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Meanwhile... Back at the Ranch

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Pray

Spiritual warfare is real. Our most pressing need is for friends to pray regularly, specifically, fervently.

Houseparents

We have a couple in Canada whom we would love to have in Christopher House. Please pray that their visa application will be approved.

Students

Children often struggle with their feelings and fears. Pray that every student at the Ranch will know they are loved by God and will completely yield themselves to Christ.

Staff

This ministry is exhilarating and exhausting at the same time. Pray that staff will be renewed day by day.

Refer

Do you know a

- Grandparent raising her grandkids?
- Struggling adoptive family?
- Single mom barely getting by?
- Child suffering because of a parent's illness or addiction?

If we can't help, we'll do our best to find someone who can.

5 key admissions criteria:

- Problem at home not child's fault
- Age 6 to 17 at time of admission
- Able to learn (IQ 80 or above)
- Not a threat (not violent, predatory)
- Willing to come

Scholarships available. Contact us at

865-429-0372
wvr.org/refer
admissions@wvr.org

Give

Wears Valley Ranch incurs no debt and accepts no government support. Your gifts make this ministry possible.

Thank you to those who so faithfully underwrite the Ranch! God bless you!

Last year, the Ranch posted a sizeable net loss. We are seeking to be good stewards, cutting expenses where possible. Thankfully, we began the year with some cash reserves. God has never failed to meet our needs, but he always does it through friends like you.

If you have not given recently, we would be greatly encouraged to hear from you.

You can give online at www.wvr.org or by mail at 100 One Fine Place, Sevierville TN 37862



Wood Shavings

A Place of Miracles

We often hear this Ranch referred to as a place of miracles, and it is true. God has answered so many prayers across the years in ways that only He could—from the earliest provision of the land and donation of the buildings, to the amazing team of people God has brought to nurture and train these children who are loved by God. Watching God change lives is exciting. This is a place of miracles! But the miracles are not just happening here.

Even as God “brings people here” to be part of our team, God “keeps people there” to play vital roles as well. Adrian Saxon has a vital ministry serving families in inner city Atlanta. She ministers faithfully to those who need Jesus. She also recognizes certain children who have great potential and would benefit from a fresh start. In recent years she has referred several students to St. Andrew’s School at Wears Valley Ranch. Three of them are currently thriving here. One of them recently submitted a prayer request that read in part, “Please pray for me, my family, my brother...getting healed from getting shot...the persecuted church and that I can be more like Christ and do what he calls me to do with an obedient heart.” We need more friends like Adrian who will help hurting families connect with this place where miracles happen.

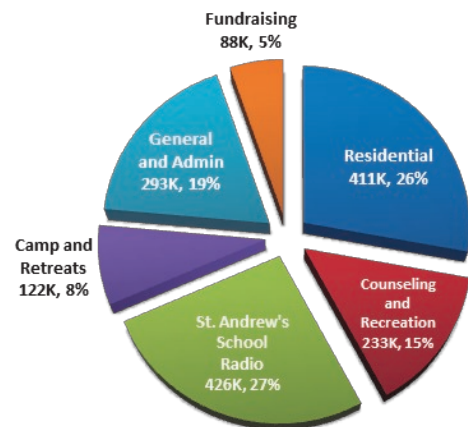
Many of you are part of the miracle through your prayers and generous gifts. From the start we have depended on the faithful prayers of God’s people. Several hundred friends have told us they are committed to praying for us every day! That explains the miracles; God answers prayer! If you are not in a position to help us financially you can certainly help us in prayer. Please pray for our students and staff as we depend upon God to do what only He can, providing the resources, healing deep wounds and changing lives with His love and power. And let us know that you are praying, it will encourage my heart!

And for those who are not called to come and work here, would you please help those who are? Every gift is significant. We need as many of you as are able to step up and help us. Some of our former donors have graduated to heaven. Many others are now retired and on a reduced income. Whatever you are able to send will help. This really is a place of miracles, and all who pray and all who give are a part of the miracle too!

Camp Arrowwood—There’s still time to sign up!

We are gearing up for 5 exciting weeks of camp beginning June 28. Camp Arrowwood is open to campers between the ages of 8-14. There are still a few spots open. Sign up your son or daughter, grandchild or neighbor at www.thebestcamp.com.

2014 Annual Report—Stewardship and Accountability



	2014	2013
Operating Income	\$ 1,455,618	\$ 1,547,631
Operating Expenses, net of depreciation	(1,572,883)	(1,511,967)
Net operating income (loss)	\$ (117,265)	\$ 35,664

The Ranch accepts no government funds, incurs no debt and has been an accredited member of ECFA since 2001. Audited financial statements are available upon request.



Operating costs are shown in thousands of dollars, net of depreciation expense.

Residential Program

Provides Christ-centered family-like setting for children from difficult situations. Loving houseparents and mentors serve as role models and teach skills needed for true success in life.

“Living in Oak Rise is pretty fun. I love the houseparents, Mr. Mike and Mrs. Barb. They are really awesome people. They take their time and are really patient with us guys. That’s what I really love.” — Brandon

The Residential Program served 34 student in 2014; four made first time professions of faith in Christ.



Saint Andrew’s School

Provides K-12 accredited, tutorial education for children in the Residential Program. Students are tutored one-on-one, using carefully chosen curriculum, giving them every chance for success.

“The one-on-one work with my teachers and the great support from my houseparents has really helped me. What I like best about Saint Andrew’s School is how I don’t feel pressured to get EVERYTHING done...” - Phoebe, age 13

Abiding in Christ

Broadcast Ministry of Jim Wood

Daily Bible teaching and current events show, broadcast nationwide via XM/Sirius satellite radio and in over 40 countries via the Internet. Listen on channel 131 at 8:30PM EST or online at wvr.org/teaching

Counseling and Recreation

Master’s level counselors provide Biblical counseling to children, parents, and staff, hoping to see every one inspired to follow Christ, healed from the past, and equipped to reach their full potential.

Horseback riding, climbing wall and ropes course, archery, swimming, hiking, and traditional sports are used to encourage fitness, overcome fear, and coach students in conflict resolution.



Camp Arrowwood and Retreats

Camp Arrowwood provides a Christ-centered week-long adventure camp for children from all walks of life. In 2014, 240 campers climbed, zipped, tubed, swam, sang, and had the time of their lives. Nine of those campers made first-time professions of faith in Christ!

Over 400 retreat and volunteer participants joined us for worship, work, and play in 2014. Many of their lives have been changed. One couple chose to adopt as a result of their time at the Ranch.