

Broken Arrow Youth Ranch

Helping youth love God, love themselves and love others. Helping families heal and grow.

Spring 2020 NEWSLETTER

Grassroots Organic
Dirt Supplements Co. Inc.

Broken Arrow continues to be blessed by Grassroots Organic Dirt Supplement founders Murray & Lorraine Cheesman of McCord, SK. Their Soil Booster Plus is designed to put back over 70 trace minerals into the soil. Murray and Lorraine are giving us a significant percentage of any product that we sell. We used this product in our 2019 garden as well as in our oat field last year and were extremely pleased with the results! We will be using adding Soil Booster to our crop field this spring and look forward to positive results!

3 sizes are for sale.

1-lb (454 g) container: \$30

2-lb (794 g) container: \$45

7-lb (3.17 kg) container: \$80

Soil Booster PLUS

for Lawn and Garden

Promoting Soil Health Naturally

Welcome Spring

Calving season brings the joys of new life and reality of life lessons. We lost three calves and in turn received a donation of three calves! Thankfully, we were able to have our mama cows adopt the new calves! We love looking at the pastures and seeing the calves running and playing together. Our students have learned how to tag the new calves and enjoy growing in their abilities as ranch hands.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, TODD MOROZ

It was 12 years ago this month that I moved onto the Broken Arrow Youth Ranch for the first time. In many ways it looks very different yet the beauty of God's creation reflected off the pond in the green grass and through the bright blue sky remains the same.

I love that Rick Aupperle and our original Board of Directors chose to call this ministry Christ the Solid Rock Ministries (Matthew 7:24-28). They knew that the storms of life are inevitable and the ONLY TRUE SOLID foundation for our lives is Jesus Christ. The whole world has been hit with yet another storm called COVID19 that has affected our lives in profound ways and caused much uncertainty. Such times lead us to re-evaluate our priorities and take a close look at the foundation we've been building our lives upon. We have been able to have numerous such discussions with our students in recent days. It's with hearts full of hope and anticipation that we bid farewell to our recent graduate. We pray for God's continued guidance and protection over him as he joins his family to complete his grade 12 education next year. We hope that he will allow the Lord to continue to build upon the firm foundation that Christ has established in his life.

Our goals remain steadfast in these days. Despite the cancellations of some of our key fundraising events, we remain committed to eradicating our deficit.

Lara and I continue to function in the role of

temporary house parents. We are excited to announce Fayth Stoltzfus will be joining us in September as an intern. She is currently in her 4th year of study in the Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Studies program at Millar College of the Bible.

I am happy to report our \$25/month donors have increased to 270! Thank you LORD! We are trusting Him to increase this number to help us meet our stewardship goals and begin our active recruitment of full-time house parents.

During these days of physical distancing, I want to remind you that Broken Arrow is also designed as a place of retreat. We have been able to host some guests in recent weeks and provide them with appropriate space and accommodation. Whether you desire a retreat of solitude or an opportunity to serve with your hands we will do our best to accommodate you. The work on a ranch is *never* done. We would welcome the help and skill you could bring (a recent guest repaired cabinet doors in our kitchen, another sent back a generous donation to help with our concrete pad in front of the Renewal Centre. Please contact our office if you would like to experience a taste of ranch life at Broken Arrow.

Our prayer and hope for each of you in these days is that you will know the peace of Christ in your life as you allow *Him* to be the Solid Rock and Foundation upon whom you stand. In Christ,

Todd Moroz

Administrative Director, Lara Moroz

This spring we had one student return home after being here at Broken Arrow for one year. Due to COVID 19, we were unable to throw a graduation party! It was so encouraging to see him and his family grow and mature. We do miss him; but are thankful he is able to return home with new tools for life, and a growing relationship with the Lord.

We continue using Sun West Distance Education. In order to apply as an independent school we need to have 7 students. We are not yet at the point and will look at this more in the future. Our local schools have been very cooperative in lending us resources as well as letting our students participate in sports. This winter our two students played basketball on the Rockglen School team. This was a positive experience. Please do not forget to let us know if your address or contact information has changed. If you use email, please send us your email address. Every month we will keep you updated on ministry news.

We want to thank all of you who have donated to Broken Arrow Youth Ranch. Each one of you is appreciated and we as a ministry are so thankful and blessed for each one of you!

God is so good and continues to meet our needs, even in these difficult times. The garden is planted! Judah and Fayth were a great help in this process! We look forward to fresh vegetables to nourish us for the summer months and provide enough to last through the winter!

Spring Time at Broken Arrow Youth Ranch

Some plant, some water, some harvest: but God causes all things to grow!



Some Plant.... Seeding has begun! We are beyond thankful to the faithful farmers who are seeding *Bushels for Broken Arrow* this spring! Thank you to the dear folks of Happy Acres Farm, Limerick; Mackenzie Farms, North Portal; Petruic Farms, Avonlea; and Lievaart Farms, Outram. Thank you once again to Canterra Seeds and Grain Millers who are providing seed once again for our crop projects. May the rains come in due season!

Ranch Wish List

- Material for 2 Well-Houses
- Gravel for yard
- Fence Posts
- Staples
- Barb Wire
- Winter Feed: Hay and/or Grain Bales
- Grain Storage Bins
- Kitchen Stove

Meet Fayth ☺



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A Family Success Story

... this was the best decision we have ever made as a family.



It has been 20 days or so since we brought Jaiden home from the ranch. The turnaround with him is absolutely amazing and I sometimes, if I wasn't experiencing and seeing it for myself, it would be hard to believe.

A year ago, we as parents, had a difficult time watching Jaiden struggle with his inner self. It was one of the hardest reality as parents to admit that we just didn't have any other options for him. Not that we were failing, but simply we didn't have the experience or resources needed to help Jaiden get back on track and know that he is worth it and his past did not define who he can and yearned to become. As a family unit, we have taught our children about the Lord and how He can be implemented into our lives, with meaningful lessons and is someone who is always by your side no matter what.

A year ago our son, Jaiden, agreed the ranch was a good idea. He was a little hesitant about staying a year, but as time grew forward, he really learned to enjoy what he was doing. Jaiden learned so many great life lessons and got so many different experiences with many different jobs, activities, and livestock, including calving and branding. He learned the essentials of what it really means to live on a ranch and contribute back. He took horsemanship which helped with his self-confidence and understanding of what it's really like building a relationship with an animal. The animal therapy he got was absolutely amazing and he hopes to get a "white" horse one day.

Because of the ranch, and all they have done and taught us, we are looking at buying an acreage and raising the boys out on one. Throughout the year we got to talk to Jaiden once a week and visit once a month. This was so very important for us as we are a fairly close family. The extension of open arms and willingness to help us as a family, to learn and grow with each other, wasn't anything less than a true blessing.

Now that Jaiden has completed his year and is home, it does not mean goodbye but friends made for life. **For us as parents, knowing the ranch and everyone employed there, supports us and has an open door policy is enough reassurance that this was the best decision we have ever made as a family.** Thank you so much to everyone involved in Jaiden's growth throughout the year. You most definitely have made a positive impact on Jaiden and us as a family.

– A Thankful Family, Birch Hills, Saskatchewan

Program Director, Gina Stewart

We celebrated with this dear family and sent them off with prayers, blessings and well wishes as they returned home with their son! How great it is to hear about the powerful impact God has had in their life, through the ministry of Broken Arrow. LORD, we give you all the glory!

This spring I was asked to become our ministry's trainer for Plan to Protect®. Plan to Protect's mission is to train and equip organizations to develop strategies and best practices to bring awareness protection and prevention of abuse. I look forward to facilitating the Orientation Training for our board, staff and volunteers in early July.

Music can speak to the heart when at times, words can not. We allow music to minister to our students and families throughout their time at Broken Arrow. I have been thankful to have one of our students excited to develop his guitar playing skills! He's been a joy to mentor and he looks forward to sharing his gift of music when we are able to gather and fellowship again.

I wish you all peace in this time of uncertainty in our world. Jesus loves you. He gave His life for you and I; so that we could live in a relationship with Him; and experience His love, joy and peace. Jesus said, *"do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* (John 14) Amen.

If you know a family in need; please refer them to us at Broken Arrow. My prayer since our one student graduated and returned home has been, **"Lord, give us one more!"**



Our Governing Board of Directors

I have the pleasure of being a part of the board for Broken Arrow Youth Ranch. One of my responsibilities as chair, is to stay connected with our CEO and be a conduit to him from the board of directors. A year ago, our board set in motion a challenging budget one of financial recovery as well as a challenging set of goals for staff with regards to public relations. It is our job to govern and assess the results of these goals within the year. The assessment process does not stop there. Our governance committee chair and board member, Blair Andrew, a businessman from the Carlyle area, will keep us on task making sure we evaluate the boards' performance as well.

I am pleased to be able to serve with the people who willingly donate of their time, money, and resources. Our board members faithfully pray for Broken Arrow, and we would ask you to join us in this. We still require another 200 individuals or couples that could donate \$25/month. This would free our CEO's time, enabling him to do the work necessary to achieve the goals that are laid out by the board.

Another standing committee of the board is the finance committee. This committee works with staff to develop an annual budget and monitor every quarter the income and expenditures. Our board members who sit on this committee are: Laurie Disney, a farmer and rancher from Killdeer; Scott Stein, a businessman from Estevan; and Bill Coulter, a retired executive from Regina area. Bill has also undertaken the Plan to Protect® Training for boards governing organizations such as ours, to oversee development of a plan of action in the event of a crisis. Each one of our board members are believers in Jesus Christ and His power to save. Each brings a unique set of qualities that are valuable to the functioning of the board and to Broken Arrow. I appreciate each of our board members who are to be commended for their dedication and their willingness to serve. Respectfully yours,

Mark E. Elford

Horsemanship with Cal & Jill Jackson

Hi Everyone! We are happy to report that we have resumed our horsemanship sessions with Broken Arrow Youth Ranch. We are adjusting to watching our physical distance, our lesson approach, and remembering the hand sanitizer! In our first few sessions, students have begun a study about the nature, culture and basic physiology of equines. They learn how horses use their superior senses of sight, hearing, odor detection, and athletic ability to survive in a natural setting. We also discover that horses experience emotions similar to ours, that they process information differently than we do, but, learn at a much faster rate. As prey animals an equine's first thought is always, "Am I safe." To keep safe in the wild they need a herd. Therefore, a horse's instinctive understanding and respect for hierarchy, herd dynamics and discipline is very clear. To this day, horses will willingly accept us as their leaders if we learn to be patient, kind, dependable, and consistent. All this information is important for us to know in order to better understand and work with these wonderful animals. The horse is a great teacher to students in preparing them to deal with difficulties and unforeseen challenges as they learn to deal with their own reactions of fear and self-doubt. On a practical level participants have been immersed in horse-human interaction and positive communication using clear signals. They are also focusing on what the horse is telling them. Students have been practicing haltering, grooming, hoof care, proper leading and effective groundwork. They are beginning to understand the importance of becoming good leaders and establishing trust and respect. This allows the horse who always seeks a leader, to cooperate very naturally. He learns to respond, not react – a good life lesson for us all. Our hope is that our students will come to realize why good leadership and good decision making are crucial to healthy family relationships and a happy home life. God Bless and Stay Safe!

Our Retreat Centre

Broken Arrow is the perfect place to get away! The ranch log house is set up as our Retreat Centre. During these times of COVID19, if you or your family want to come to Broken Arrow for a working retreat, we have a place for you! The log house is equipped with everything you need! You just have to bring your own groceries! This way you can spend time in God's creation as well as doing some work projects for us all the while keeping your distance from us!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Caroncrest Farms for donation of milk replacer. Tyler & Charisse Kirby and Laurie Disney for the calves. Ward Harden for shearing & butchering. Elwood & Deb Pituley for donating meat & helping cut & wrap the hogs! Mark Disney, Clint & Garret Mitchell for trucking feed. Lyle Stewart for pre-working and seeding our crop. Les Williams for bringing wood, tractor repair & miscellaneous good deeds. Jesse & Carla Popescul, Shay & Robbie Keller and all who helped with branding. Gary & Judy Moroz for donation of the van. We have great friends & neighbours who help in time of need!. Please forgive us if we've missed your name! May you all be blessed for your generosity!

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A Cheerful Giver

Brett Magalsky, age 7, came to Lara with a gift - a donation for 'the kids ranch.' His parents Daniel & Jen had been talking about giving. Brett went into his room and came out with \$18 worth of coins he wanted to give to Broken Arrow. We are so thankful for you Brett. You are truly a blessing to us! Thank you for being a cheerful giver!

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give – not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

