

HORSE TALES

NEWS FROM
★ REIGNING GRACE YOUTH RANCH ★

WINTER

Where Redemption Runs Free

2016

Dear Friends,

We are so humbled this year to share the tremendous things that are happening at Reigning Grace Ranch with you. First of all, what a year! With the help of our outstanding, devoted volunteers and donors, we were able to procure land on 172nd street, excavate the property, build horse paddocks, shade structures, develop Critter Corner, create a beautiful butterfly garden, build a new RGR office, plant over 100 trees, build a paramount front gate entrance, trench and run water lines, run ½ mile of electrical conduit for permanent electricity and run a successful mentorship program - Ride for the Brand! And although we are excited about the tremendous growth at Reigning Grace Ranch, we never want to lose site of the mission.

Redeem the Horse. Strengthen the Child. Discover Hope for the Family.

Give Hope for the Future. Give Second Chances.

In the midst of all that hustle and bustle this past year however, we had a number of children and families who came to us who were heartbroken and discouraged for one reason or another. I want to share one of those stories with you. A brokenhearted and angry child who wants to tell you his ranch story – a story that I hope will touch your heart.



My name is Nate and this is my story. I came to live with a loving couple when I was just 6 months old and was then adopted by them when I was two. My dad and I were extremely close and I coveted the time we spent together. My dad died about 6 years ago. He was my hero and my everything. He was active in the United States Navy. He was a very decorated man of honor with twenty years of service to our country. When my dad died, it hurt me on the inside. My dad suffered from PTSD and died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. It made me angry and it changed my life forever. I felt lost. I continue to be deeply hurt that I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to

the man who I looked up to. I miss him every day.

My mom felt that I needed to work thru some of my anger and hurt. She learned about a ranch that worked with kids like me and rescued horses. She wanted deeply for me to reconnect with another male role model that would want to spend



Dear Friends -continued

time with me, one-on-one, and model for me how a successful, caring, good man should interact with people and be. When I came to Reigning Grace Ranch, it made me feel joy and happiness. So I wanted to continue to come.

I didn't think it was a coincidence that the first horse that matched with me had the word "Hope" painted on his side. Then I was ultimately paired with Baxter whose word was "Courage." It was a sign, "hope" that I would be successful in the program and "courage" to face my fear of horses. Baxter, my horse, is a big beautiful red horse, with a big white blaze and four white socks. He is extremely playful and makes me happy. I felt a connection with Baxter and wanted to learn more about his story, so when Amanda told me, I felt a deep sadness for him and I just wanted to throw my arms around him and tell him everything was going to be okay and that we would heal together from our pasts.

My mentor at the ranch was Warren and he was awesome! He is a fun cowboy. Having Warren to interact with was like having my dad's spirit with me encouraging me to step out in confidence and give me hope.

Chris and Amanda Moore helped and encouraged me as well to not be afraid of the horses, to ride and let go of the fear. I feel empowered when I come to the ranch and I hope to be able to come back for the next session and work alongside of Warren, Chris, Amanda and my favorite horse Baxter. I am grateful that the ranch has given me a new sense of belonging. Here, I can do anything.

We want to thank our donors and volunteers for making this year undeniably the best year ever. My friends, YOU have made an impact here. YOU have made an impact on Nate and so many other boys and girls like him. If Reigning Grace Ranch sounds like a place that you would take pleasure in being a part of – whether by participating actively or donating – I urge you to go to our website today and schedule a tour (<http://www.azrgr.org/volunteer/>) or donate to a worthy cause (<http://www.azrgr.org/donate/>) After all, with so much to gain—and with absolutely nothing to lose—why not give a child Hope for the Future and a Second Chance?



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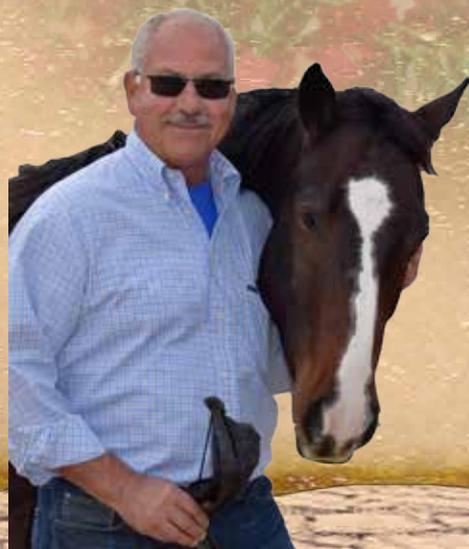
Tomorrow's Future...Today

The Arizona Tax Credit allows individuals and couples to make a contribution to a "Qualifying Charitable Organization," including Reigning Grace Ranch, and direct where your tax dollars are spent while supporting Arizona foster kids and rescued horses. Anyone who pays Arizona state taxes, whether you itemize or not, single or married, can qualify for the Tax Credit of up to \$800 for couples filing jointly or \$400 for individual taxpayers.

Taking advantage of the tax credit allows you either to increase the amount of refund you receive from the state or decrease what you owe to the state. It also allows a say in what your tax payment actually does.

<http://www.azgrg.org/az-tax-credit/>

Your AZ Tax Credit gives these kids a Second Chance. DONATE TODAY !!



So grateful to have worked at Reigning Grace Ranch this summer and fall! RGR is making a huge difference in the lives of the children and animals it supports as well as the many dedicated volunteers like me. I know God is everywhere, always but I know he especially likes to hang at the ranch. I saw him working there.....

Larry & Genesis - RGR Volunteer

Lesson from a Horse

"Wear your tragedies like armor. Not shackles."

This ranch exists to teach forgiveness of the past, receive a new life for today and hope for the future.

This ranch is a transformation place of lives and second chances. NOTHING. ELSE. MATTERS.

Reigning Grace Ranch is about the beautiful broken spirits that come to seek healing and it is found in this amazing desert place.



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