Braunfels Campus. These Angels are amazing volunteers and donors who go above and beyond to help our kids in big and small ways throughout the year and truly make the Ranch a better place for our kids to call home.



All SJRC staff and kids, Bulverde and New Braunfels Campus

Texas Corvette Association Annual Open Car Show April 17th in Boerne, TX

The TCA Car Show was another great success this year, despite the rain! We are very thankful to the TCA for all of their hard work that enabled them to donate over \$50K to the Bulverde campus. Thank you! This year marked a big first for the Car Show- the Main Street through Boerne (also a major highway) was closed for the show and all the cars were out on display in the center of town. Very cool!

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Earl Riggs—April 2
David Miller—April 16
Tara Roussett—April 26
Kevin Lillo—May 5
Maria Trevino—5/18
Ada Castillo—June 4
Justin Bock—June 24

ANNIVERSARIES

Gilma Dominguez—3 years
Marlene Ehram—1 year
Rosaline Francis—5 years
Matthew Janes—2 years
Trisha McGarity—3 years
Jeana Pearce—1 year



TCA Car Show, Bulverde Campus

New Hires & Promotions

Please welcome to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children family, the following New Hires

Bulverde Promotions

David Ochoa

From: Therapeutic Home Supervisor, St. David's B Wing
To: Therapeutic Evening Coordinator, Campus wide

David Miller

From: Child Specialist, St. David's B Wing
To: Therapeutic Home Supervisor, St. David's B Wing

National

Major Medina April 5th
Donor Relations Supervisor

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Therapeutic Home Supervisor

Stacie Lanza
Fundraising and Events Manager

Chaz Matsuura-Smith
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Gary Martin
Retail Operations Manager

Krystal Berry
Child Specialist

Christina Vela
Campus Director

Qiana Cockrell
Therapeutic Home Supervisor

Terrance Cockrell
Therapeutic Home Supervisor



Stacie Lanza

Fundraising & Events Manager, Boulder City

Originally from Pueblo, CO and relocating to Las Vegas to attend college, Stacie earned her Bachelor's degree in Hotel Administration/Events and Entertainment Management from UNLV in 2004 and has been working in the casino industry for the last seven years. When asked what prompted her most recent move to join the Ranch family, Stacie told us she wanted to work somewhere she could 'make a difference'.

Stacie resides in Henderson with her boyfriend and her two muskateers, D'Artagnan and Porthos (her dogs).



Krystal Berry

Child Specialist, Boulder City

Krystal was born and raised in Nevada. Krystal actually grew up at St. Jude's Ranch and can relate firsthand to the challenges our children face each day. Krystal is a full time student at Nevada State College and while currently a pharmacy technician, Krystal believes that working with children is her calling. Krystal lives with her boyfriend, two cats and two dogs and loves to swim, bowl and play poker. Krystal is very excited to be a part of our team and we are excited to have her!



Christina Vela

Campus Director, Boulder City

Christina comes to us with a wealth of industry knowledge. She worked in Child Welfare for more than 12 years from a variety of well known organizations including several non-profits, Clark County, the state of Nevada and the Federal Government where she held various management and Specialist positions. Most recently Christina worked for the US Department of Health and Human services as a Specialist for the Child and Family Services Review.

As for Christina herself, here are a few words from her;

"I have been married for 13 years. I have three children, two dogs and a large extended family. I was a teen mom and put myself through college as a single-parent. I went to Cal State Northridge for my undergrad and I attended UNLV for my Masters in Public Administration. I have lived in Las Vegas for eight years.

I am a positive person who loves to laugh and see others be happy. An interesting fact: right out of college I thought I wanted to be a police officer and was in the Los Angeles Police Department Academy. Also along with being fluent in Spanish I have learned Nahuatl, which is the native language of Mexico (before Spanish)."

Please join us in welcoming all of our New Hires to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children family!

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BIRTHDAYS

Carlye Dupart—April 12
Major Medina—April 13
Arnold Valdez—May 6
Joseph Jackson—May 15
Lucia Rovacchi—May 16
Wendy O'Brien - June 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Jackson—4 years

18th Annual Jingle Bell Run 5K

Dec 11, 2010
Benefiting St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Emergency Shelter



2010 Jingle Bell Run logo for 5K to be held on December 11, 2010 in Gruene, TX

We are excited to unveil the new 2010 Jingle Bell Run logo and share event details with everyone! This year the race will move to Gruene, TX- a great spot for tourists and runners alike! The race will wind through Gruene and finish in front of historic Gruene Hall- the oldest dance hall in Texas! The competitive 5K will begin at 9am and the kids' 1K will follow shortly after. After the race Santa will be on hand to take pictures with the kids and help us hand out hot chocolate and sausage wraps to all.



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Night of Lights

Sponsorship Opportunities

Night of Lights is our free, family-friendly annual holiday celebration. Open to the public, the event is filled with carolers, snacks, entertainment and lots of holiday cheer! Enjoy a silent auction, photos with Santa, hay rides, s'more pits, arts, crafts and fun for all ages. Since we do not charge admission, the generosity of our sponsors is critical to our success. Please help our children all year long by sponsoring one of these Night of Lights packages:

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