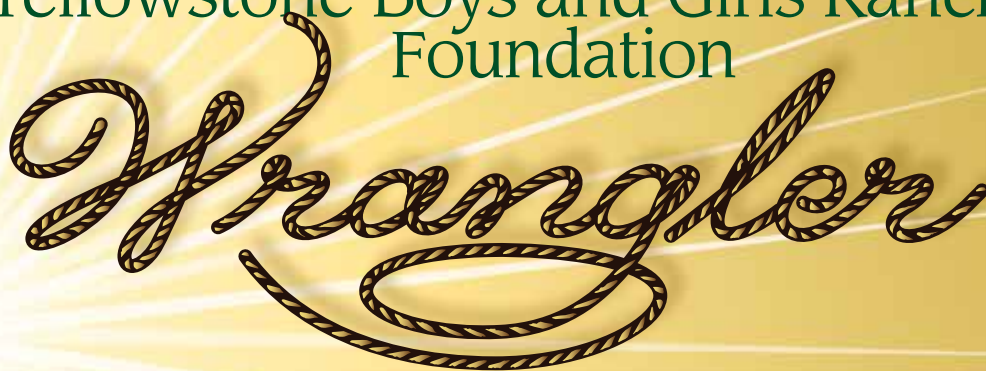




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Youth Finds True Self at YBGR

Brady's 11 months at Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch were truly a life-changing experience.

"I am very grateful for Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch," he said. "I probably wouldn't have been alive if it weren't for it."

The 17-year-old traveled to the 410-acre ranch in Montana from his home in Chicago.

"When I came here, I was a complete mess and had more things to work on than I like to admit," he said. "I had really low self-esteem and a negative perception of who I was as a person."

He and his family hoped staff at YBGR would help him with depression and bipolar disorder.

"One thing I had hidden from everybody for a while was that I also had a problem with drugs," he said. "But that secret lasted only a few months."

Once he opened up about his challenges, Brady said he began to focus on his treatment. This led to opportunities for him.

"During the summer, the kids in my lodge and I dedicated our time to bucking and stacking hay," he said. "From this, I learned how labor-intensive farm work is. At the end of the summer, we calculated that we stacked over two tons of hay!"

The value of good work was reinforced to Brady by advice from long-time Yellowstone supporters, Melvin and Kay Johnson.

Brady's adventures didn't stop there. He participated in hiking, fishing, swimming, and billiards, as well.

"All of this sounds like just fun and games, but there is therapeutic value to everything we do here," he said. "Once I started to become a more social person, I became more physically active, as well. I lost a much-needed 50 pounds from my daily activities, which helped me grow even more confident with myself."

Brady said he began to imagine what life could be like after YBGR.

"The guidance counselor at YBGR has helped me tremendously with my future," he said. "She helped me prepare for both my first and second ACT test, and also helped me decide which colleges to send my scores and apply to."

Now, back at home in Chicago, Brady plays the trumpet in his school's band and has joined the ceramics club. He graduates from high school in June and has aspirations to go to college.

No matter where he goes next in life, Brady said he'll keep YBGR with him.

"The real me took a lot of hard work and coaxing to come out of his shell, but my team and I accomplished it," he said.



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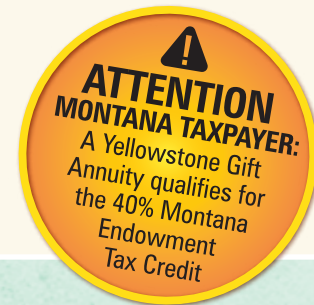
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Good Stewardship – Gift Annuities Provide Tax Benefits and Secure Income



Karen Chandler was raised on a ranch outside of Hysham and later in Billings. Growing up, she learned to be a good steward of the land and her resources. After a career serving children as a special education and vocational teacher, she came back to Billings and continued being a good steward of her resources by purchasing rental properties. Recently, she wanted to simplify her life and start selling her rentals. But a sale would have caused significant capital gain tax. She wanted a solution that would allow her to simplify her life without paying too much tax and provide her with steady income for the rest of her life.

So she called Yellowstone and we discussed a Yellowstone Gift Annuity. After selling a rental, she contributed some of the proceeds to Yellowstone Foundation. She received a charitable deduction and 40% Montana endowment tax credit to lessen her taxes, and annual payments for the rest of her life – most of which are income tax free.

When she passes away, the remaining funds will create a permanent endowment at Yellowstone Foundation. We couldn't be more thankful for her support of troubled children!

Give us a call at (406) 656-8772 if you would like to learn more about this win-win situation.

George Ballowe – Talented Man and Generous Heart

George passed away earlier this year at age 93. He started supporting Yellowstone's mission after learning about it in church in 1977. He had a beautiful, rich voice – gracing the members of his church and community for decades.

When I last saw him in his trailer home a couple of years ago, he wasn't able to sing anymore, or even get to the fishing streams he loved. His budget was very tight, but he still was giving \$30 each month to Yellowstone. Seeing that he could use another \$30 per month for his own needs, I suggested that he stop giving as he had done his part. He smiled and assured me that he was just fine and that Yellowstone's children needed the help more than he did! It was one of the most touching moments of my life.

May God bless you,
George. We'll miss you.

Yellowstone Foundation Gift Annuity Rates

Effective January 2012
(A \$10,000 Example)

Your Age*	Your Annual Rate of Return	Your Annual Income (mostly tax-free)	Your Charitable Deduction**
60	4.4%	\$440	\$2,582
61	4.4%	440	2,800
62	4.5%	450	2,858
63	4.5%	450	3,079
64	4.6%	460	3,151
65	4.7%	470	3,231
66	4.8%	480	3,323
67	4.8%	480	3,558
68	4.9%	490	3,664
69	5.0%	500	3,778
70	5.1%	510	3,901
71	5.3%	530	3,917
72	5.4%	540	4,059
73	5.5%	550	4,209
74	5.7%	570	4,263
75	5.8%	580	4,426
76	6.0%	600	4,501
77	6.2%	620	4,588
78	6.4%	640	4,685
79	6.6%	660	4,792
80	6.8%	680	4,908
81	7.0%	700	5,031
82	7.2%	720	5,162
83	7.4%	740	5,298
84	7.6%	760	5,438
85	7.8%	780	5,582
86	8.0%	800	5,729
87	8.2%	820	5,878
88	8.4%	840	6,028
89	8.7%	870	6,133
90+	9.0%	900	6,243

* Age at nearest birthdate ** Based on a 2% AFR; quarterly payments



YBGR Interim CEO Welcomed

The Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch board of directors is pleased to announce Kevin Miller as the interim chief executive officer of YBGR. On September 8, Miller replaced acting CEO Shawn Byrne, who has returned to his role of chief operating officer of Community Based Services. Miller will lead YBGR until a permanent CEO is hired.

"I'm looking forward to success we're going to share together," Miller said. "I know we're going to be successful. There's no other choice. That, to me, is exciting."

Miller has worked the gamut in health care organizations... from medical records and public relations to serving as the CEO for several organizations. But there's something about YBGR that is tugging at his heart strings.

"(It's the) honesty and directness of kids," Miller said. "I love it. It's very refreshing. That's why I hang around kids. They have no hidden agenda. There's no game playing. I really admire that and appreciate it."

Miller has worked 38 years in the health care industry. He retired in June 2015 as the President and CEO of Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System in Kansas. Previously, as part of the executive team of Cleveland Clinic Health System, Miller served as the president and CEO of ACHC Healthcare System and Ashtabula County Medical Center in Ohio. He also served as the president and CEO of Medical Center of Southern Indiana. Miller worked in senior-level management positions at Charter Medical Corporation, the nation's largest investor-owned behavioral healthcare provider, in addition to BroMenn Healthcare, Inc. and St. James Hospital in Illinois.

Miller said he is looking forward to being a part of an organization that keeps youth its priority.

"The mission of taking care of kids who desperately need our help is something that I am very proud to be associated with and something that I embrace," Miller said. "I can go home at night and feel really good that I'm a part of that team."

Miller is board-certified in health care management as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He holds a Master of Science in Health Services Administration from the College of St. Francis and a Bachelor of Science in Medical Records Administration from Illinois State University. He is a Registered Health Information Administrator.



WELCOME TO THE
YBGR FAMILY!



Kevin Miller

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JESSIE GRANT LODGE

Still Holds Special Memories for 26-year-old

Growing up in Colorado, Kristen knew her parents were working hard to provide for their two daughters.

"I didn't have a lot of family time. We didn't have family dinners together," Kristen said. "My mom would cook meals because she worked nights, so she would have them in the fridge and then my sister and I would just reheat them."

But as a young teen, Kristen began to stray from the path her family had intended for her. She was skipping school, using drugs, and drinking. Her parents knew they needed help.

Kristen spent time at three other facilities before being admitted to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch at the age of 16.

"I didn't want to be at another treatment facility, of course, but it was pretty refreshing when I arrived here," she said. "I actually was pretty happy when I first got to Jessie Grant (Lodge)."

Kristen was hoping for a home-like atmosphere when she arrived, and that's what she found.

"The facilities that I had been at before, they were large rooms basically with a bunch of bunk beds. And we would all walk in straight lines, we would wear uniforms, and you didn't really feel like an individual," she said. "So when I arrived here, I had my own bed. And the lodge was a lot smaller, which was really nice; more cozy. It felt so much more like a home. I actually felt like a human being here and that I mattered. It just felt more personal here."

Kristen returned to Jessie Grant Lodge 10 years after she first stepped foot onto the 410-acre ranch as a teenager. As she explored the building she used to call home, she recalled a room that held an especially happy memory for her.

"We would spend time in this extra room practicing our dances almost every day. And we loved it. We had so much fun."

Kristen said she formed a family-like bond with the other girls in the lodge.

"It was nice to have that family feel that I didn't really feel at home," she said. "One of my best memories, I would say, is the girls in my lodge sitting around the dinner table together and goofing around."

“I think I got a lot of my hard work ethic just from living at Jessie Grant. I think I got some of my drive.”



We were all really close, so it was really nice to have that family dinner."

Kyla Harper, a lodge program manager at Yellowstone, worked with Kristen while she was a counselor in Jessie Grant Lodge.

"I remember her always being a leader," Kyla said. "She was one of those you could trust."

Kristen admits she still had a rebellious streak. While at the Ranch, she ran away with a friend, thinking no one would care she had left.

"It was Kyla who found me," Kristen said. "I remember getting into the car with her, and she was crying, and she was like, 'Please don't ever do that to us again.' And I felt horrible. But it made me realize that the staff really care about the students here. They were searching for me like crazy."

Running away made an impact on Kristen's perception of her time at Yellowstone.

"That's when I really turned everything around, was after finding out that the people here are rooting for me," she said. "I came back, and I started following the rules."

"When she came back from running, I think that's when she realized, 'I'm going to do my treatment,'" Kyla said.

Kristen said she began taking her responsibilities at the Ranch more seriously.

"I think I got a lot of my hard work ethic just from living at Jessie Grant. I think I got some of my drive," she said. "We had cleaning duties. We had chores. I didn't know how to do laundry before I lived in Jessie Grant, so I learned how to do that. I didn't have a lot of chores back home, so I learned how to clean the floors, and I learned that it was important to make my bed, which I still do to this day. So certain things that I learned here I still have with me, which is really great."

Kristen, now 26, works as an assistant property manager for an apartment community in Colorado. She said she will continue to keep the memories of the people of Jessie Grant in her heart.

"Since living at YBGR, I have a much more positive outlook on life," she said. "I feel like my confidence level went up a lot after living here."

As Kristen continues to grow personally and professionally, Jessie Grant Lodge will continue to be the home of memories for hundreds of young people who come to the Ranch for life, hope, and opportunity.

Jessie Grant Lodge Repairs

YBGR is excited to share that once the repair work is completed to make Fortin Lodge a more homey and safe place to be, Jessie Grant Lodge will have its much needed repairs addressed. This lodge houses girls between the ages of 10-18.

Jessie Grant

- Locker purchase and installation..... \$3,600
- Flooring purchase and installation for bedrooms and commons area \$14,300
- Interior Painting \$4,810
- Exterior Painting..... \$4,850



Old lockers need replacing.



Walls are in desperate need of re-painting.



Damaged flooring needs replacing.





YBGR Back to School

The smell of a freshly sharpened pencil or the sound of opening a new textbook gets Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch students and staff eager for another school year.

"It's exciting that the kids are excited," said Jesse Harris, a program therapist who works at Yellowstone Academy through Community Based Services of YBGR. "They're really hopeful. They're fun. They have so much energy. It's fantastic."

Ten-year-old Michael, a fifth grade student at Yellowstone Academy in Billings, described his first day of school.

"So far, so good," he said.

About 30 youth from Billings and surrounding areas travel to YBGR's campus each day to participate in the Yellowstone Academy day school program, which is located on the ranch campus in Billings. In addition, the nearly 70 youth who live on campus also attend school at Yellowstone Academy.

But YBGR doesn't just help kids at the Ranch. Staff members impact up to 650 youth daily at both the psychiatric residential treatment facility in Billings and throughout the state through YBGR's Community Based Services program. Schools in Billings, Dillon, Laurel, Lewistown, Livingston, Roundup, and Shepherd have YBGR teams which provide individual, group, and family therapy to students with emotional disturbances. The teams, which consist of a therapist and a behavior specialist, help school staff with students throughout the school day and are available to provide therapeutic crisis de-escalation. This year, YBGR has added five new teams within Billings School District Two, which brings the total to 34 teams helping kids in need throughout Montana.

New Schools Impacted by YBGR

Sandstone Elementary
Riverside Middle School
Big Sky Elementary
Highland Elementary
Rose Park Elementary





A youth looks for a favorite book in the Yellowstone Academy library.



Yellowstone Academy students learn about the calendar on the first day of school.



CTA employees filled the cardboard buses with school supplies.



Back to School Supplies

Due to the generosity of donors, Yellowstone Foundation was able to help the Ranch provide "Back to School Kits" for close to 100 students in Yellowstone Academy and the Lewistown Group Home for a second year.



Lunchtime Bible Study is Changing Kids' Lives

The Spiritual Life Program provides opportunities for youth to experience healing and forgiveness during their treatment at YBGR. Each Sunday, between 12-25 boys and 20-25 girls voluntarily attend chapel services. In partnership with the Young Life program, youth also have the opportunity to participate in small groups for study, fellowship, and mentoring.

For the past year, YBGR has offered a spiritual mentor program in which youth volunteer to be matched with an adult of similar religious background. Mentors spend time listening to the issues that are important to the youth and patiently help them find the answers to faith and life questions.

Recently, youth began gathering over a meal to study the Bible together. "The goal is to encourage youth to go deeper in their faith by encouraging regular reading of the Bible," said John Dailey, Spiritual Formation Director. The Bible study began with two girls and has since grown to more than 20 youth.

"Since the implementation of the Bible study, we have had one youth express interest in a baptism, two youth have begun memorizing scripture, and we have given nine Bibles to youth that did not have their own," Dailey said.

You can help make an eternal difference in the lives of YBGR's children by supporting the Spiritual Life Program in two very important ways.



A young boy enjoys reading the Bible and discussing his questions with a spiritual mentor.



Prayers:

YBGR youth and staff need your faithful prayers. In addition to the normal challenges of growing up, youth served by YBGR struggle with emotional disturbances. Many of the youth involved with YBGR programs are also poor and have suffered abuse and neglect. YBGR staff would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and patience in working with these youth, who really are "the least of these."

Financial Support:

The Spiritual Life Program is entirely supported by donations, as YBGR receives no government funding for it. Please thoughtfully consider supporting this program, which is changing lives every day, by offering a donation.

Franklin and Merle Robbie Chapel Repair Update

Because of the generous support of donors, the much needed exterior repairs to the chapel were completed. Those repairs included:

- Replacing damaged boards and siding
- Painting walls, door trims, extended soffits, beams and elevated gable ends

In addition, new lights were installed inside to provide brighter and warmer lighting.

Next on the list of repairs for the chapel is the replacement and installation of new carpeting. Total funds needed for this project is \$10,987.



Exterior and interior repairs to the chapel have restored it to like-new condition.

Memorial Listings

June 15, 2015 - September 15, 2015

A special word of thanks to all donors listed below who support Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation through their memorial gifts.

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OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Lucky's Market Impact Day for YBGR

Lucky's Market donated 10% of its sales, totaling \$3,700, to YBGR's Community Based Services program during its Impact Day! Funds will be used to help youth experience social outings aimed at developing healthy behaviors and relationships.

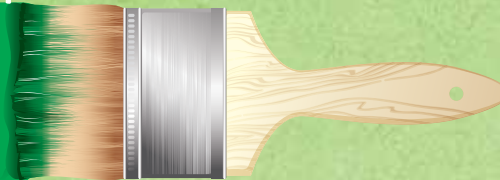


Shoppers enjoyed a western-themed social media contest, among other activities.



YBGR Partners with Faith Chapel for

Tuesdays ON THE TOWN



Faith Chapel and Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch partnered for a third year to offer an evening of service and fellowship on the beautiful YBGR campus. Volunteers from Faith Chapel along with staff from YBGR tackled projects that needed love and attention. Those areas included repairing and staining picnic tables, painting the

vocational building, trimming the Russian Olive trees, and helping with landscaping maintenance.

Tuesdays on the Town is Faith Chapel's local outreach program in the community. A special thanks to the nearly 100 Faith Chapel volunteers who dedicated their evening to make the campus a beautiful place for YBGR's youth to relax and heal.



Volunteers Make an Impact at YBGR

A special thanks to KOA, TrueNorth Steel, Wells Fargo and their employees for dedicating their time and talents in United Way's Day of Caring.

Wells Fargo employees completed the following projects at the Garfield Resource Center, which is home to Community Based Services – cleaned the outside window wells, scraped and cleaned the gym bleachers, cleaned out 2 locker rooms and repaired potholes in the parking lot.

KOA employees cleared, sorted and displayed clothing in the Clothing Room, which provides needed clothing to YBGR youth for job interviews.

TrueNorth Steel employees sanded and stained bed frames and doors in Jessie Grant Lodge to remove graffiti and restore the beautiful oak finish.

Help like this makes a real difference in YBGR's ability to help troubled kids!



2015 Founder's Day BBQ

The campus was alive with activity as youth, staff and their families participated in an evening of food and fun, including balloon animals and face painting.



Face painting was one of many fun activities for the kids.



Pattycakes the Clown made balloon animals for all ages to enjoy.



A large group of volunteers tackled the painting with precision.



A crew of hard-working volunteers sawed and hauled away Russian Olive limbs and entire trees.



Volunteers repaired and sanded picnic tables and the McFarlane Plaza gazebo.



Volunteers patched potholes in the parking lot.



Folding, sorting and hanging provided a clean and organized Clothing Room.





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YBGR is in need of road-ready vehicles to get to the homes of emotionally troubled children. Therapists and other staff travel the roads daily to meet with and help youth and their families in their homes and communities.

With YBGR offices located across Montana, staff need reliable vehicles to travel safely. Vehicles which can make it through snow, ice, rain, and unpaved roads are critical to reach these families in their homes, but "in town" vehicles also help.

By donating a well-maintained vehicle you can help the therapists do what they do best, offer hope, life, and opportunity to youth.

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