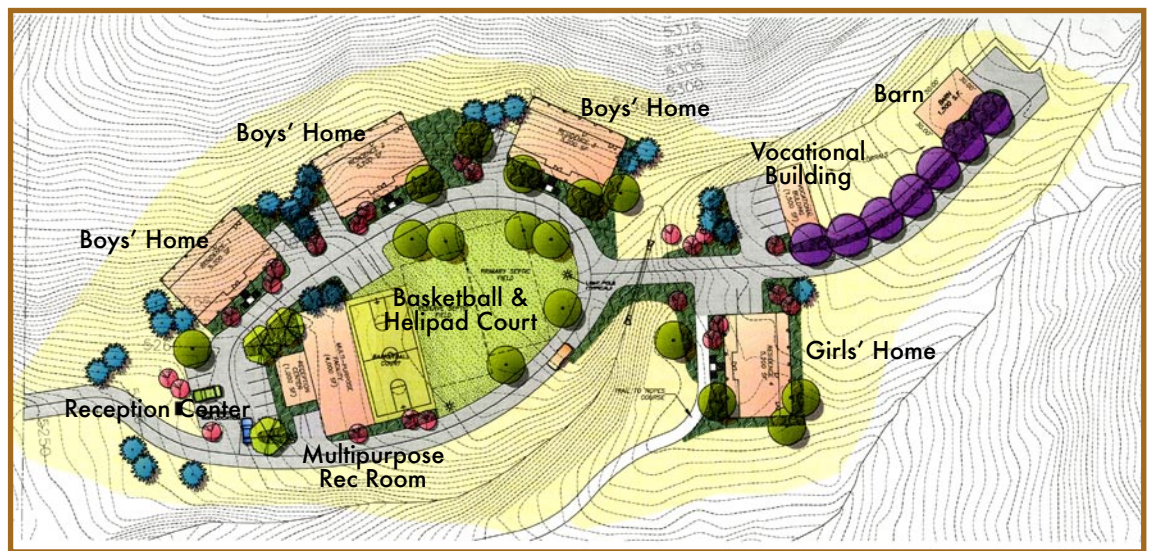


THE RANCH REVIEW

RAISE THE ROOF!

Currently, we are well into the last legal hurdle before us – acquiring the right-of-way (ROW) for our access roads from BLM. As you may recall, we own 30 acres surrounded on all sides by BLM land. We anticipate completion of the ROW process by early next year.

general contractor, architects, and construction workers in the carpentry, plumbing, and electrical trades who have pledged to volunteer their knowledge and labor for the first home – thus reducing our costs significantly and leaving us with estimated costs of only \$500,000



Architectural rendition of development plan for five of the 30 acres.

With the ROW in hand we can move into Phase 1 of the construction process consisting of building the infrastructure (improvement of roads, water & septic system, power grid), and building the 1st home. Estimated cost: a whopping \$1,500,000!!!

Our plan is to approach this staggering amount in stages – break it down to bite size amounts. We will order the \$208,000 log home kit first as it takes time for the logs to be cut, dried, and assembled.

Good News! There are businesses in the construction industry who have pledged to donate building materials free or at cost: a

– \$700,000 to complete the infrastructure.

Next we will tackle, our power grid - the solar/wind/generator system, the road improvement work, and the building materials for the water & septic system. We are in the process of submitting requests for funding to foundations as you read this letter – thus reducing our costs even more significantly

So how do we accomplish this? Do we hire “professionals to conduct a capital campaign? Research reflects this to be quite expensive and SNTR volunteers would need to help get the word out and to most of the “asking” anyway. So, we’ve decided against the “traditional”



Spring Fling

AN AFTERNOON OF HIGH TEA AND FASHION



The 1st annual fashion show was a huge success. Coldwater Creek and Williams Fur partnered with SNTR to make this not only a very colorful, warm and fuzzy event, but a money

maker as well. All proceeds went to the ranch to help establish SNTR. Here are some pictures of the event, enjoy. Thanks to all of our sponsor and volunteers for making this a successful event.

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capital campaign and will do our own grass-roots effort to raise the needed funds. We need help and volunteers to spread the word to be able to pull this off.

This season, in particular, there are numerous and incredible organizations needing and asking for your contributions. We recognize this and are also asking that you please consider us – let's get to the place where we can "Rescue, Redeem and Restore Young Lives" in a way that has lasting impact on them and our community. We are pregnant with anticipation, let's get on with the birth of the miracle happening right here in our town – Sierra Nevada Teen Ranch.

Marv & I we are going to donate \$500 each to the building fund and ask that 416 people will do the same. You, reading this newsletter are considered one of our supporters. We recognize that some can afford more and some less, so please prayerfully give what is in your heart. [We want you to know that we have scaled way back on our spending and down-sized our income (till we are merely squeaking along) thus freeing as much time as possible to be able to develop the Ranch.]

As you gaze at the upcoming Christmas season, many of you will be asking the question, "how can I make my Christmas celebration more meaningful than just buying gifts for people who don't need them or won't use them. For creative suggestions, see, "How can I help" on page 4.

Nickels to Nails Golf Tournament

The Nickels to Nails golf tournament turned out to be a bust. We took a grand swing but never got the ball off the TEE! Although we had a very encouraging response from community sponsors, we did not have enough golfers to move ahead with our plans; we needed a minimum to reserve lunch, dinner and the course with Red Hawk and we were not able to guarantee that minimum. However, perhaps it was just not meant to be, as we had our first snow storm of the season arrive the day the tournament was scheduled (October 10) and blanket us with lots of wet, cold snow. It was risky business scheduling an event so late in the year – yet we were encouraged to give it a try. We'll schedule the event for the spring or summer next year. So all you golfers keep your eye on the ball and continue to "read the green."

A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Sponsors

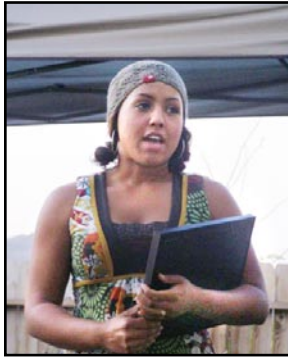
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 The Fabbi Family • The Keck Family
 Valley Teen Ranch • Wild Island
 Wolf Pack Athletics

*And a big thank you to all of our volunteers.
 We'll ace it next time.*

Annual Juvenile Outreach Ministry Celebration

On September 13, 2008, we celebrated our 20th year of ministry to teens in our local juvenile detention center; (previously Wittenberg Hall, now Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center) Juvie as it is called by the teens. For those of you who may not know, Sierra Nevada Teen Ranch evolved from the ministry we do at Juvie; seeing so many of these teens return to Juvie again and again, my heart yearned for more ways to help. Understanding that the majority of these youth have the same thing in common, they come from broken homes; the father figure or role model is missing or not present. Along with this comes the issue of drugs, gang involvement, crime, and an abused life-style. As I continued to work with these teens, the Lord gave me the desire to build a place where we could minister to them 24/7; after much research, and touring existing teen ranches, we decided to build a ranch for teens and to model a ranch we visited in Madera, California called Valley Teen Ranch – www.valleyteenranch.org

Our celebration was a very happy memorable event with about 25 of the approximately 40 volunteers attending. Marv and Jan did an awesome job planning and preparing the food (gotta have Marv's BBQ ribs). The most memorable part of the evening was the volunteer's stories – why they volunteer and/or their most memorable experience at Juvie. Here are some of their stories!



[One time, when I was volunteering] I reached out my hand to introduce myself and to shake the hand of one of the young men there - and he recoiled from me. I could see hate and anger written all over him, so I moved on to the next teen; but I couldn't help but why he came because participation [in our Church service] is voluntary. I noticed that this young man continued to come back each Sunday and then he started coming to the Wednesday night Bible study. Over time I began to see him open up, he even shaking my hand - but the biggest thing was yet to come. This same teen accepted the Lord into his life and began to give all of us hugs. We know God changes lives; by the way I never saw this teen come back [into Juvie, once released].

Chris Saxon

I am so moved when we give the message about the Good News of God & Jesus] and an invitation to accept Christ and I see every teen in attendance stand up and invite Christ into their life.

LaDawn Malone

I was a single mom and was having problems with my son. I thought that in volunteering to help these kids I might learn more ways to help my son. I did and I

received even more than I had hoped for. Not only was I able to better understand my son, I met and married my husband through this ministry.

Tina Jarmin

My most memorable experience came very early on, when I first became involved with the kids at Juvie. After telling a teen I understood how he felt, the teen responded by saying "Oh no you don't, you don't know what it is like to be locked up, you are not locked up!". Back then, I use to carry my Prison I.D. Card with me, so I pulled it out, showed it to him, and said "I know what it feels like because I have been locked up before and I have done way more time than I hope you will have to do". That got his attention, but more importantly, it got mine. I had something in common with these teens which put me in a position to be able to relate to them and thereby connect with them; this in-turn enabled me to be more effective in ministry to them. It also helped me understand that I am where God wants me.

Marvin Neal

One night at Bible Study, we were talking about temptation. One of the young men said he one time he did not give into temptation by smoking weed, but he gave it to a friend. When asked why he did not just throw it away, he said "that would be wasting!". It occurred to me, at that moment, that the weed had value to him. The Lord showed me that night that we need to continue to work with these young men and women to show them that the only thing of true value in their life is a life with Jesus Christ. By continuing to share with them the knowledge of the Word, by encouraging them to change their life style to one that is acceptable to Christ, and to show them that Christ alone can love them in a way no one in their life has or will be able to is how we can make a difference in their life. I feel so honored to be able to share Christ's love with so many young men and women who are hungry for the Word and hungry to change their lives.

Kimberly Carano



CONTRIBUTIONS CORNER . . .



So many are offering their services once we receive the House Kit. However, we **NEED TO BUY IT FIRST**. Our immediate need is \$208K.

Many have asked, "How can I help? "

- 1) Cash contributions toward the \$208K log home kit earns: a) a plaque placed on the wall of the first home, b) your name in a one-half page celebration ad in the Reno Gazette Journal, c) recognition in our next newsletter.
- Go in as a team, a church, an individual or a business.
 - Do it in memory of a loved one.
 - Do it to advertise
 - Instead of purchasing a gift no one will use or need, you could send a gift to SNTR and we will provide you with a card that reflects "SNTR has received a

Let's Do the Math!

Needed	1	Person Giving	\$208,000	Equals	\$208,000
Needed	2	People Giving	\$104,000	Equals	\$208,000
Needed	3	People Giving	\$69,333	Equals	\$208,000
Needed	4	People Giving	\$52,000	Equals	\$208,000
Needed	8	People Giving	\$26,000	Equals	\$208,000
Needed	40	People Giving	\$5,200	Equals	\$208,000
Needed	208	People Giving	\$1,000	Equals	\$208,000
Needed	416	People Giving	\$500	Equals	\$208,000
Needed	2080	People Giving	\$100	Equals	\$208,000
Needed	4160	People Giving	\$50	Equals	\$208,000

donation from _____ in the amount of \$ _____
 _____ in your name."

Get creative and have fun.

(This is the shell only and we will still need help with the foundation, inner walls, finished floors, finished roof, cabinets, plumbing, electrical and other fixtures must also be added.)

A Bit of Business

Visit our new website at www.sntr.org where you can:

- Donate, (click on the support menu).
- Provide your e-mail address thus saving postage and to reach you with up-to-date info.
- Remove yourself from our newsletter list – just send us an e-mail through our website.

A RECAP OF PROGRESS

- Acquired State of Nevada Certification of Corporate Charter
- Acquired our 501©3 tax exempt status.
- Paid cash — 30 acres surrounded by 80,000 acres of BLM land
- Acquired 4.48 acf of water rights annually from the State
- SNTR meets BBB's Standards and became a member
- Oasis Unveiled. Water found and the well dug.
- Passed the septic tanks and leach fields perk test
- God cleared the land with a bit of lightning

- Lumos & Associates joined the SNTR team
- Washoe County Special Use Permit - acquired
- Fencing permit – acquired.

We have requested and received permission to build four homes which will house 10 kids each, a vocational building, multipurpose/athletic building/school, a barn, and a ropes course. (Smaller amenities will be added, but do not require disclosure for the special use permit; i.e. athletic field, natural ponds, smaller sheds for tackle or storage, etc.) Our goal is to build in phases as funds become available; we will follow our commitment to build debt free.

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