

From a miraculous beginning to decades of healing and hope for children in crisis.

Experience the Ranch. Be Inspired.





Our Beginning

After individually feeling God put a desire on their hearts as teens, Jim and Susan Wood met and soon realized they shared a vision for a place that would offer a safe-haven for children in crisis. After over 20 years in ministry, their dream became a reality in the miraculous founding of Wears Valley Ranch. The story is remarkable and inspiring.

Our Campus

The Ranch campus is some of the most scenic property in the world. The campus is an 120-acre working Ranch. The children who live at the Ranch get benefit of an Equine Program, an Animal Program that includes longhorn cattle, sheep and chickens, a Gardening Program, an Adventure Recreation Course, a Chapel, non-typical school buildings, and four homes that have individual characteristics.

Our Purpose

The vision of the Ranch is to see each child inspired to follow Christ, healed from their past, and equipped to reach their full potential. We seek to promote the spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social and physical development of children in need of a stronger family support system, through Christ-centered home settings. The Ranch has never incurred debt or accepted government assistance. No child has ever been denied acceptance to our program due to lack of ability to pay. Instead, we rely on God to send people with shared values and a willingness to help children to support the work being done at the Ranch.



Your Visit

Visitors are welcome at the Ranch! Staff are happy to show you our campus and let you get a taste of what it is like to live in this beautiful place. While at the Ranch, visitors may...

- Visit the Ranch animals
- Tour one of our homes
- Visit our school house
- Enjoy the art in The Gallery
- Taste the best ice cream on the planet made at the Ranch
- Rest in a peaceful moment of prayer and reflection in our Chapel

For Groups

Groups are welcome! Our campus roads are suitable for a small bus or van. In addition, we have a van that accommodates 14 passengers. Groups may opt to enjoy a picnic lunch in our pavilion. If we provide lunch, please expect to pay a small fee to cover costs.

Before You Arrive

Campus visits are available Monday - Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, except Holidays. Advance notice is required by calling (865) 429-5437. The more notice you provide, the better equipped Ranch staff can be to provide a memorable experience for you and your group. No alcohol, tobacco or vaping is allowed on campus. As a private home and school, we reserve the right to refuse access to anyone at our discretion and for the benefit of our students.



Inspired Healed Equipped

How you can be a part of this miraculous story?

Pray. Ask God to continue blessing Wears Valley Ranch and the work being done here to rescue children. If you would like to be included on our email list to receive specific prayer requests from us, contact Lisa Radmore at LRadmore@wvr.org.

Give. If you are interested in providing safety and hope for children and you share our values, please consider becoming a monthly donor by visiting wvr.org. Our online donation page is secure and easy to navigate.

Share. Tell others about us! We are often looking for young people to fill roles in our Mentor position to serve as a "big brother" or "big sister" to students. Mentors receive a wealth of experience in ministering to children, and find they grow personally. In addition to potential staff, you may know a family member or friend who is struggling with raising a child. The Ranch could be a wonderful opportunity for a child age 6 to 18 to receive an exceptional education while having the chance to thrive in a safe and stable environment.

Applications for staff and students are located at wvr.org.

How may we help you?

Part of our work includes our caring for others outside the Ranch. Do you have a child we could help? Do you have a burden or need that we can pray about? Do you have questions about how to be reconciled to God? If so, please contact us at info@wvr.org, or call (865) 429-5437.

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I tell you the truth, whatever you did forone of the least of these... you did for me." Matthew 25:40