

# Broken Arrow Youth Ranch

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

## Harvest 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Message from our Administrative Director, Lara Moroz

*"But now, O Jacob, listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, 'Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.'" Isaiah 43:1-3*

I so love God's Word and how it speaks to us at all times. This is a passage that has been on my heart these past few weeks. We have been watching **The Chosen** with our students and one episode tied in this passage. I am so encouraged that God is always with us and loves us and it is my desire that our students would know this.

It has been a very busy year. Sometimes I reflect back and wonder what we have been doing since the days often blend in together. We continue to do fundraising and going out to different churches. In April we had our hockey event fundraiser in Estevan and in June we had the Run the Ranch here at Broken Arrow. We also had a raffle in the spring. We continue to have our Bushels



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, TODD MOROZ

Once again we find ourselves at the time of Thanksgiving, harvest and fall supper gatherings. In the book of James we are reminded:

**"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like the shifting shadows."**

This year we have so much to be thankful for at Broken Arrow. It has been a year now that our ranch parents, Howard and Karen Floyd have been with us. They have proven to be an amazing addition to the Broken Arrow Family! We are also grateful for the students and their families whom we've ministered to over these past months. Each one is so precious to our Lord and we've come to care for all of them deeply. We pray and trust that the seeds sown while with us will grow and flourish in the days ahead.

I am so grateful for our staff and volunteers including our board who have sacrificially given of themselves and their time to serve this ministry.

Finally, I am so grateful to God for each and every one of you reading this newsletter and to all our extended Broken Arrow Family! You have supported and partnered with us in so many ways generously and sacrificially. Some of you have come to visit us at Broken Arrow; we love those times and.

we are blessed and encouraged each time. We also know that visitors' hearts have been blessed through interacting with our students and staff. Please prayerfully consider our grandparents role or even our respite care role. As God leads, take that step of faith, reach out and call and we will tell you how you can get involved. I also want to extend a personal invitation to all of you to attend our Bethlehem Live event December 15th and 16th. At this time of thanksgiving may we all remember where every good gift comes from and that our God is good all the time!

In Christ, *Todd Moroz*



*In loving memory of Bud*

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for Broken Arrow Project with five loyal farms participating again this year. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful supporters. Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement and financial support.

Our garden was average this year. For some reason our carrots did not grow at all even though we planted them twice. We had an abundance of beans, corn and peas and our students learned how to process and can vegetables. We were able to pick many saskatoons and we had tons of chokecherries. We had so many chokecherries that I had to ask Howard to stop picking them since we ran out of freezer room. When you visit don't forget to remind us to give you some choke-cherry jelly!

Please get hold of me if your address changes. The best way to do this is by email at [brokenarrowyouthranch@gmail.com](mailto:brokenarrowyouthranch@gmail.com).

Sometimes the phone messages get erased or misplaced! We welcome visitors and help around the place. Our former student, Judah spent 3 weeks with us in January and February to help out as Todd and I went to South Africa for our daughter's wedding. We were thankful to have our new friend Katie join us for about 10 days. She stayed in the care home and helped us as needed and both her, our students and the staff were blessed as we interacted. We are also thankful for the guys who came the May long weekend to finish the kitchen countertop and to work on the big deck. Many hands make light work??

God is good and we are so blessed. *Lara*

## Horsemanship with Cal & Jill Jackson

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This past summer and fall spent with Broken Arrow Youth Ranch participants has been another truly amazing time. We have had the privilege of working with four young ladies, each possessing a great desire to learn, as well as a sincere love of horses. **What a joy to instruct such good, respectful listeners and hard workers!** We can see great progress in horsemanship skills – both on ground and in the saddle – as well as with teamwork and personal growth. The students all deserve an A+!

It is surely in God's plan that the girls are at Broken Arrow. Their time spent in the program is not a series of stepping stones back to former lives. Rather, it is a journey toward the best version of themselves, which will lead to energized, empowered new lives in the Lord's care. Praise God! Sincerely, *Cal and Jill*

### A friend loves at all times... Proverbs 17:17



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# Our Ranch House Parents Howard & Karen

## Reflect on the year...

As we reflect back on this year all we can say is, "Wow what a year!" Our first year here has been a good one filled with many different experiences. We have had many people come to the ranch to host, which we just love to do. There is never a dull moment here; always something to accomplish and to keep busy. Sometimes it has been a challenge with some of the students, which is to be expected, but we are learning and growing and keeping our focus on God in how to guide and direct them. There have been many positive moments through this year as well. We have been able to be a part of the community helping out in doing different activities and getting to know each other. We are building bridges such as hosting a youth event on the September long weekend. So many people came; parents, friends, teens, kids joined in and had a lot of fun. It was so great!

The students did awesome! Getting to know the students has been great. One student decided to become a Christian which was a blessing. The students have helped out with doing different

activities around the ranch as well as helping out some neighbors in the community. We have formed deep relationships with a couple of people while ministering here. We have been blessed. We are so thankful to God that he has given us this opportunity to serve here at Broken Arrow. We are better people because of it. It was and still has been a great move for us. God continues to bless us richly with putting people in our path to learn and to grow spiritually. The Broken Arrow family is just that, a family. We are truly blessed to become a part of the family here.

*Howard and Karen*



Emily returns home - surrounded and blessed with love!

## Back to School Bash a Blast

On September 3rd we hosted a Back to School Bash at Broken Arrow. We had about 70 kids and youth and 30 adults spend the afternoon with us. There was a large slip and slide that was much appreciated in the really hot weather. Out in the coulees we had paintball and man tracker. We even had three riders on horses to track down the kids. We finished the day off with a hotdog roast, devotional and some games of beach volleyball. It was somewhat organized chaos and lots of fun! **Thank you to Prairie Storm Paintball from Moose Jaw for letting us use their equipment!**



Man-Trackers: Les Keller, Jimmy Orr, Wade Popskul (L-R)

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## COMING EVENTS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MTG

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
4pm at the Ranch. Supper  
to follow. Everyone  
welcome!

### BETHLEHEM LIVE

Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and  
Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Two nights of performances!

### LOOKING FOR A GREAT GIFT GIVING IDEA THIS CHRISTMAS?

We are making 2024 Wall  
Calendars and selling for  
\$25 each. Please contact  
Lara to get your order in.

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## A Message from our Board of Directors



In southern Saskatchewan we definitely experience four seasons. I enjoy each of these seasons. Lately I have heard people exclaim that fall/autumn is their favourite time of year. And I understand that the fall colours that nature provides are fantastic, and I enjoy them very much.

And so just like the seasons change, things we do change as well. My season for board involvement at Broken Arrow is coming to a close. I would have to say that it has been a pleasure to serve and be a part of this ministry. I have enjoyed the interaction with my fellow directors, and I know that this group of people will bring their best to the board table. The board as a whole rely on God in their daily lives, and are a prayer-

ful group. They donate their time, expertise, and their resources as they can for the betterment of young people. It has been a pleasure as board chair to work closely with Todd. What a blessing to have Todd as CEO. Todd's immediate "go to" when faced with a difficult situation is to ask for God's intervention. I will certainly remain involved at Broken Arrow in a different capacity, but I would like to ask each of you to pray for Broken Arrow and the staff daily. This fall Broken Arrow has three girls on site. Each one is very unique, I have had the pleasure to begin to know them. These three are just a small sample of the need that exists. Broken Arrow needs your help financially. One of Todd's smart goals as CEO is to have 500 people that can donate 25 dollars each month. Can you be a partner? Once again it has been a pleasure to be a part of this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark E. Elford*



Broken Arrow hosted its first **Run the Ranch** cross-country event this summer in our beautiful rolling hills! We received much positive and encouraging feedback on the day! We were thankful to have families from across the province participate with their entire families. It was great to see old friends and meet new friends of the ministry. We had many first time attendees to Broken Arrow. Mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, and grandparents and grandchildren participated!! It was a great event focused on family, fitness and fun. Our staff and students worked hard to prepare for this event!! A BIG thanks goes out to the Prairie Run Crew, Tarrant and Celest Cross Child from Saskatoon for bringing their crew to help. Thank you Tarrant and Celeste for gifting many pairs of New Balance running shoes to participants and volunteers! Thank you to all our sponsors, with special mention of our major sponsor CJ-CSM Inspection. A big thanks to our friends who came out to play live music and entertain us throughout the afternoon. A huge thank you to each one of our volunteers who helped out in so many ways! We appreciated each one of you – and thank you!

My favorite comments from the runners: "There really are mountains in Wood Mountain!" "Thank you for having walk-ons. So often running events do not allow this -and end up turning many away who have not registered ahead of time – it was so great to see everyone able to participate."

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us next summer as plans are underway for our second Run the Ranch event: Saturday, June 22, 2024! **Registration is now open through [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com).** You can also find more information on our Facebook and Instagram Page. Hope to see you on the trail in 2024! *Gina Stewart*