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## **Urban Cowboys**

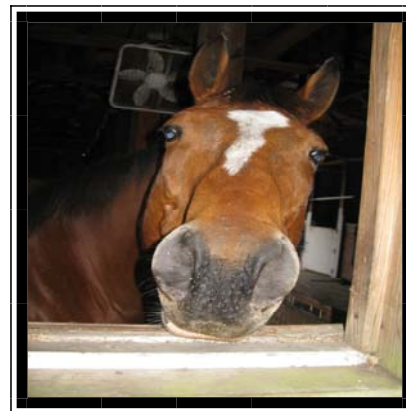


### **The Kalish House Boys Move to Bowman Ranch**

On August 4th, the teen-age boys living at Kalish House in Downtown Sarasota moved to the country. They joined the girls living at Bowman Ranch in order to consolidate resources and reduce the cost of running both residential facilities. Once the dust settled after the move, the boys started to explore their new home. Contrary to some of their fears, no one has seen a panther or a bear. Some of the boys truly love the horses and are helping care for

them. Arrangements have been made for a Tae Kwan Do instructor to visit the Ranch and for a basketball court to be built. Staff from both residences are working well together and the girls and the boys are going to school and adjusting to a regular schedule.

The goal is for Bowman Ranch to be used to the fullest and for these young adults to take advantage of the space and a variety of outdoor activities. We are all looking forward to bonfire weather!



**Clyde!**

### **Shoe Samaritan Sends Kids Back to School in Brand New Shoes!**

A new pair of shoes can change the way you feel...and having no shoes, or worn shoes, can damage the self image of a child forever. This is the message sent by a very special donor. Raised one of three boys by a single mother of limited means, he remembers vividly the discomfort and embarrassment of wearing cracked and worn shoes. "I would line them with cardboard," he said, "and that worked for awhile." So many kids start the school year with a brand new pair of shoes...and then there are those that have none. This generous donor wants to be sure that the children in our care have new shoes...and the comfort and confidence that brings.

## ***Partnership Experiences***

Deb's Ranch Angels have been just that, working overtime to make each resident of Bowman Ranch feel special. Debbie Dannheisser and all of the "Angels" have given the girls comforters, bedding and accent decorations of their choice to make each girl feel special. And each girl has a birthday celebration complete with a cake, flowers and a gift.

The *Angels* made it possible for all of the girls to go on a sunset cruise aboard "Henry's Journey" owned by Fred

Pflaum. In order to be safe the girls were divided in half and they went on two different nights. This was truly an amazing experience for these young women. They were also treated to dinner aboard by Café Baci!

The girls went to Debbie's gallery opening in Towles Court and thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of the guests and selling the jewelry that Chloe Lee has helped them make. They went to dinner after the opening.

Grammy's House is grateful to Intershow for sending our kids on a three day Disney Park adventure. They hopped from park to park until they dropped! They had food, fun, treats, and saw all the Disney cast for the very first

time. Souvenirs topped off the visit, bringing a little Disney home with them. It was a very special event that none of them will forget. Jim and Jeanette Christensen write, "Intershow makes every holiday a special one for our children, and

Earlier this month, the girls were treated to Mary Kay makeovers, dinner and then Family Night at McCurdy's Comedy Club. The boys (formerly known as Kalish House Boys....) joined them, after the makeovers!

These very real Angels have celebrated birthdays and graduations..., adoptions and major transitions. Life's events have been recognized. These are the things that a family is made of and that create lasting memories.

we are looking forward to Halloween treats and costumes! Thank you *Intershow* for being a part of our family."



***Loving the Ride on Sarasota Bay***

## ***Kalish House and Church of the Palms***

This, one of the oldest Community Coalition partnerships, has sponsored an event each month for more than ten years. The dedicated group of Church volunteers care deeply for the boys of Kalish House. The activities this spring and summer have included a second trip to the Big Cat Habitat and to the Southeastern Guide Dog Training Center, the annual beach cleanup on Siesta Key, a day of fishing at Ken Thompson park (and no one minded that it was raining!),...with lunch at the Old Salty Dog following. The group was invited to tour the Sarasota Herald Tribune Headquarters and had a great time at O'Leary's and in the park. They ventured out to Porkie's for dinner and then on to McCurdy's Comedy Club. The Joanna Circle cooked dinner for the boys which they loved and looked forward to...this has been a full and rewarding partnership indeed.



## ***Partnership Experiences cont'd***



.....Stonewood Grill and Tavern hosted the annual Foster Parent Appreciation Luncheon...Donna Simmons Fund has been put to very good use providing for the various needs of our children. The Hyatt Regency continues to think of our population of children frequently and recently donated 200 alarm clocks to help them get up and go back to school! SunTrust Bank has become a Community Coalition partner with a donation of grant funds to provide unique educational opportunities to foster children. The Berlin Branch Board has become active at Bowman Ranch. Their first contribution was to make a flag football field to make the boys feel welcome.

## ***Babe Weiller Branch Board Activities***

The YMCA Babe Weiller Branch Board has been extremely active and has organized a wide variety of activities for the children in the Youth Shelter and the Transitional Living Program. Easter has been a constant favorite, and they have played Wally ball, delivered turkeys to the needy, they have been bowling several times and the adults of the board helped the

residents go to Disney World by helping hold a car wash! The enthusiasm of Board member Matt Fountain is contagious and the board members have cooked for the residents and have also instituted life skill lectures designed to help them in their daily lives. This is a partnership that has become rich in activities, fellowship and of course...FOOD!



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