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To the members of the Judiciary Committee of the 2013 Montana Legislature:

The enclosed items are for your information as you deliberate proposed House Bill 236

PINEHAVEN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S RANCH AND SCHOOL

Was started in 1976 and has ministered to nearly 500 children in need.

It is an adjunct outreach ministry of the First Christian Church of St. Ignatius Montana and is administered through a board appointed by the eldership of the congregation which was started in 1951

PINEHAVEN makes no charge for services

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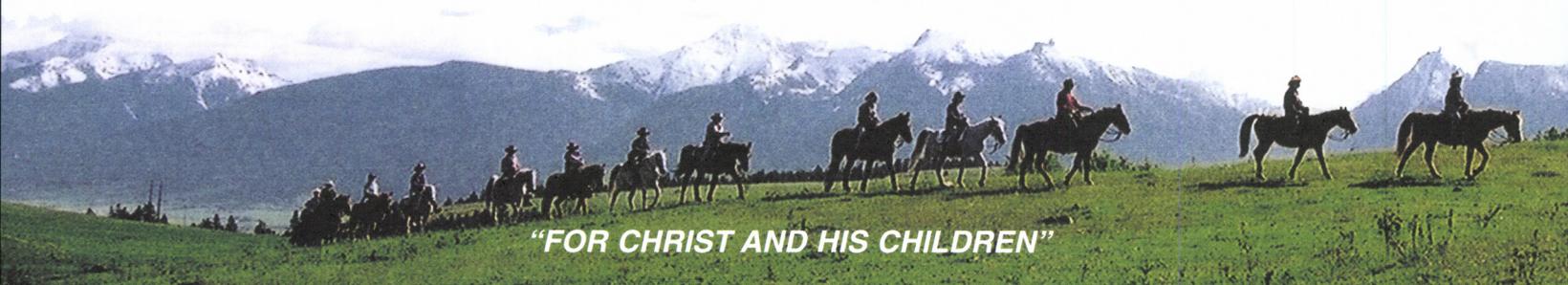
The enclosed folders give you many pictorial views of the ranch and its activities

And share many letters of thanks and appreciation from former students and their families along with comments by visitors who spend time as volunteers working at the ranch each summer.

May you have God's guidance as you make the decisions entrusted to you.

RC Larsson

Robert C. Larsson, Executive Director



"FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHILDREN"

More Good News From Pinehaven



Summer FUN!

Summers are busy times at Pinehaven. Short Term Work Parties from supporting churches, Kids Visits Home, VBS, House Family Vacations, Fishing, Christian Camp, BAPTISMS, Water Slide, Hikes, HAY, Fire Wood Cutting, and preparation for fall activities.

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A Letter From a Parent

My husband and I have four children, one of which has been a student at Pinehaven. We had exhausted all efforts to help our child, and were close to losing hope, until we heard about this wonderful place! Bob and Nancy Larsson are the epitome of self-less love and sacrifice for their fellow man, as they have dedicated their lives to helping lost, and troubled children like ours!

Because they are a faith-based ministry, and because the unpopular values of hard work, discipline, integrity, generosity, loving kindness, forgiveness, and personal responsibility are taught and lived here, there will always be naysayers and disgruntled persons. We know first hand what a gift they are to this world! Our child would be either on the streets, into drugs or worse, if they had not intervened on our behalf. Their staff are champions of love, devotion, commitment and sacrifice for these young people and we have nothing but praise and gratefulness for what they've done for so many children and their families.

Step back and look at our world today. How many open their arms and homes to not just one troubled and needy child, but dozens at a time, and for no financial cost? We are grateful to say that our personal story has been of great joy and success, as our child has graduated high school, (which seemed an impossibility) will soon be serving our country in the military, and has a wonderful future ahead! All of this because of Pinehaven! And we are only one of many, many, many, happy stories.

Respectfully Yours,

(name withheld to respect the privacy of our child)

A Letter From a Staff Member

Hi. My name is Rick Bondy. If you have been on a mission trip to the ranch or even just visited in the last twenty two years you more than likely met me. In Galatians 6:9 it says "Let us not become weary of doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

A couple of weeks ago the faculty and staff of Pinehaven loaded up our vans and pickups with kids, food, and a lot of sunscreen and made our annual pilgrimage to the water slides. For one day big events at the ranch there is Christmas, Roundup, and water slides and you would be hard pressed to decide which is number one. We spend the day involved in all manner of water related activities and eating: hamburgers, hot dogs, fruit salad, bean salad, coleslaw, potato salad, chips of many flavors, and an assortment of deserts not compatible with weight loss.

I myself didn't get to slide since I had picked up a sinus infection so I got a lot of time to watch and this is what I saw. Kids, kids, and more kids playing volley ball, horseshoes, board games. Boys slim and strong from ranch work wrestling in the grass, sliding down the slides, lounging in the hot pool. Girls modestly slipping into tee shirts after swimming. (By the way did I mention eating?)

Smiling kids, happy kids, thankful and friendly kids. Kids thanking houseparents for bringing them, kids thanking the cooks, kids thanking each other for bringing the deserts. Happy kids not angry kids, thankful kids not scared kids, responsible kids not selfish kids. Then when it was time for chores back at the ranch one forth of the kids packed up and left to go milk cows. There were no fits, no "this isn't fair" it was "hey, milking is our chore we gotta go". Then at the end of the day I saw kids picking up and cleaning up the area we rented, most without being told. It was cleaned up to the degree that the water slide people would have little if anything to do before renting it again.

One of the things I generally tell folks who visit the ranch is this, our boys usually come weak, whiny and angry, never having done any kind of work. Our girls come with faces hardened beyond their years. What a blessing to watch those angry hard faces slip away and watch them become kids again. Our boys slim down, toughen up, and gain confidence at what they can accomplish. Girls that looked like they were going on thirty become young ladies before our very eyes. These are kids that had worked hard at making themselves very unlovely. Kids that many others had given up on, kids that weren't working out where they were. For the last twenty two years I have watched Jesus Christ change these faces from hard angry "delinquent" faces to softer gentler happier faces. We reap a harvest with every changed face and that makes it easier to not grow weary in the doing of good.

Rick Bondy

FROM THE PINEHAVEN MAIL BAG, MOSTLY FROM OUR GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please find enclosed checks for donation to Pinehaven. We are very proud of our son for wanting to make a donation to Pinehaven for his 7th birthday instead of receiving gifts for himself. The other children were asked to bring a donation instead of a gift. The response was overwhelming and all the kids were very generous in helping to raise funds for this special cause that is near and dear to this 7-year-old's heart!"

And another caring child's concern; "My 4-year-old son opened the letter you recently sent. He, of course, was asking what the pictures were. I explained to him what Pinehaven was about. The next question was "What is the envelope for?" I told him it was so we could give money to you to provide a place for the kids to live. Right away he went to get 'his money' that he was saving for a toy. He put it into the envelope and wanted to mail it right away!"

"Thanks again for your hospitality. I had a memorable experience during my visit. I think God must have sent Bob Larsson to this fabulous place and blessed him with all these great people. Your staff is the best! I look forward to a future visit!"

"Thank you for keeping my daughters safe and teaching them life skills and self worth. I owe you way more than I could ever contribute. I continue to remember God's blessings through her houseparents. Please send them my love!"

"I love Pinehaven because it is closest to Heaven I will ever come to on earth in my life. Thank you, Bob and Nancy, for your dreams. I love you!"

From a Juvenile Probation Officer: "I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you my positive feelings about your facility. I was very encouraged after my visit last month and pleased with the progress you and your staff have made with the boy we sent you. I have learned that his mother is equally pleased with how he is doing at your ranch."

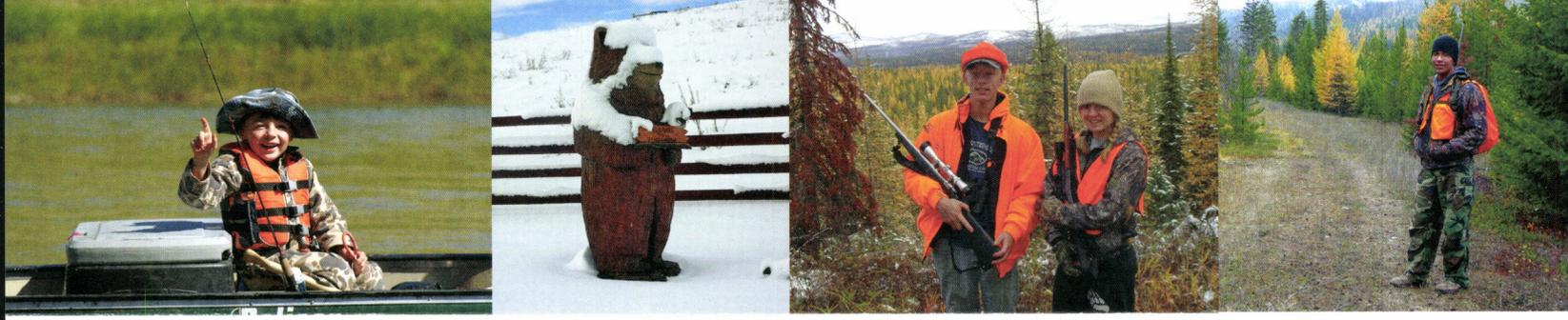
"I live in Indiana and was once a Pinehaven kid. I remember those days with extreme amounts of joy! I had the time of my life out there! I just wanted to touch base with the people who helped me become the person that I am today. I have very fond memories of the ranch."

"I need to write and thank you for the contribution you made to my life. I used to have a very hard time concentrating in school and played hooky about 3 days a week. There were also lots of problems in my home life that made things unstable and troubling. I ran away from home and then a minister took me in and told me about Pinehaven. I knew it was exactly what I needed. So I came to Pinehaven and I was there for 2½ years and managed to graduate high school on time which would have been impossible otherwise. I did go through a very rebellious time after leaving Pinehaven which lasted for about 5 years, but I came out of it. And as the years have passed I have come to realize that I just would not be here without Pinehaven. It is hard to imagine what my life would be like. It is not something I really want to think about. In short, Pinehaven was a perfect match for me. I just felt compelled today to write you people who have made such a huge contribution to my life. You probably will never know the depth of the contribution you have made to my life and what a difference it has made!"

"Just writing from Basic Training for two reasons. One is to support and defend Pinehaven and two, to build up those at Pinehaven and those who support us. I say 'us' because Pinehaven is one of the few places on earth I will ever call home for all my life. I came to the ranch at the age of twelve. I learned how to play the game quickly, and did so for many years. But then my life changed drastically. I learned how fragile relationships are. Sadly, it took close to six years for me to truly follow God's path and even for the next two years I stumbled daily. On my junior year of high school I finally caught onto the fact that my life was about to begin and boy did that scare me. At that point my life was rubble and hay. At this point I began trying to build my life into something and as always, Pinehaven was right there. I STILL MAKE MISTAKES AND HAVE A LOT OF WRONGS TO MAKE RIGHT but Pinehaven made me a man of God. If not for the ranch I would have first focused on girls or myself and I can only imagine where that would lead. I hereby give Pinehaven staff the authority to use any and of this entire letter for whatever use they deem necessary. Tell the church I said, 'Hi. "

"Dear Pinehaven family: I want to thank you for what you stand for in the ministry that you are doing. We have known about the program and how it can change lives for the glory of God for 3½ years now. Ever since we heard about Pinehaven our family decided to support it, no matter what. We see how this ministry can change lives because we have a daughter there. She would not be there if her mother and I didn't believe what God can do there for her and other children. I believe if God was not put first in this program it would not have lasted as long as it has. The devil and his people will do all they can to destroy the ministry. Just remember, God put you in Montana for a reason. We will continue to support your ministry even after our daughter leaves there. You can count on our family being behind you 100% if not more. Thank you for your help in the changing of our daughter. She was going down the wrong path in life. Your ministry not only helped her, it has helped us just as much. Just remember to stay strong and believe in God because He says anything is possible through Him."

Pinehaven Christmas Blessings



At Christmas time, Pinehaven comes alive with fun!
Stockings hung, Trees decorated, Gifts wrapped....
Your prayers and giving have touched and changed
lives throughout the year. THANK YOU...
Together we praise HIM for His glorious gift in Christ !

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A Letter From a New Staff Family

Dear Bob,

December 2, 2010

It has been six months now since our arrival to Pinehaven Ranch. We just wanted you to know how everything is going for us.

First it was a wonderful summer. Spending time with all the guests, and working with all the wonderful people who help support this children's ranch was a unique experience. There are truly those who care about these kids and are sincere about helping us to help them.

From the first day we arrived, everyone made us feel like family. This is truly a warm and caring home. Yes, this is home for me, my wife and son. The leadership here is top notch; Ned and Maxine, Mitch and Kaatji, Jon and Audrey, Rick, and all the other supporting staff including house parents, who go above and beyond to reach these kids in Christ's name. Never have we seen such caring and loving people all working together for the benefit of children. We are blessed to be able to raise our son in this environment, so he can see the love of Christ in action.

As a personal note Bob, we thank your entire family who sacrifice so much to make this ranch a blessing to all who work and live here. We too feel blessed to have the opportunity to serve here doing God's work.

Thank you so much for having us as a part of the Pinehaven Family. We pray that we can be a blessing to all those who God puts in our lives.

In His Service.

JC, Wanda, and Devon.

A Letter From a 2010 Graduate

Dear Pinehaven,

I just left the ranch and wanted to say thank you for all your hard work in teaching me what was right and wrong. I'm now out on my own in this big world and all by myself.

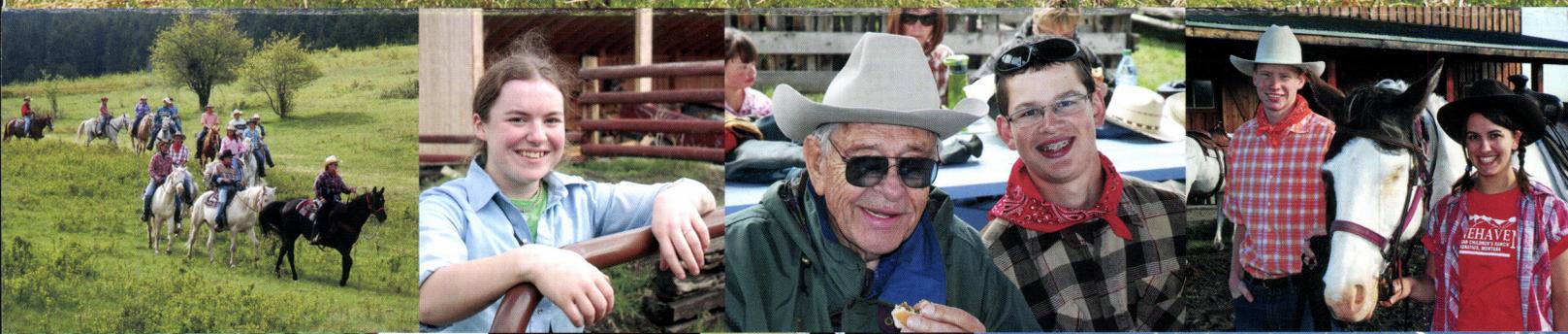
No matter what others say about the ranch I will always be Grateful for what Gary and Susan taught me. I owe everything to you guys for the fact that I'm in the ARMY and you all have supported me in everything that I do. I can't say enough on how thankful I am!!!

I'm leaving tomorrow (sep15th) for Basic Training in Oklahoma and wanted to send out a good word of Blessing!

I say hello to everyone ----thanks:)

(Female Student and PH Highschool Graduate 2010)

More Good News From Pinehaven



Roundup and Graduation

are celebrated events at The Ranch!
Each represents **PROGRESS** and **HARD WORK!** We are proud of our Graduates and wish them well as they begin the next part of life's journey! Please keep them all in your prayers.

YOU MAKE THIS POSSIBLE !!!

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Letters to Pinehaven

FROM RECENT VISITORS TO THE RANCH

To Whom it may concern,

April 27, 2011

For the past 20 years our family has been a supporter of Pinehaven. A year ago when previous students of Pinehaven made allegations towards the staff at the ranch we were concerned for the children and future of Pinehaven. We decided it was time to make the trip and get a first-hand experience of Pinehaven.

Our family spent four days immersed in ranch life. To get a true experience we were not just guests, we became part of one of the families as we shared all aspects of daily life with the family. Instead of witnessing anything close to the allegations, we witnessed normal family life with devoted parents and respectful, playful children.

Discipline was of course observed as it does, and should, in every family. This discipline came in the form of verbal corrections and time-outs. As a teacher in the public school system for over 20 years, I can say that I wish all parents treated their own children with the love and respect shown at the ranch. If parents throughout America demonstrated even half of the lessons taught by parents at Pinehaven, America would be a kinder, gentler nation.

No matter where you go in life or what you do, there will always be someone that questions your actions and can find something to fault. After spending this in-depth time at Pinehaven we believe that the allegations are simply that— Someone was not happy with their situation. It is always the one that is unhappy that speaks the loudest. God's work is being done at the ranch and it would only be a disservice to God's children to not continue this amazing work.

This family will pray daily for all the staff and children at Pinehaven. Their life commitment to this mission should be admired by all. If there ever comes a time when Pinehaven needs support to continue the work, we would give that support wholeheartedly. May God continue to bless Pinehaven Ranch.

In Christ's love, (Name available upon request)

AND THIS FROM A FORMER STUDENT

Dear Pinehaven,

Sunday 03/13/11

Over the last year I have become deeply troubled by allegations made by residents that have ran away from, and former residents of, the ranch. I have not been asked to write anything by anyone from Pinehaven, I am doing this on my own free will, quite simply, because as a former resident of the ranch I honestly believe in the program of Pinehaven. I was there for several years so I believe I have the right to address some of the issues and allegations that have been sent across the country. For those making those allegations, from my experience I am unable to agree with you. When I first met Bob and Andy it was through a small glass window in a small county jail. I had been there for approx. 500 days. I was 15 years old. I had gotten in trouble for protecting myself after leaving a very abusive home and the abuser had tracked me down.

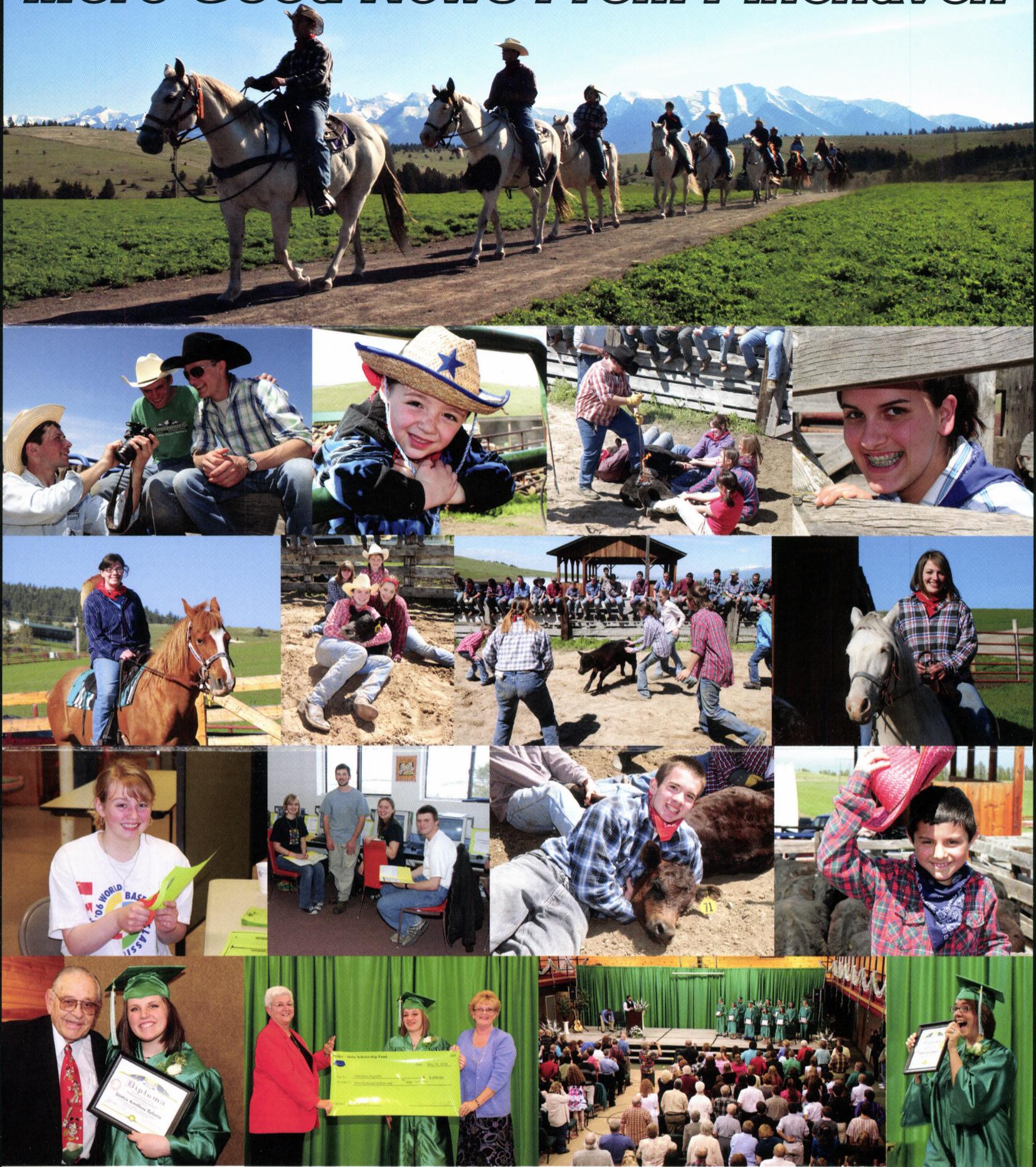
What I did was wrong and I have regretted it most of my life, but it lead me to Pinehaven. Here were these crazy religious people who were willing to stand up for me? It was clearly explained: "Pinehaven is different than any place you have ever seen or been." Boy were Bob and Andy ever right! I met people at the ranch who forever touched my life.

I have been a single father for 13 years and when I talk about the home that I had, it is always the Ranch. Pinehaven was truly the only real long-term home I had and I think about it very fondly. If I were in a position to have to find a place for my son, Pinehaven would be first on the list.

No place or anybody is perfect here on earth. When you go to the ranch and are separated for a period of time from friends and even family, it is so you can adjust. Some of those very people you are being separated from helped to get you in the position and trouble you are in. To be separated is not to "brainwash" or abuse you in any way. It's meant to help you get back on track to see reality and to leave the abuse and drugs. As a former Alumni of Pinehaven I believe it is time for some of us to stand up and support the ranch. To tell the good and positive stories of how the ranch truly helped some of us.

Bob, Thank you for showing me a different way to be a parent (without abuse), thanks for teaching me to be a real person. Keep the Dream Alive! In God's Love (name available upon request)

More Good News From Pinehaven



SPRING EVENTS !

Two main events mark SPRING at Pinehaven! No not the final snowfall... Its ROUNDUP and GRADUATION! Roundup is an amazing mix of KIDS and COWS as we care for the livestock, branding, vaccinating, sorting, etc.. This year 11 kids graduated and received High School Diplomas. PRAISE GOD FOR SUCCESS !!!

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A Letter from a Former Student

Dear Pinehaven Staff

5-7-10

My birthday is coming up: May 12th. I will be 26 this year. I have a family (wife, son, and another on way), just bought a house and all the other things that come along with ~~with~~ a normal life at this age. It has caused me to do a bit of reflection. The thing that comes to mind is: I HAVE A NORMAL LIFE! There have been good times and bad before, during, and after my time at the ranch, but one thing is for certain; you guys were instrumental in the Lord saving my life. So, with all this in mind, I am sending ten dollars ~~with~~ for each year I have been alive. Let me say now once and for all: Thankyou.

Sincerely,

Printed with students permission

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Some excerpts from exit polls filled out by this years graduates !

"Pinehaven means everything to me. It has helped me in so many ways. I have grown so much in the past 4 1/2 years. I have learned so much information that I will never forget. I have learned not only how to change the outside but that it is more important to change the inside. I have learned to love others and those who have helped me the most. My house parents are so dear to me and they will forever be close to my heart. I thank Pinehaven so much for the change that they have helped me make in my life. Everyone at Pinehaven has been a light in my life. They have shown me the love of Jesus Christ."

"Pinehaven means a second chance. It means a new opportunity, new friends, new experiences. It means learning respect, legal fun, and how to cook for 100 people (groups). It means learning how to sew, cook, saddle horses, tackle calves, fix fences, ride tractors, and most important, it means learning about God in all His glory. Thanks for everything. That's another thing. Pinehaven means being thankful. Without those two words, thank you, our world would be a much harsher place."

"Pinehaven means second chances and family to me, and that God is #1 in my life. They taught me that God is #1 and that is the biggest thing I could take away from here."

"To me Pinehaven means that I have a second chance to get my life on the right path. Also, it allows me to see how a man is to treat his wife and kids in the future. Pinehaven has also given me a second chance to graduate from high school and has taught me how to choose the right friends so they don't pull me back down."

"In short, Pinehaven is a place to call home. A stepping-stone and a place to learn of and grow in Christ. A place where I am surrounded by accountable friends and family who want the very best for you. Pinehaven has shown me how to hope, dream, and pray. Pinehaven is a special gift to God's children that are in need of some help. Pinehaven means I got another chance. I took that chance and I couldn't be more happy."

More Good News From Pinehaven



Winter Work and FUN !

With the New Year fully underway, the kids and staff at Pinehaven keep busy taking care of the livestock, preparing for spring planting, studying, playing and enjoying the beautiful Montana winter! These are quiet times with opportunities to spend time building relationships and seeing kids accept Jesus as Lord!!!

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Some CORRESPONDENCE from former STUDENTS and PARENTS

(Excerpts of letters and E-mails received, some very recent, others over the past few years)

(Names available upon request)

"Thanks for the work you are doing with children that might otherwise fall through the cracks. I believe you saved the life of our girl. What a beautiful young woman she has become. That beauty will only increase—inside and out as she learns and grows in the Lord."

"Thank you so much for accepting me at Pinehaven. Who knows where I would be if I didn't come here. I know for sure I wouldn't be graduating this spring. I can't express how thankful I am to be here. This place has changed my life drastically. I have come so close to the Lord since I have been at Pinehaven. Being here at Pinehaven has made me a hard worker and strong in my faith so I can make it out in the world successfully. Thank you so much again."

"I AM WRITING AS DAVID KRUG'S MOTHERS IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT HIS LIFE AND WHY WE CHOSE PINEHAVEN AS A DESIRED PLACEMENT FOR HIM. WE WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT THAT HE SO DESPERATELY NEEDED AND SEARCHED EXTENSIVELY FOR SOMEPLACE THAT COULD. PINEHAVEN CHANGED OUR LIVES AND PROBABLY SAVED DAVID'S. PINEHAVEN PRESENTED A CONTROLLED AND STRUCTURED FAMILY LIFE THAT LED HIM AWAY FROM DRUGS AND DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR. MY CONTACTS WITH PINEHAVEN STAFF MEMBERS PROVED WITNESS TO THE LOVING CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT HE WAS LIVING IN. MY FAMILY AND I WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL TO PINEHAVEN FOR ALL THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. THANK YOU. CLAIRE KRUG."

"I am an officer in a correctional facility. It is amazing how much resentment you can have when you are younger, and your back is against the wall. I have come to love and realize my time spent with you was something I would never trade. I boast about my time at Pinehaven as a proud father boasts of his son. I still talk about the time I used a wheel barrow to haul my deer out of the woods. Believe it or not, my experience there was not in haste. Unfortunately it took years to realize it. The BIBLE classes that were taught in school stay with me for the days to come. Your brother in Christ and Family Member in Love."

"Hi! It occurs to me that I need to write you guys and thank you for the contribution you made in my life. In 1985, I had a very hard time concentrating in school and I played hooky about 3 days a week. There were also lots of problems in my home life that made things unstable and troubling. I ran away from home and then a minister took me in and told me about Pinehaven. I knew it was exactly what I needed. So I came to Pinehaven and I was there for 2.5 years and I managed to graduate high school on time which would have been impossible otherwise. I did go through a very rebellious time after leaving Pinehaven which lasted for about 5 years, but I came out of it. And as the years have passed I have come to realize that I just would not be here without Pinehaven. It is hard to imagine what my life would be like. It is not something I really want to think about. In short, Pinehaven was a perfect match for me. I just felt compelled today to write you people who have made such a huge contribution in my life, even though I really don't have much contact with you now. I just want to say thank you to Jon and Audrey and Ned and Maxine and everyone else on the ranch! You probably will never know that depth of the contribution you have made to my life and what a huge difference it has made."

"Andy, I am writing to tell you that just because I left Pinehaven doesn't mean that I didn't learn anything while I was there. I learned a lot about respect not only for others but for myself. I am also still a true Christian and a believer in my Lord, Jesus Christ and that is because of what I learned from my house parents and you.. I am so eternally grateful to you and the whole ranch for teaching me about Christ and the many great things He can do in one's life. If it wasn't for those months that I spent at the ranch I can't say that I would be here writing to you today. I am making it in the real world and I am alive and well. Thank you so much."

"I recently left the ranch and I just wanted to say 'Thank you.' I came in August of 06 and had many issues. In the 2 years that I was at the ranch, my house parents, Gary and Susan Henderson, showed me what it was like to have a home. Susan taught me so much about keeping an orderly house that as my mother is finishing up law school, she has the confidence to know that if there is something that she needs to have done that she can't get to, she can tell me and it will get done correctly. Gary taught me so much about what it is like to have a Dad in the house that loves me and wouldn't ever hurt me. Together they showed me and the rest of the kids in my house what a strong Christian marriage is like and how to have good clean fun. I learned so much in my time and I am eternally thankful and indebted to you. You have truly been a life house saving me from the rocks."

"I used to live at Pinehaven Ranch. I left long before my time was due. Looking back, it was the worst mistake I have ever made. The only thing that kept me going in these last few years was the memories of good times, good friends, and important lessons I learned at Pinehaven. I can honestly say I have used every aspect of knowledge gained at the ranch somewhere along the lines of my life, between basic work skills to proper ways to act in society today. There isn't a day goes by that I don't reference the ranch in my life. Between the love of my houseparents, Kim and Patsy, and Jon and Esther, to the warmth of Mr. and Mrs. Larson, to the lessons in humor from Rick and Tom. Thank you all for being there when it seemed no one else in the world would understand me. You make me feel like part of a real family and taught me it was okay to love back."

"I credit Pinehaven with saving the life of my daughter. She was with Pinehaven for 3 years and is alive today due to their structure, safety and moral values. I continue to pray for Pinehaven and financially support their efforts. Sending her to Pinehaven was the most painful decision I've ever had to make but I loved her enough to not allow her to destroy herself. I've visited the ranch and personally know someone who now works there. I trust him, Bob, Jon, Andy and the houseparents. I pray there continues to be places like Pinehaven to help protect teenagers."

"I lived at Pinehaven from 1993-1996. I have very fond memories from living there! I never thought I'd say this, but I am raising my children now with many of the same beliefs and work ethics that I learned while being there!"

"We are very thankful for the time our daughter was with you. You were a great blessing to her and to our family. She has now been married for two years and graduated with a degree in Psychology and is working with family services. They are both involved in their church, are youth sponsors, and involved in small groups. Thank you again for blessing her and our family life in so many ways."

"I was a graduate at the ranch in 2008. I just wanted to say 'Thank you Pinehaven for all you did in my life.' The Henderson's have played such a large role in my life that I will never be able to fully show them how much I am thankful. If it wasn't for them I would never be where I am today. Their guidance and strength helped me to get up and stay to finish the race set before me at that time. Because of their words of encouragement I did not pack up and leave after my 18th birthday. I am now married and expecting our first child. Both my husband and I pray every day that I can be that Christian mom that has been taught to me from so many of you at the ranch. So thank you again for all the time and effort that you put into my life. Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch saved my life and is working on many others."

More Good News From Pinehaven



SUMMER FUN !!!

Summers are short in Montana so we make the most of them! Many of the kids return home for summer visits. Summer is also a time of building and growing! Please Note: The photos in our brochures are what is happening NOW at Pinehaven. Every photo in this brochure is less than 3 months old.

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A Letter from one of this years Graduates

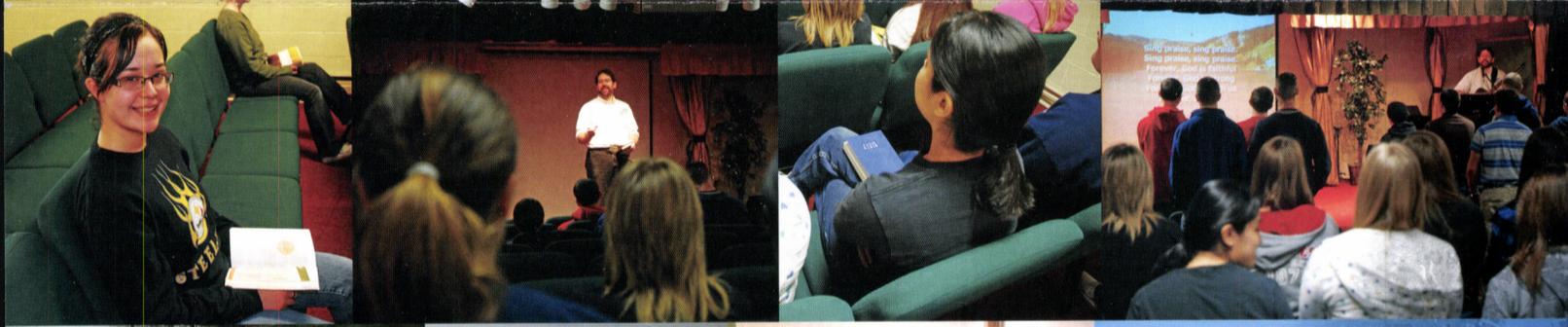
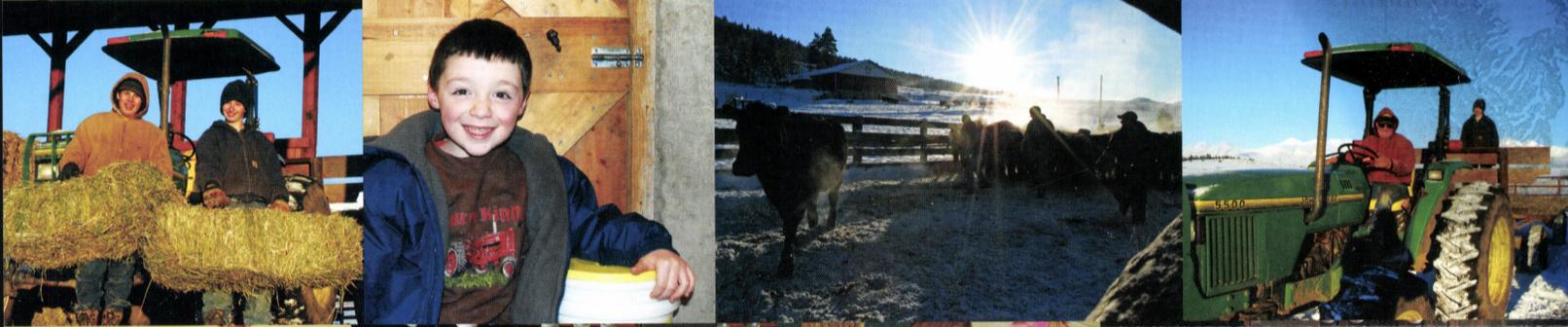
This letter was received a couple weeks ago from one of the PINEHAVEN Graduates of 2012. She is attending a Christian College in the Midwest and wanted to say THANK YOU to the leadership and staff at Pinehaven who helped through her formative years to show her a solid foundation to build her life upon. (Her "relationship with Christ") THANK YOU for supporting this young lady with your prayers as she moves onto the next chapter in her life. Her goal (Lord Willing) is to study and prepare for reaching out to the lost through Rodeo Ministry.

Now... In her own words...

Dear Bob and Nancy,
I just wanted to take some time to thank you for being obedient to God's call for you. Thank you for hearing His words and heeding them. If you hadn't given up your life in Illinois and come to Montana to start Pinehaven, I would not be where I am today. If I wouldn't have lived at the Ranch, I have no idea where I would be right now. All I know is that it wouldn't be good. I wouldn't have such a great work ethic, I wouldn't have learned all the skills that the ranch has taught me, and more importantly, I wouldn't have my relationship with Christ if I didn't live at the ranch. I am truly grateful for all the Christ-like people who serve on the ranch as well. Those who gave up homes, families, and different life styles to come and show us children what true love and devotion really is and what it means. Each and every staff member has contributed to make me the person I am today. I love each and everyone of you. Each of you hold a dear place in my heart. Thank you so very much for your sacrifice! May God bless you richly.

Love & Prayers,
Chapune

More Good News From Pinehaven



Spring is on the Way!

As winter wraps up we are continuing to look after the livestock, and are keeping busy with the chores. We are still getting snow from time to time but the promise of spring is already evident in the calves that are arriving almost daily!!! The kids are as anxious for summer and the completion of another school year.

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Letters from Students and Parents

We are SO THANKFUL for Pinehaven and pray for work being done there in the lives of these kids. I spoke with his house dad this morning, and am so impressed with his heart for seeing God's will in our boy's life. We pray daily for the needs of Pinehaven, all the houseparents, and we thank God every day our boy is able to be there.

Thank you again for all you did for our grandson, Caleb. The end of the story has not been written yet and we continue to pray for him. You've made such a difference in so many lives of young people and we're thankful for the ways you've let God use you.

Hi Grandpa

I miss you all Please write me back with a call back number where I can get in touch with you. I miss you and I'm sorry that I have being out of touch for so long I need you all in my life.

I do not know who will be receiving this message but I am sending it anyway. I don't know if anyone will even remember me, but I want you all to know I remember you. I used to live at Pinehaven Ranch. I left long before my time was due. Looking back it was the worst mistake i have ever made. Since then I have been through the hardest times in my life, but somehow still managed to pull through. The only thing that kept me going in these last few years was the memories of good times, good friends, and important lessons I learned at Pinehaven. I can honestly say I have used every aspect of knowledge gained at the ranch somewhere along the lines of my life, between basic work skills, to proper ways to act in society today, there isn't a day that goes by that I don't reference the ranch in my life. Between the love of my house parents, and the warmth of Mr. and Mrs. Larsson, to the lessons in humor from Rick. Tom you were a huge influence on my life, I now have a wonderful job because of the computer, math, and life lessons you bestowed upon me, thank you. To my house families, thank you for being there and understanding when it seemed no one else in the world would, you made me feel like part of a real family, and taught me it was okay to love back. May God bless you and keep you all safely in His loving arms, I love you all very much and will always do so. SHALOM.

Wow! I'm so glad to hear from you, and no I have no objections anything I can do to help others in their path. I'm so thankful for everything you did for me, Bob and I will never forget any of you, thank you so much again for everything you've done, and if you don't mind I will keep you posted on my life as it goes. I would like to be put on your supporters list, maybe I could make some donations or something, anything to help. Thanks again and I hope to hear from you , I love you all and may God bless you always.

I hope you remember me. I stayed at your ranch for 18 months starting in 1986.

I came from South Dakota. Our preacher helped my mother in placing me there. I hope you remember me because I am in a bad way. I am trying to change my life and as many believe to go back to the beginning is often the best thing. Even though my beginnings don't actually start with you I do believe that the beginnings of me being a worthy person and thinking I actually had a chance in this world DID start there. I was taught hope on that ranch when I had none. Well, I'm grow up now 33 in fact. Things have not been good since I left there and I can't remember a lot of how I was. I remember very little from my childhood except for Pinehaven and happy memories there. I'm the mother of three and a basket case. I cant find myself because I'm so lost, I don't know the exact circumstances I was sent up there. I live in Colorado now and have a good opportunity to be a worthy person for me and more importantly make a life for my children that is not an exact replica of my home life, I know I'm asking a lot by going so far back in the past but I need answers somewhere where I can find my way back to the living, I am walking in The valley of the shadow of death and I do fear evil and I am truly alone. Please help If you can,

Dear Bob,

First of all I want to thank you so much for the outstanding job you did in helping our daughter. I am so proud of her. I knew she could do it, with your help and the Lords.

We have another daughter who needs help. I can't help her she needs someone else to take over. Please Bob help us. We love her and we want no harm to come to her.

Merry Pinehaven Christmas



Year End / Fall / Christmas

Fall is a steady time for work, outdoor fun, and studies. The air is crisp, God's Creation is beautiful, the fish are biting, AND !!! CHRISTMAS IS COMING !!! Please Note: The photos in our brochures are what is happening NOW at Pinehaven. Every photo in this brochure is less than 3 months old.

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More RECENT Letters to Pinehaven

Please read another letter from one of the PINEHAVEN Graduates of 2012. He is attending College and wanted to say THANK YOU to the leadership and staff at Pinehaven who helped through his formative years. THANK YOU for making those years profitable, not only for his future but also for eternity. Today he is an outspoken believer in Christ

Now... In his own words...

Dear Bob and Nancy,

I want to thank you for giving your life to God and helping the kids that come to the ranch like me. A kid that had no hope and was lost to the world.

The Ranch is one of the best things that happened to me. It has given me the chance to learn the truth and follow God. It also gave me the chance to turn my life from the wrong path I was going down, to the right one that ultimately leads to eternal life and not death.

If I had not come to the Ranch my life would be in a mess still, or I would possibly be dead. I know that Satan had hold of me when I was little and was all around me. Being allowed to come To a place that gives the opportunity to see what a family really is, and where there is not so much of the world. the Ranch has made it possible for younger kids like me be able to have a life where we don't have to worry what is going to happen to us.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to come to Pinehaven when I did because through you God saved my life. There is no way that if I had not come there that I would have moved on to college, let alone finish high school. I thank you and the staff members for taking kids that you don't even know and treating them like your own sons and daughter. I know that for me I can never call anywhere but Pinehaven home because that is where my heart will be all the time.

Sincerely, a recent Pinehaven graduate

And from another visitor:

Dear Pinehaven,

Warmest greetings from Kentucky. I recently had the honor of visiting Pinehaven for the first time and I had to sit down and write this. I came out to visit some good friends, JC & Wanda Croan, and during my stay I was able to see Pinehaven and how it influences lives.

Upon my arrival I was in awe of the mountains of Montana and breathtaking beauty of God's handiwork. I was blessed and encouraged to see how God is using Pinehaven to influence and train a generation. My heart was strengthened to see how Pinehaven values children and youth that the world would consider less valuable due to their experiences in life.

I have been in youth ministry going on 19 years and I seen God working through each of you in your daily activities.

Please know that I will continually keep all of you in my prayers. You are making a difference one child at a time.

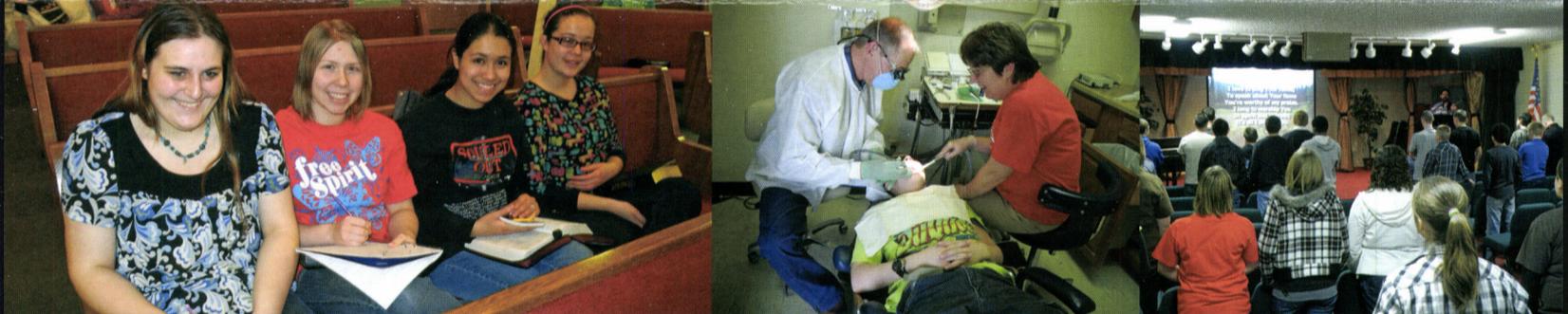
I pray blessings of health, peace, love, favor, influence, and finances to overtake each and everyone. Thank you for allowing me to see God in you and experience a small bit of Pinehaven.

I pray that my recent visit to Pinehaven will not be my last. It has been an experience that I hold dear to my heart. It has also been an experience in which I have apparently left a piece of my heart.

In Christ's Love,

(A Youth Minister / Recent Visitor)

More Good News From Pinehaven



Late Winter Activities

We are always busy at PINEHAVEN but this time of year is a bit more relaxed! CALVING is just starting, students are focused on SCHOOL, Worship and of course CHORES must always be done!

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Letters to Pinehaven

This young man (a recent graduate) is in the US Army.

Dear Staff

2-25-12

Let me begin by saying thank you. All of you have helped me in becoming a young man. By the time you receive this I have either graduated or am very close.

All of you have helped me reach this point in my life. I'm honored to hold the title of a U.S. Soldier. I have achieved this goal with your help and the Lords. I couldn't have done it on my own.

I grew up at the Ranch and I consider it my home and the people my family. Never once did you give up on me or say that I would never make something of my life. You showed me what a Christian is. And now I am a Christian, a believer and it the best thing that I have ever done, I wish I would have done it along time ago.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that all of you are doing a wonderful thing for the kids, and for the Kingdom of God. I want you to know that you have not labored in vain. You have made a difference in my life and many others. So I say a humble thank you.

I am headed to AIT on the 16th of March. After AIT I will go to one more school (Air Assault school) which is ten days, after that I will head back to KY where I have a job as a mechanic. I will do my best to keep you informed. Once again thank you. I love you all.

Love



This Young Man's family recently wrote: (First of Jan. 2012)

Dear Bob,

Here's wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas. Our son is doing well. We are so happy to have him home. This is a very special Christmas for our family. Because of your ministry and our awesome Lord, our family can finally be together for Christmas and many more to come. Thanks will never be enough! God continues to work in our lives everyday! He is still talking about the Christmas's at Pinehaven. He was so excited to see the family pictures in the Newsletter. Please continue to pray for him and for our family. We thank God for what you all did for him everyday. May God continue to bless your Ministry.

In His Love, (Family names)

Pinehaven Christmas Blessings



Another wonderful Christmas time at Pinehaven !
The Children and staff wish to thank you for your continued prayers and support. Your prayers and giving have been a blessing throughout the year. Together we praise HIM for his glorious gift in Christ !

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THANKSGIVING TESTIMONIES FROM PINEHAVEN

Each year, on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, our worship service is primarily an opportunity for everyone to tell what they are particularly thankful for. The following testimonies are some of what was voluntarily shared that morning by our kids and staff.

I AM THANKFUL TO GOD FOR:

"The Pinehaven staff who are helping me to become a better man."

"Placing me here at Pinehaven to have a second chance and having my life turned around."

"My mom and my houseparents who have kept me alive and on track."

"My house dad who has showed me Jesus Christ."

"My house mom who is teaching me to be a Christian woman."

"My teacher and good friends who hold me accountable, and that I am treated like part of the family."

"My houseparents and brothers and sisters who show me I have a real family. I'm thankful to be in this church. If I wasn't in Pinehaven I wouldn't be in any church. I'd be out doing my own thing. It's been pretty tough but they're working with me and haven't given up on me and I'm thankful for that."

"Good friends here who have kept me accountable and have encouraged me. I love you all whether you're struggling or doing good. You will always be my brothers and sisters."

"The Pinehaven staff for loving me and being honest with me. YOU TELL ME THE TRUTH AND I NEED THAT."

"Everything Jesus has given me."

"Pinehaven for sharing everything you do because I try to act angry most of the time and it's hard when you guys are showing this love and being the great people you are."

"My family here and my family back home for the faith they instill in my life. They are all so supportive and helping."

"The Pinehaven staff for the sacrifices you all make as we take up our cross daily. It is a fight and you are a Godly example to me."

"Our teachers who take time to help us when they could be doing something else."

"To be standing here with you where I have been for eight years. You guys love me so much!"

"My mom and dad who sent me here. It's not just a second chance, it's a completely new life. It's like everything has changed inside. So much has been sacrificed for me alone. I thank God for every day here. It's been such a blessing, more than you can ever know. The staff is always here and they can never be thanked enough."

"My family here that loves me so much and for Adam, my PE teacher, who is so good to us."

"All the opportunities I have had to draw closer to HIM and how I'm being taught to be a Godly Christian woman."

"My teacher, Jon, for helping me to get the best education I possibly can."

"Great food! Breakfast, lunch and supper! The staff give up their lives to help us."

"Bob and Nancy for starting Pinehaven that has brought us all closer to God."

"Maxine, who gives us words of encouragement."

"Houseparent's who share their families with us."

"Two house parents I can actually look up to. House brothers who help me. Mr. Kensek, my teacher, who actually talks to us. For younger ones who give me a chance to be a good example, not like I was back home."

"My house dad who has showed me how to be a good husband and have a good wife. I haven't always done right since I've been here, but they have showed how to do better."

"Friends who have taught me how to smile."

"Giving me a true family where I belong."

"My teacher, Mr. Kensek, who doesn't just sit at his desk. For the Larssons who started Pinehaven."

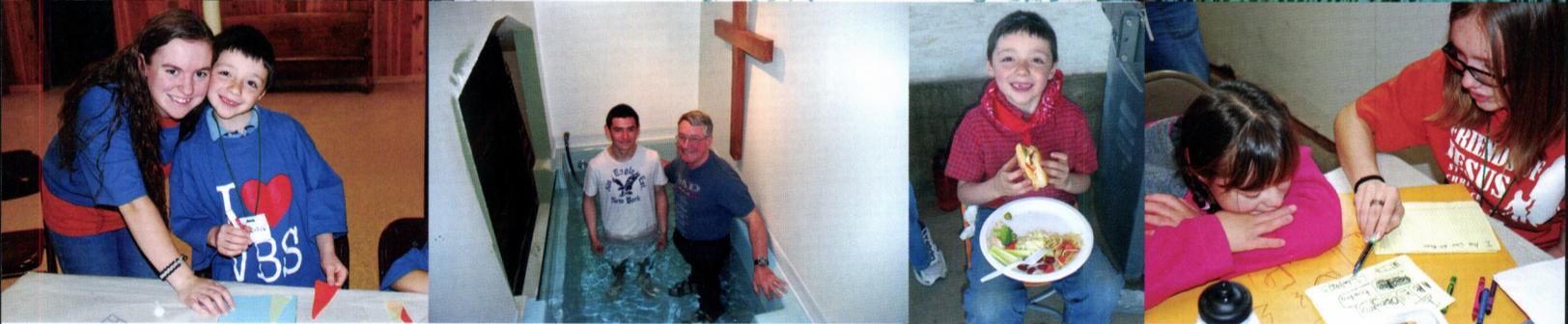
"My house parents who never give up on me even when I wanted to give up on them. The staff for always inspiring me to be a Godly man. And giving me a grandmother I never had."

"A family I waited a really long time for."

"Giving me what I had never possessed – Love. I figured out they had what I was missing and what I wanted – Jesus. I'd heard about Him but I didn't know Him."

"Making me feel like family!"

More Good News From Pinehaven



Roundup and Graduation

are celebrated events at The Ranch! Each represents **PROGRESS** and **HARD WORK!** We are proud of our Graduates and wish them well as they begin the next part of life's journey! Please keep them all in your prayers.

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Recent Letters to Pinehaven from former Students

Dear Pinehaven,

I can't believe it's been 16 years since I left; how time flies by when you are having fun. Well here's what I have been up to. I'm married to my beautiful wife Gretchen whom we have been together for 10 years and married for 8, come this November. We have an energetic fun loving 3 year old son, Bodie. I am currently in and have been serving in the Navy, since October 1996 as a Navy Diver. I joined enlisted and now serve as an officer. My Navy career has sent me all over the world to include: Iraq, Philippines, Lebanon, Jordan, U.A.E, Japan, Korea, Spain, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Romania, Ukraine, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Albania, Australia, and many more areas around the world. When you think of the Navy, you think "big grey ships," unfortunately I have not had the opportunity since 1997 to serve aboard, but have been underneath them. The past 6 years, I have been deployed to the Philippines and Middle East in support of Special Operations. We currently reside in Hawaii.

I remember the day I left for Pinehaven, March of 1994. Bob picked me up with his cowboy hat, boots (one pant leg was up) and a big ol' smile. We left SoCAL and flew into Montana. I was so amazed with the snow covered mountains, fresh air (I grew up in SoCAL), and all the wildlife. We pulled up on the ranch, crossed a cattle guard and then another cattle guard under construction just prior to the Bull Pen. At the time, there was only 4 houses built (Red/Green/Blue/Tan) I was going to the Tan house to live the next 2.5 years. I had a great time and many memories I will never forget. I'm always talking about taking a trip up to Montana. One day I will be back.

A couple of years back, I heard of a movement to deface Pinehaven with allegations of abuse. Though I didn't think much of it at the time, I recently saw the CNN documentary and am quite disturbed. I guess I would argue, if you are being abused whether it's physical or mental, why wasn't this raised immediately? I can't speak of those and their experiences, but I can say, I have never heard, nor seen any such behavior during my 2.5 years on the ranch and I was there when the main individuals who are accusing Pinehaven of abuse were there. Sure, we all had our issues and some more than others, but to enforce rules through disciplinary actions is not considered abuse. I would say that everyone came with their own issues, but from day one everyone was treated equally and earned respect of the staff and house mates daily. Chores around the ranch were to build teamwork principles as well as self-satisfaction/self esteem, not to enforce child labor.

When it comes to religion I tend to be very shy about my beliefs. I can honestly say that I have not been the most religious individual. God has definitely been carrying me up and down the beach. I'm a constant work in progress, but I know God has a plan for me and I have stopped wondering what it is and looking forward to seeing the outcome of his master plan.

I look forward to one day returning to Pinehaven in the near future to offer my hand in building, logging, shoveling, milking, or sharing some of my experiences with the staff, children, and those who support a great program. Best of luck to all.

Respectfully,
Joseph Theodorou

Dear Bob,

It has been about two years since I graduated from Pinehaven. I'm not going to say my life is perfect; in fact I have made many mistakes since leaving the ranch. Yesterday was March 27. That day represents the day I got the world's greatest gift which was the day I left all that I knew and boarded a flight to Montana with you. I was terrified number one cause I had never been on a plane and number two cause I had never been away from my family. Although it was a broken one and it hurt me tremendously, it was the life I knew.

What a lot of my Pinehaven family didn't know was you saved me from years of abuse that day. Not the "Abuse" that former Pinehaven students and staff claim. But real abuse like getting beat, like being kicked out of the house at 1 a.m. being 13,14 years old simply because my aunt had the power to. Being told everyday you're ugly and would not be good for anything but to lay on my back. Going days with not eating. Now to me that is abuse.

What I experienced at Pinehaven was the opposite. I experienced this thing called unconditional love from people who never met me. Love that I wanted and needed so much at that point of my life. I never knew what it was like to have a mom who wasn't strung out on crack and lying to me. I never knew what it was like to be embraced and feel protected by a father's arm. I never thought I would ever experience giving a mother's day card or father's day card to someone - I never had that.

I learned so many life skills like cooking ,cleaning,organization skills proper etiquette from my mom. Besides my house parents I would like to say this about Ned & Maxine. I know they get a bad Rep. because they can come across a little blunt and rough. During my time at the ranch I would get so nervous to go on relief to the blue house cause in my head I had it that Maxine did not like me. Until one day she pulled me aside and talked to me. She said a lot that day, but what stands out was this, "if you are not doing anything wrong then there's no reason to be nervous around me!" She told me she loved me & gave me a hug. From that day on I felt I was able to truly be me and not be nervous. I would like to also say that I was never grounded or sent to the bull pen by them either. They are not the abusive house parents some kids want to portray them as.

I wrote this because I love you all and I don't care what Anderson Cooper wants to report on CNN! I know what happens at Pinehaven and I know the overload of love I experienced there. And Bob I'm pretty sure getting overloaded with Christmas gifts and birthday presents, getting an allowance, water slides, camping, tubing, fishing, hiking and a free Christian Education doesn't qualify as Abuse! :)

I love you !

And this from Another recent Graduate:

"When I arrived at Pinehaven I was full of a lot of hate, and anger. I couldn't understand why my life was going like this...."

"...I remember when I finally backed down and asked my house dad why they keep loving me. He looked at me and said in a soft kind voice, "We love you no matter what because God loves you no matter what. All we do is try to show you kids the love Christ shows us. And by that we hope to teach you about who our God really is." It was at that moment I finally broke down and accepted Jesus into my life, and decided that living for myself was not what God wanted in my life.

It has been almost a year since I have left Pinehaven, and I have accomplished so much in my life. Never have I felt so close to God. Through Pinehaven and Christ I was set on the straight path, and for that I am forever thankful. I graduated Pinehaven in 2011 with a 3.8 GPA, joined the National Guard, and now attend a Christian College. All of these I have accomplished through the love and support of Pinehaven. I am forever grateful to there being such a place that helps establish discipline, honor, integrity, knowledge, wisdom, and most of all sharing the Gospel!

Thank you so much for your prayers and gift in my life. It means the world. I am excited to hear and see all what God is doing in your life, as well as mine. We have such an amazing God. Thank you once again for all you have done.

Your Brother in Christ