

Broken Arrow Youth Ranch

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

2022 FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

Ranch Retreat

We are thankful for the many folks who have decided to get away for some R & R and enjoy time visiting the ranch and staying in our Retreat Centre. We have received wonderful reviews! Our log home offers a beautifully rustic environment with the warmth of a woodstove for winter visits! Come stay and connect with loved ones or get away for some quiet time with God. Visitors need only bring their own food. Please call Lara to book.

Looking to Serve?

Broken Arrow Youth Ranch welcomes individuals, couples, or church and youth groups who would like the opportunity to serve. We have indoor work projects needing completion in our Family Renewal Centre; as well as outdoor work projects that we will tailor to your giftings. In addition to work projects, our grandparent position has been vacant for the past four years. We welcome couples over the age of 55 who are financially independent and willing to come and spend a month or longer (a year or two) in this capacity. Please contact us if you are interested in serving in any way.

Jesus said "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock." (Matthew 7:24-25)

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, Todd Moroz

At this time of year we take time to pause and reflect upon God's goodness and provision as we gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving meals or with community at Fall Suppers. The Broken Arrow Family has so much to be thankful for! God has provided in amazing ways through the generosity of many. Thank you!

Though we have not had full-time students at the ranch since March, we have continued to have interaction with numerous students at Broken Arrow and at a number of events off site.

What we are most excited about and grateful for is God's answer to all of our prayers for new ranch parents. Howard and Karen Floyd are officially joining the ranch family staff November 1st. I recently did an interview with them to give you a glimpse and get to know them a bit. The following is a summary of what was asked and shared.

Todd: I would like to start by asking you to tell us a little bit about yourselves.

Howard and Karen: We met in our grade 12 year at Western Christian College in Weyburn. We dated on and off again over the next couple years before dating full time and getting married on October 9, 1989. At that time Howard was going through to be a teacher and Karen was taking a general secretary course.

We were living at Disley and one day Howard shared that he had always wanted to sell cars! This was the start of many years in the car industry working for Regina Mazda, McMillan Motor Products (Kipling) and Indian Head Chrysler working in sales then as service manager. Karen did a variety of jobs before taking a course to become an Addictions Counsellor. In 1995 our son Cody was born. He is now married to Shania and has two sons, Clyde and Hux. They live in Lynden, Alberta.

Todd: How did you folks first hear about the Broken Arrow Youth Ranch?

Howard and Karen: Back when Cody was 10 or 11 years old, we heard Todd speak and Karen was really excited about it and thought we should join that ministry; but then, Howard didn't think it was the right time financially. So we didn't. Then a few years later Howard attended a men's breakfast at Kenosee Lake and heard Todd share that their greatest need was ranch parents. Howard went home excited about that but at that time Karen was just settling into her role at Weyburn Addictions Services, and said she wasn't ready. Then in August of this year, we heard Todd speak again and we both felt a really strong calling to do this ministry.

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**Administrative
Director, Lara Moroz**

Philippians 4:6-7

The Message Translation
“Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.”

Prayer is still something I struggle with daily. I desire to believe God yet at times doubt creeps in whether or not He will listen and answer my prayers. I am so thankful that God isn’t done with me yet and He continues to teach me and stretch me every day.

Having ranch parents here is definitely an answer to prayer! We are so excited to be able to go forward and see what God has in store for this ministry. We are so thankful for each one of you who have continued to support us financially, and to those who have prayed and encouraged us as we waited and waited!

We also love having visitors here at the ranch and are thankful for all the volunteers.

Please make sure to let me know if your address has changed. Income tax receipts will be mailed out in February 2023.

God is good all the time! All the time God is good! *Lara*



National Truth & Reconciliation Day

Every Child Matters



Broken Arrow held its first Truth and Reconciliation Walk-Run this September 30th, remembering and honoring the lives of the children and families affected by residential school trauma. We had 15 participants ranging from 80 years to one-month old! Our eldest, was my dear mother, Margaret Popescul, with our youngest being our newest granddaughter, Finnley! September 30th is a day all of us are encouraged to wear orange. *“Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of **Every Child Matters**”* (www.Canada.ca). The orange t-shirt is worn to remember every child who did not return home. Hearing the stories of the many who attended residential schools is heart wrenching. Many of the children experienced severe trauma and abuse. One of my roles at the ranch is being an advocate and trainer for Plan to Protect. We have a moral and legal responsibility to ensure all levels of our organization are aware of the prevalence of abuse in society; and, to ensure we at Broken Arrow are doing everything possible to protect and prevent abuse from happening. The statistics of child abuse are staggering. One in 3 females and 1 in 6 males in Canada experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of 18. *“In all cases, 95% of abuse is at the hand of people whom are close to us – siblings, parents relatives, cousins”* (Melodie Bissell, Plan to Protect). I want to see these statistics change dramatically. I want to see abuse eradicated and rare - not a reality for so many of our children and teens. One of the great attributes of love is to protect. *Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres* (1 Cor. 13:7). The scriptures are clear we have been given the responsibility to love and protect children – all children – because **every child matters**.

Broken Arrow is committed to helping every child know they are loved and they matter. Our desire is to bring truth, reconciliation, and restoration through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Children are of great importance to Jesus.

He interacted with them and happily prayed for them. Some of Jesus’s disciples thought He was too important and too busy with greater matters, than to give His time and attention to the little children. But Jesus welcomed them! He said, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 19:14). Every child matters to God; and therefore, every child must matter to us.

As Program Director, I join the rest of our ministry team in being thankful for our new ranch parents, Howard and Karen. God has answered our prayers and provided! I am also thankful to be welcoming a new student into our program this November. We look forward to working with both him and his family; witnessing God’s amazing grace and transforming power of love.

Let us always remember and never forget: *every child matters.* *Gina Stewart*

Meet our Ranch Parents, Howard & Karen Floyd



(Continued from Page 1) We decided then to check it out and went to visit the ranch. We spent lots of time with Todd and Lara that weekend. Since then God has put doors and opened them where we didn't ever know there should be doors. Our house sold within a few days of being listed! **Todd:** We've been praying for over two years now that God would call a couple...this is not a job or position...it is a calling. Tell us a bit about how you came to discover that this is God's call upon your life for this season? **Howard and Karen:** We guess in some ways we've been a little bit like Jonah because God reached out to us several years ago, then He reached out again and this third time! We thought "We're being asked by God to do this a third time - we need to sit up and pay attention." We prayed about it quite a bit. Our trust in God has never been so strong; we really have no idea what it is going to be like or what to expect, but we're just giving it to God and allowing it to happen. **Todd:** What are some of your dreams and hopes as you embark on this adventure? **Howard and Karen:** We hope that we can find ways

to relate to the students and them to us. We have had very different family lives growing up; but I think the two of us complement each other because of it. We want to be able to provide a healthy and safe environment for each student that comes so they can feel a weight has been lifted.

Todd: We always explain to people that Broken Arrow is simply one big family walking alongside of other families. How do you view that idea as you step into this role? **Howard and Karen:** How we picture this is when you are coming on to the ranch at the top of the hill where the sign is, it's like looking at the front door of this house called Broken Arrow and as you come to the different buildings and parts of the ranch it's like entering different rooms that are all part of the same house. We don't see a bunch of individual dwellings rather it's all one home that we are living in and sharing. That makes us all unified. God is the head and we are His vessels.

Todd: Is there something that you would like to say to the greater Broken Arrow family as you become part of this family? **Howard and Karen:** It is very humbling that people have been praying for this...for us! We feel enclosed like where you are in the middle of a circle, everyone arm in arm embracing us, then we get to step back and become part of the circle. We feel we're entering at a time where a lot has already been done, fields have been prepared and seeds planted. We think we are arriving at a time where we can help nurture some of those seeds and prepare for another harvest.

Todd: Karen and Howard, we are delighted that you have listened to and obeyed God's call on your lives! Welcome to the Broken Arrow family!

In closing, I encourage you all to plan a visit soon to Broken Arrow Youth Ranch to meet this amazing couple, our new student(s), and get reacquainted with the rest of the gang! Thank you Lord for the great things you have done and all You will do in the days ahead! Sincerely in Christ, *Todd Moroz*



It is amazing how this program fits so well with the philosophy of ministry at Broken Arrow. Seeds are planted in faith that God will send the rains in due season and a bountiful harvest will follow. In the meantime much care, effort and cost is put into preparing the soil, dealing with weeds and pests/bugs that threaten to harm or deter the growth of the plants. How true is this for our own lives and the lives of those we seek to minister to?! We are beyond thankful to the faithful farmers who have joined with us in this miraculous process; trusting God for their harvest and committing in advance through faith to share that with this ministry which also in faith trusts for a bountiful spiritual harvest in families. We are so grateful to Highland Valley Farms (Limerick), Mackenzie Farms (North Portal), Petruic Farms (Avonlea) and Lievvaart Farms (Outram) as well as to Canterra Seeds and to all who have contributed so generously through trucking, feed donations, bins, etc. You are truly a blessing! We hope you will consider partnering with us again next year. If you are farmer who would like to become involved in planting & harvesting Bushels for Broken Arrow in 2023, we invite you to join us as you consider your crop rotations for 2023. Contact us today and speak with Todd.

Bushels for Broken Arrow

A Message from our Board of Directors



Mark Elford, Board Chair

There is something about the autumn season that is very satisfying to the farming and ranching families. Through harvest the various crops, such as hay, wheat, barley, canola and many others crops are brought in; and marketing of those crops begins. Also, the cattle are gathered, sorted, and processed for winter, and market cattle are sold. Gardens are harvested and brought in, and the produce is put up for the needs of the families that worked to produce that food.

Thoughts of harvest remind me that Jesus will return one day to claim those who believe in Him. It will be His harvest. Those who believe in Him, and have made Him Lord of their life will be sorted out and will spend eternity with Him.

The Board of Broken Arrow has a desire that the team at Broken Arrow will influence all of the young people and that they will come to know Jesus, and make Him Lord of their Life. The Board is very happy that Howard and Karen have chosen to be part of the Broken Arrow team as Ranch Parents. May God Bless the work of their hands!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Elford

RANCH WISH LIST

- 4x4 Truck
- Good Used Hockey Skates for students and adults

COMING EVENTS

**Broken Arrow AGM
Sunday, November 20
In the Renewal Center
Meeting - 4pm with
Supper to follow.
All are welcome.**



If you know a family in need of life transforming change, please have them call our Main Office (306) 266-2032.

If you would like to Sponsor a Student or become a financial partner in ministry, we invite you to join us! Visit our website or call and speak to Lara.

Building Project in Progress



The saying that *many hands make light work* really could not apply with all this heavy iron!! The building project surrounding our Renewal Centre and completion of the fire escapes to meet building code specifications is underway. Many friends, neighbors and heavy equipment operators were needed to move the enormous steel frame. Thanks to each one of you who showed up to build footings, weld, install pilings, construct beams and storage shed, and to get deck boards screwed down. Much work is still needed to complete the project. We welcome any and all who are willing and able to come help!



“Run the Ranch” – Open 5K June 8-9, 2023

Calling all trail and cross-country enthusiasts! We will be hosting an open 5K run as a major fundraising event this coming June. In conjunction with this running event, we will have Tarrant & Celeste Cross Child share their inspiring message of hope and inspiration through the sport of running. Please plan to join us! If you would like more Information on how you can be a sponsor or participate in this event please contact us. We have three beautifully marked trails 3K, 4K and 5K distances. We invite walkers, runners and outdoor enthusiasts to come “Run the Ranch.”

Thank you for partnering with us helping families heal and grow.