

A NEW CHAPTER



Rainbow Acres

FALL 2022

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OUR NEW PRESIDENT & CEO

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Emmy was instrumental in setting up the Board Reception on Family & Friends Weekend.



Chipeta practiced riding a bull at Round 2 of the TCF Exceptional Rodeo.



RANCHERS WIN AT BOCCE TOURNAMENT

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2022

After a successful regional Bocce Tournament in Camp Verde, many of our teams at Rainbow Acres progressed to the State Finals in Peoria. The athletes endured sweltering heat to bring home 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place medals.

Among the Ranchers in attendance, 11 teams beat out the competition, placed, and proudly wore their medals on the winner's podium.

The Ranchers practiced for several months to prepare for the Special Olympic games and their hard work has paid off every year.



The ladies of Koinania House proudly sported their medals around the Ranch for weeks after the Bocce Tournament in October.

RANCH CHANGES

RENOVATIONS & MAINTENANCE

In recent efforts to renovate a few of our older homes, we have received grants and generous support from several church groups and individuals. The renovations have taken over 12 months and thousands of hours from staff and volunteers. In both Agape and Frese Houses, the improvements have included changing the electrical to remove the use of propane, refinishing kitchen cabinets, painting externally and internally, installing new HVAC units, as well as replacing carpets and furniture. Additionally, in Frese House, we lowered the ceilings to improve energy efficiency and leveled out the floors to make them safer for the Ranchers.

Thanks to Phase 4 of the Provider Relief Fund from the US Department of Health & Human Services, we received a grant that enabled us to install additional HVAC units across the Ranch. Replacing these units allowed us to



improve air filtration as a way to help prevent airborne illnesses.

We are grateful to the volunteers who have shared their many talents to help our maintenance crew to with renovations and other projects across the Ranch.

The Ranchers are excited to see the improvements in their homes and are eager to move back in the newly renovated Frese and Agape Houses.

Donate today, as additional renovations are needed on our older houses.



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RANCHER

OPENINGS BY JANUARY

21

NEW HIRES

ACROSS THE RANCH

26

HVAC

UNITS INSTALLED IN 2022

NEW HIRES

H.R. Director Susan Holiday is making an impact with her experience and analytical insights on caregiver wages, labor market conditions and recruiting techniques. Because of this, we have welcomed several new individuals and turnover is very low with our new staff. These new hires will allow us to reopen the recently renovated Frese and Agape Houses; expanding room availability for applicants awaiting acceptance.

13,220

HOURS

INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED LEARNING EXPERIENCES OFFERED

1,000,000+

GOOD DEEDS

BY RANCHERS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS OF RAINBOW

Keith, a Rancher on our Campus Security Team, was thrilled to interact with the Cottonwood Police that supported the Special Olympics.



Safia proudly showed off her weaving projects displayed at the Sedona Library in September.

FAMILY & FRIENDS WEEKEND 2022



Board Chair, Kathryn Houser greets everyone at the Board Reception

Accountability is important for all of us on Team Rainbow. After diligently preparing reports, staff members shared their successes and struggles of their programs with the board. As new ideas for innovative practices were suggested, excitement filled the air for the coming months.

Following the conclusion of the meetings, the Board Reception was a wonderful evening of mingling with some of the families, staff, Board members and Ranchers. It was a time of catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

Board member, Claudia Ault begins the Thursday morning Board meeting with a beautiful spiritual thought and prayer

BOARD MEETINGS & RECEPTION

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;" 1 Peter 5:2 NIV

Our Board members met over the course of 3 weeks to discuss the Ranch and offer support to the staff. They volunteer their time to give loving support for the cause of the Ranchers.



LEGACY OF LOVE LUNCHEON



Rev. R Marthel Barlow speaks at the Legacy of Love Luncheon

LEAVING A LEGACY

After hearing a beautiful speech about the love she has for her family, Sarah moved us all to tears with a tribute to her life as a Rancher here at Rainbow Acres.

Rev. R. Marthel Barlow inspired us further with his words of love. "Agape love is the love of God - unselfish and unconditional." He encouraged us all to plan ahead and leave a legacy of love.

These feelings we shared will continue as we enrich the lives of the Ranchers through our generous monetary contributions.

Your philanthropic support of Rainbow Acres today will be your lasting legacy of love for the future.

For more information about leaving a "Legacy of Love" contact us at 928-567-5231 or development@rainbowacres.com.

Planned Giving

"Make a statement about your walk of faith by giving purpose to the Ranchers for years to come. The greatest gift you can give your family is to show them how to leave a legacy of love. Start planning now."

-Susan Hall

To watch Sarah's speech, visit our YouTube Channel. Details on page 15.



LEGACY OF LOVE

Josh sat down, overcome with emotion after attending our luncheon and shared of the love he feels from his adopted mother and the sacrifices she has made to give him a place to belong.

Many leave a portion of their estate to Rainbow Acres; so that Ranchers like Josh always have a place to belong, even after their loved ones have passed away.



TEAM RAINBOW

"I like to think of myself as a caregiver of caregivers." -Mike Prochelo (President & CEO)

Here at Rainbow Acres, we welcomed our new president and CEO, Mike Prochelo in July. Mike was officially ushered into his new position in the Installation Ceremony on Family and Friends Weekend in October.

During the ceremony, Rev. Andy Quient (Executive Minister of ABCOFLASH) asked Ranchers, members of the board, staff, and anyone else who felt prompted to participate in the Laying On of Hands ceremony.

As a small group of Team Rainbow members encircled our new president. We all bowed our heads to hear their prayers, and were touched as they asked God to bless and guide Mike in his new role.

Mike spoke about his few short months here and the calling he felt to serve the Ranchers, staff, friends and family, Board members, volunteers and donors.

We are excited to have him guiding Team Rainbow.

STAFF

Team Rainbow is bolstered by the staff who works day and night to support the Ranchers in their pursuit of a fulfilling life of purpose.

We want to recognize the exceptional kitchen staff, caregivers, event coordinators, tech crew, and everyone else who worked countless hours to make Family & Friends Weekend memorable.

Everyone on Team Rainbow goes above and beyond, helping the Ranchers to live their best lives.

Kathleen Cooley (Staff)
Prep Cook



"Our biggest experience is building relationships with the Ranchers. It's Heaven on Earth here."

-Lee Pritchard (Volunteer)
First Baptist Church of Hanford



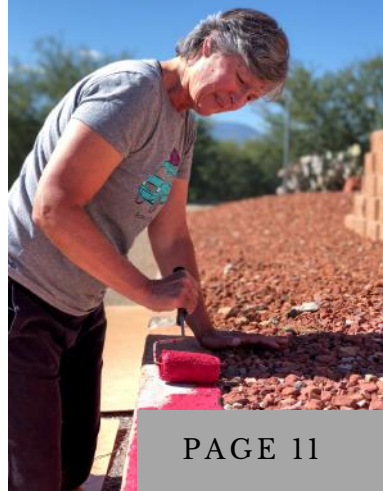
VOLUNTEERS

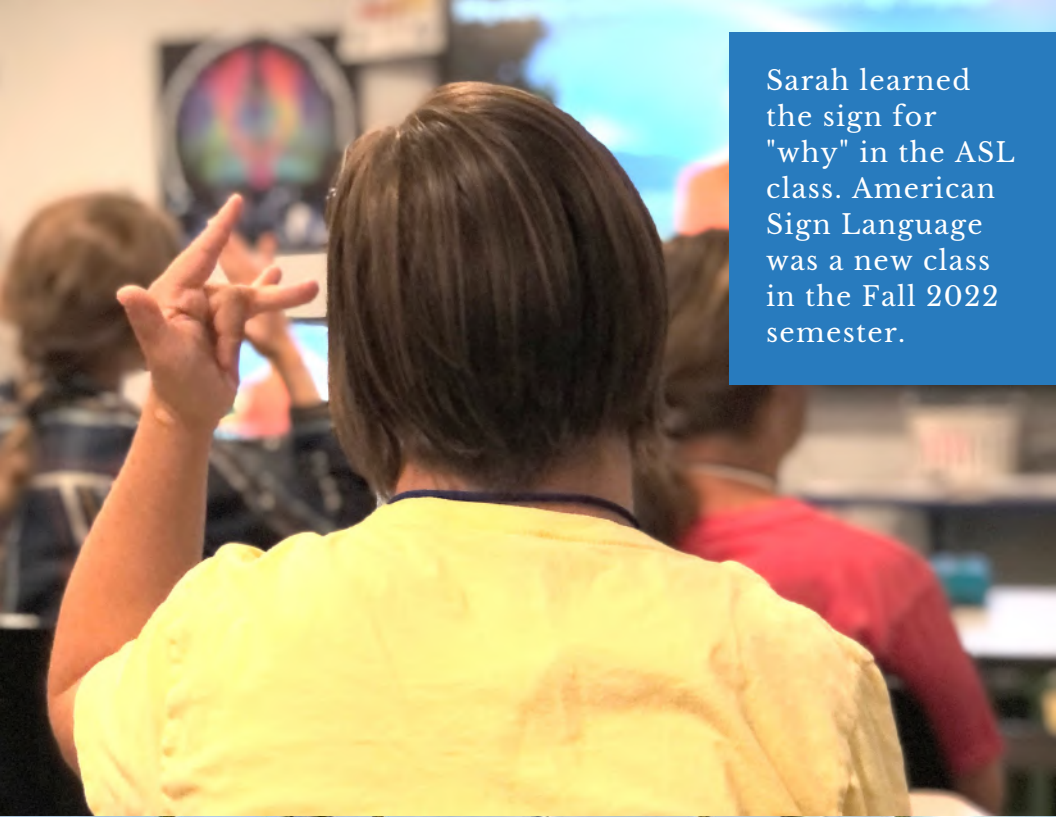
We have volunteers from near and far, and from all walks of life. Each one brings unique skills and talents, but they all come with one thing in common: willing hearts and love for the Ranchers.

Local volunteers are helping on the Ranch by teaching Zumba classes, serving meals, providing free speech therapy, and so much more. Volunteer groups help the maintenance crew in various project across the Ranch.

Gail (pictured right) took a break from painting the curbs to share her knowledge of Sign Language and love for teaching in the Wednesday afternoon ASL class.

Gail Raney (Volunteer)
Prescott United Methodist Church



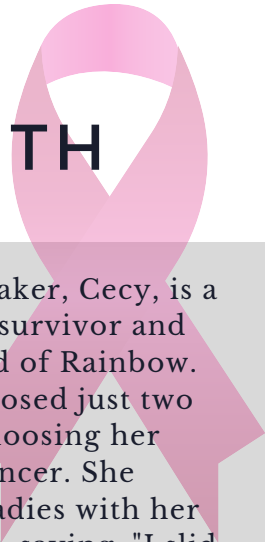


Sarah learned the sign for "why" in the ASL class. American Sign Language was a new class in the Fall 2022 semester.



The greenhouse allows Ranchers to learn about horticulture, the natural world and apply their lessons through working with their hands; enjoying the fruits of their own labor.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



"THINK PINK" TEA PARTY

The Health and Wellness team held the 2nd annual "Think Pink Tea Party" in October. The Tea Party was started last year to celebrate one of the ranchers who was in remission for breast cancer.

The party afforded the Health and Wellness team the opportunity to teach the Ranchers about breast cancer and prevention practices in a fun and open environment.

Our guest speaker, Cecy, is a breast cancer survivor and beloved friend of Rainbow. She was diagnosed just two months after loosing her husband to cancer. She inspired the ladies with her survivor story, saying, "I slid through chemo because I was surrounded by prayer. I made it through!"

The ladies of Team Rainbow rallied around Cecy and our own Rancher, surrounding them with love.





LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023

New Year, New Goals

We are excited to share with you our projects, activities, and classes for the coming year.

We are blessed to have beautiful and safe homes for the Ranchers to live in their own space. We intend to continue our renovation efforts to keep every house up to date and in good working condition. A recent storm tore through one of the buildings, causing great damage. We look forward to repairing the roof of the building.

To keep up with active Ranchers, our staff plan exciting weekend activities, local outings and multi-day trips. In 2023, the Ranchers are going to Prom, baseball games, museums, adventure parks, Colorado train rides, and so much more.

Every semester, we offer a variety of courses to cultivate growth through learning, based on the needs and desires of the Ranchers. We are excited for the addition of new instructors and courses next semester, starting in January.

Donate today to support the educational pursuits, engaging activities, and the renovations for the Ranchers.

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