

connection AND restoration

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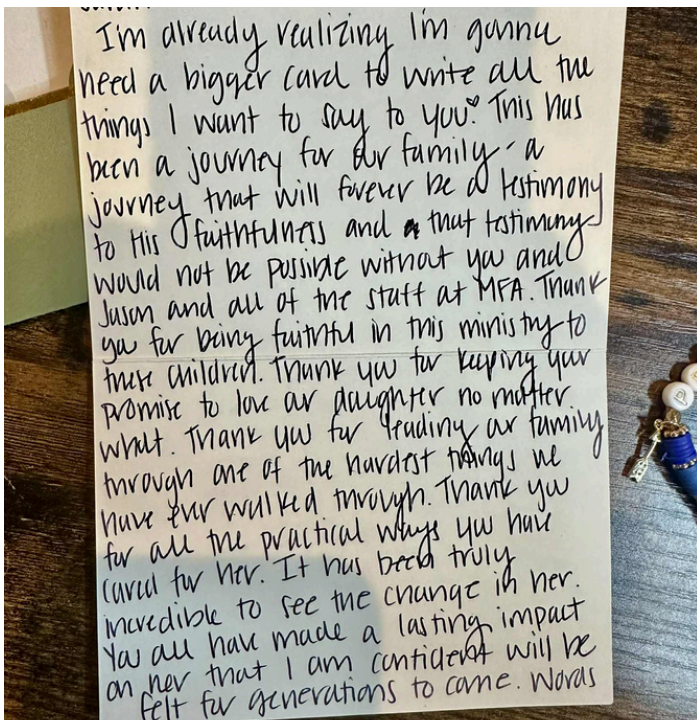
Grateful Beyond Words

It's always a blessing when we receive kind words from the parents of the children we serve. These testimonies remind us why we do what we do.

But let's be clear—this work isn't done alone. Every life touched, every need met, and every moment of healing happens because the Lord is leading the way.

We're beyond thankful for our incredible team, our generous donors, and the community that surrounds us with prayer and support.

This testimony isn't just a thank-you to our staff... it's a thank-you to you. To everyone who gives, prays, shares, and stands with us—you're part of this story too.



Teeth & Hooves....Everyday Life Skills!



This month at the children's home, we tackled hygiene head-on—both human and horse! Our kids bravely faced the dentist's chair, learning the fine art of brushing, flossing, and pretending not to gag during fluoride treatments. We emphasized that a healthy smile opens doors—and keeps cavities from setting up camp.



Then, out at the ranch, they met with Mr. Waylon Stuckey, a farrier, and discovered that horses need hygiene too! Cleaning hooves, checking for stones, and learning proper care reminded them that even four-legged friends need regular maintenance. The kids were amazed at the connection: good hygiene means a healthier, happier life—no matter how many legs you have.

At our home, life skills come with laughter, learning, and the occasional horseshoe!



And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3:17

Strengthening the Body & Healing the Brain

At My Father's Arrows, our children have been participating in weekly sessions with Special Strong, and the impact has been incredible to witness.

Through intentional movement, balance work, and functional exercises, Special Strong helps support neuroplasticity — the brain's ability to heal, grow, and adapt. These sessions improve motor skills, build confidence, reduce anxiety, and help children process emotions in a healthy way.



FUN in the SUN

water day



swimming



animal loves



1



berry picking

2



horseback riding

3

4



the zoo

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Thanks to the generous donations of our partners, we are able to fund educational field trips and excellent outings to cool off as the days heat up. It's such a blessing!

When the World Feels Off-Kilter

As summer settles in, many families are feeling the shift. The structure of the school year has vanished, and suddenly the house is filled with mismatched schedules, overflowing laundry, snack wrappers in strange places, and the familiar chorus of “There’s nothing to do!” The rhythm we’ve relied on is gone, and everything feels just a little... off. When the routine goes, so does the sense of control, and it’s easy to feel like the whole household is spinning out of sync.



At the same time, the world outside our front doors seems even more chaotic. News reports bombard us with stories of war, violence, hatred, and heartbreak. There’s tension in communities, division among nations, and suffering across the globe. The weight of it all can feel crushing. You’re not alone if you’ve felt anxious, angry, or just plain weary.

But in the midst of the mess—whether it’s in your living room or on the evening news—there is one unshakable truth: God is still on the throne.

*The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.
—Psalm 103:19 (KJV)*

He hasn’t gone anywhere. He’s not surprised or overwhelmed. He is sovereign, seated, and steady.

So when life feels wobbly, remember where your foundation lies. Turn off the noise, hug your kids a little tighter, and choose peace even in the pandemonium. Embrace the gift of unscheduled moments, and rest in the presence of a God who never changes.

Balance may not come from perfect routines or a peaceful world—but it is always found in the unwavering reign of the One who rules over all.

Sarah Ellis
Executive Director
My Father’s Arrows



Saddle Up!

At My Father’s Arrows, horseback riding isn’t just an activity — it’s a tool for healing, growth, and connection.

Many of the children we serve have faced hard things. Horses have a way of meeting them right where they are.

They teach patience, build trust, and help kids grow in confidence — all while providing a calming, therapeutic experience that speaks louder than words ever could.



IMMEDIATE NEEDS



You can help with the most pressing needs at MFA. Shop using this helpful list of daily needs. Then drop off or ship the items to our location.

- Bleach
- White Vinegar
- Tylenol
- Cooking Oil
- Cr. of Mushroom
- Baking Soda
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toilet Paper
- Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels
- AA & AAA Batteries



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WAYS TO GIVE

Did you know that you can make MFA a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, or 401K policy? In addition, you can assist with:

- Financial Donations
- Everyday Needs
- Vehicle Program
- Wills, Estates, & Planned Gifts



<https://myfathersarrows.org/get-involved/>

STAFF NEEDS

A good team of staff members is critical to continuing the ministry at MFA and giving children the stability and security they need to thrive. **We currently have openings for kitchen volunteers and direct care staff for evenings and weekends for the boys program.**

Please contact us via email at info@myfathersarrows.org or call us at (850) 675-4403 for our most recent openings.

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Let's Celebrate!

Join us in praying over this child on her birthday, that God would be real to her and that she would find peace, hope, and their future in Him.



Rose
13
July 2nd



Dahlia
11
July 3rd



Joseph
11
July 7th



Joseph
18
July 13th



James
7
July 21st



Everest
13
July 23rd

BLESS A CHILD ON THEIR BIRTHDAY

Join our Birthday team and sponsor a child's birthday with a \$25 donation. This donation makes it possible for us to take a child on an individual shopping trip and invest not only in a special gift, but also in them as an individual.

GIVE ONLINE!
Just point your phone's camera here:

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GIFTS IN MEMORY OF A SPECIAL MOTHER

Ann Schreckenghost
(by Valerie Graham)

Pearl Standifer
(by Bobby Standifer)

Phyllis & Ruby
(by Leatha Arnold)

Mary Frances Hendricks
(by Nancy Padgett)

Eliza Pace Spurlock
(by Jenny Lou Spurlock)

Joan Shantz
(by Cathy Shantz Hammond)

Our mothers
(by VFW of the USA,
John O Connor Post #4833)

Martha
(by Kathy Mast)

Marjorie Belanger
(by David and Vickie West)



IN ORDER TO TRUST THE LORD AS YOUR SHEPHERD, YOU MUST KNOW HIM AS YOUR SAVIOR.

Do you know Him?

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

ROMANS 10:9-10

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

