



Wildwood Hills Ranch Provides Opportunities for Disadvantaged Kids

Wildwood Hills Ranch exists to transform lives and strengthen communities by providing healing, hope, and God's unconditional love to children and youth at-risk.

"It is better to build strong children than repair broken men." – Frederick Douglass

The 400-acre, beautiful facilities of Wildwood Hills Ranch in St. Charles, Iowa provide the backdrop for the mission of providing life-changing opportunities and camp programs for at-risk and disadvantaged children in Iowa. A non-profit organization, it provides summer camps for these children, ages 8 - 16. At Wildwood Hills they get the opportunity to ride horses, fish, swim, and engage in leadership and Christian workshops.

Founded in 2001, kids from across the state are offered hope and love while being challenged to grow into leaders and people of integrity who contribute to the communities in which they live.

WHR collaborates with organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs and Hope Ministries, as well as the Department of Human Services and local schools, to identify and assist the hundreds of at-risk children we serve. Financial supporters include individuals, businesses, and foundations such as Variety the Children's Charity, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, Roy J. Carver Foundation, and others.

Our goal is to implant and nurture Iowa identity, Iowa dreams and Iowa opportunities for thousands of Iowa youth.

Why it matters

Last year, Iowa's Department of Human Services reported more than 23,000 cases of child abuse. With increasing trends in childhood poverty, abuse and neglect, it is imperative that we continue to reach out and touch the lives of these children.

We recognize the need to offer them hope and we can make a difference. Wildwood Hills Ranch is focused on building strong and principled young people who, in the future, will have a positive impact on Iowa's communities.

How you can make a difference

Wildwood Hills Ranch needs your help to offer Iowa's at-risk and underprivileged children the hope they so desperately need. Here are some of the ways you can make a positive impact:

- Sponsor children. Either as an individual or through your business – or both.
- Designate your United Way or Variety The Children's Charity donation to Wildwood Hills Ranch.
- Volunteer. Work with the kids or behind the scenes ... year-round.
- Allow us to place a donation box at your business or speak at your next service organization meeting.
- Hold your next meeting, conference, retreat, company picnic or party at the Ranch.
- Provide "In-Kind" donations. See our Web site or contact the Ranch for our needs and wish list.

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