



Restoring hope and trust in young people and horses

November 2008

Dear Friends,

As president of the Morning Star Youth Ranch Board of Directors, I want to thank you for how you have encouraged, supported, prayed and given in 2008. Some of you have taken part in our workdays, some of you have introduced us to your friends, some of you have given financially, and some of you have used your skills, which saved us lots of money in labor costs. Thanks also to the many of you who have joined us in praying for Morning Star and the youth and horses we are and will be serving.

Through all of this, God has sent a steady stream of resources so that this year we have been able to make real progress toward the first phase of our planning- getting children out on a regular basis and having safe and quality accommodations for our horses.

We have built needed fences and shelters. We've torn down the old hay shed and modified the barn so we could get our winter hay inside. We've graded for our arenas and brought in some of the base and sand we need. We've done more public presentations and booth exhibits and fundraisers this year than ever before. We have an exceptional group of mentors in training and several who are almost ready to begin. Our volunteer list has almost doubled in the past year. We received our first official mini grant for our future library. While all this has happened, we've continued to have a steady stream of people coming out for tours of the ranch. We now have three different businesses helping us sell used tack in three different communities. Our once-a-month prayer meetings have grown in attendance from a handful at the first of the year to over 25 last month! Check out all these developments and more under "Latest News" on our website.

All this has been done with a completely volunteer staff and a team of faithful and generous volunteers. Even our director is only reimbursed for her fuel expenses. The ranch is provided free of charge. It's amazing how much has been accomplished with so relatively little amount of money. God has been stretching our dollars!

As we come to the end of this year, we are very close to beginning our program and actually having children on the ranch. We still need more road base before the winter rains begin, more sand for our arenas, two more shelters for the last two horses we will move to the ranch, and an office (with electricity) for our operations.

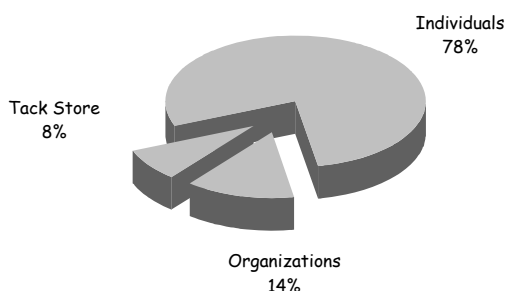
Will you consider making an end of the year gift to Morning Star that will enable us to finish up this first phase of our plans so that we can begin having children on a regular basis? Perhaps you can ask your business, civic club or church to consider putting us into their budget or making a one-time gift?

Please keep us in your prayers as we move ahead. Thank you again for your interest and support

Sincerely,

Bill Hawk

2008 Income \$44,942



2008 Expenses \$44,942

