

# connection AND restoration

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## A Night to Remember in the Barn

The barn was full, the music was live, and the night belonged to the children.

Our Spring Opry Night brought together 11 generous sponsors, faithful donors, and a community that **showed up ready to make a difference — and together, you did!** We set a goal of \$15,000 and you exceeded that goal by giving \$17,000 for the children

Our boys and girls served as the evening's waitstaff, moving through the room with pride and purpose. They also took the stage to lead worship and share testimony — **their own words, their own stories.**

For children who have known fear and uncertainty, standing before a room full of people and speaking hope is no small thing. **It is evidence of healing in action.**

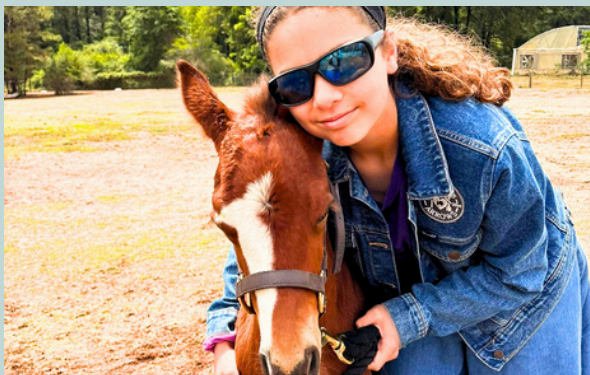


of My Father's Arrows. That doesn't happen without you.

Free Mercy, the gospel group that has become a beloved part of our MFA family, led the evening with music that stirred hearts and set the tone for something truly special. But the moment that stood out most wasn't on the stage — it was the children themselves.

To our 11 sponsors and every donor who joined us that night — thank you.

If our Spring Opry Night stirred something in you, mark your calendar now. The inaugural Harvest Rodeo Fest is October 2nd and 3rd right here at My Father's Arrows. Then on November 14th, join us for our Fall Opry Night. Two events, one mission!



## New Life on the Ranch

There is something that happens when a child who has known chaos learns to stand quietly beside a 100 pound foal and earn its trust. It cannot be manufactured. **It can only be grown— slowly and patiently.**

This spring, our ranch, Double E Heritage Ranch, has grown by three registered American Quarter Horse fillies. These beautiful foals are being gentled and halter trained by our staff with the help of the children. It's a patient, repetitive, gentle work that is so special to experience as trust and communication is built between the baby horse and the handler.

**Beyond the therapeutic aspects of horse barn, the ranch program carries real weight.** Double E Heritage Ranch generates revenue that flows directly into supporting the children of My Father's Arrows— **making these three foals not just a joy to raise, but a meaningful part of how we sustain this ministry.**

For information about purchasing these foals, please contact us 850-675-4403.

## Afternoon Ride

**Sometimes the best therapy doesn't look like therapy at all.**

With freshly repaired bikes and a free afternoon, our girls and staff hit the dirt roads and open air for a ride through the property. The pine trees, the blue sky, and zero agenda made for the kind of afternoon that fills a person up.

And then there was the staff member who decided one bike was enough for two — thumbs up from her passenger confirmed it was a very good idea. **These are the moments that don't make it onto a checklist but make all the difference in the world.** For girls who are learning to feel safe, an afternoon of laughter on two wheels is anything but small.

# When the Ground Shifts, the Small Things Hold

As I sit down to write this month's note, I find myself reflecting on how often **God reminds us that joy and hardship can exist side by side.** Yet even in uncertain seasons, He continues to prove Himself faithful again and again. One of the most beautiful things about serving God is that **even in the difficult times, He never stops moving.**

Miracles happen here quietly every day. A child learning to trust again. A heart softening. Joy reappearing. **No matter what the world looks like around us, we remain confident that God is still building something beautiful here** — every smile, every testimony, every child learning responsibility and hope again is evidence that healing is happening.

Like many ministries and families, we have had to pray harder, trust deeper, and walk by faith more intentionally than ever before. But that is exactly where God wants His people — **to a place where we recognize that He alone is our source.** Scripture reminds us in *Galatians 6:9*, "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*" That verse has lived deeply in my heart lately. Every need met, every child healing, every open door is **evidence that God still provides manna in the wilderness.**

**To every donor, supporter, volunteer, and prayer warrior — thank you.** Your generosity does more than provide meals and opportunities. **It helps children encounter safety, stability, love, and ultimately the faithfulness of God.**

We continue planting seeds. We continue believing for miracles. And we continue watching God do what only He can do.

Blessings,  
*Sarah Ellis*  
Executive Director  
My Father's Arrows





## God is Always Faithful

There is no doubt that families everywhere are feeling the weight of this economy. Grocery prices keep climbing, fuel costs fluctuate, and many are simply trying to stretch what they have further. **We understand — because we are feeling it too.**

The needs of the children do not stop when the economy gets hard. The lights still have to stay on, the pantry still has to be filled, and vehicles still have to be fueled to get children to appointments, church, school activities, and family visits. **But even in difficult seasons, the Lord has always been faithful** — providing through finances, donated supplies, volunteers, and the prayers of God's people. We are reminded continually that this ministry belongs to Him, and **these children belong to Him even more than they belong to us.**

We never want anyone to give out of pressure or guilt. If the Lord lays it on your heart to help carry some of the practical daily needs of these children, **we have included new ways to give directly toward groceries, utilities, and household needs on the bulletin in this newsletter.**

Thank you for loving these children and standing with us through every season.

*"Yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." — Psalm 37:25*



### FRESH PICKED

There is something about picking your own food that makes it taste better.

Our boys and girls loaded up one morning and headed out to pick strawberries — and by all accounts, the berries were worth every minute. Sweet, fresh, and enjoyed thoroughly by kids and staff alike. Simple mornings like these are ones they won't forget.