

## WAVES OF JOY

Rainbow Acres

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# THE SOLAR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

At Rainbow Acres, the sun is doing more than lighting up the Ranch—it's helping power it. The campus-wide solar project is steadily progressing, bringing us closer to a more sustainable, cost-effective future.

Several key buildings are already up and running on solar energy, including the Barn, the Apartments, the Administration Building, and Daehler House. These systems are fully online and producing clean, renewable power.

Other buildings have passed inspection and are nearly ready to go, pending final steps with the local utility provider. Once activated, they'll add to the growing list of solar-powered spaces on campus.



A final phase remains for a few locations, which will require temporary shutdowns to complete electrical tie-ins and inspections. After that, they'll be ready to come online as well.

We're excited to share that the solar project is expected to be complete and fully operational by September 1, 2025. This transformation marks a major milestone in Rainbow Acres' commitment to sustainability, stewardship, and a brighter future for the Ranchers who call this place home.



# CONSTRUCTION FOR A CAUSE

This spring, the Ranchers rolled up their sleeves and got creative during Construction Club! One of their exciting projects was designing and building a unique mini golf hole for the "Nailed It" Mini Golf Fundraising Event, hosted by Home for New Beginnings in Camp Verde, AZ.





With teamwork, imagination, and a healthy dose of sawdust, the Ranchers constructed a pirate-themed golf hole to be featured alongside others in the community. The event, benefiting Home for New Beginnings, invited attendees to vote for their favorite holes, and Rainbow Acres proudly took home 3rd Place!

The project was a wonderful opportunity for the Ranchers to practice their building skills while giving back to a cause that supports children without homes. We're so proud of their accomplishment and their heart for service!



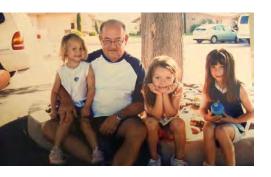




## A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

MY RAINBOW ACRES VOLUNTEER STORY

BY JORDYN GRAHAM



I remember my very first visit—there was a sweet Rancher named Susie. She didn't talk and seemed a bit shy and selective about who she spent time with. My mom asked if she could look at Susie's kids Bible—she always carried one, along with a foot-long pencil. Susie took that pencil and smacked my mom with it! But when I asked if I could see it, Susie smiled and showed it to me. She always let me sit with her.

## WHY I KEEP COMING BACK

The connection with the Ranchers is what brings me back every year. I love serving the Lord and spending time with them—loving on them, getting to know them, and making them feel special. It's my favorite trip to look forward to. We come to bless the Ranchers, but we always leave being the ones blessed.

Rainbow Acres has impacted me in so many ways, especially spiritually. The Ranchers love Jesus so much. Many know the Bible better than I do, and that challenges me to grow in my faith. No matter what obstacles they face, they praise Him and live life to the fullest—and so should I.

## MY WEDDING CELEBRATION

Even with my wedding day just days away, I couldn't miss this trip to Rainbow Acres. These are my favorite people, and it was so important for me to see them. Over the years, many of them remember us by name—how could I not come?

I always told my mom I wanted the Ranchers to be part of my wedding. Since they couldn't travel to Indiana, I decided to bring the celebration to them. We did a devotion about love, and they each painted what love means to them. That art will be the centerpiece at my wedding reception. Every bride wants her special people there, and now they get to be part of my big day.



### A BOND MY FIANCÉ KNOWS BY HEART

I talk about the Ranchers all the time. My fiancé may not fully understand the bond yet, but he knows their names and stories through my pictures and words. He's excited to come next time—and I know he'll understand then. Even though I'm starting a new chapter, nothing will change how much Rainbow Acres means to me. I plan to come back every chance I get—and now, with my husband by my side.

## A MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH

Young people—take every opportunity you can to serve and be part of something greater. It's worth every bit of time and energy. I promise, you'll walk away feeling more loved and blessed than ever.





## FAVORITE MOMENTS

There are so many memories, it's hard to choose one. But some of my favorites are sitting on the porch talking with the Ranchers, catching up since the last visit, and music time—how much fun we have and how much they love Jesus.

## WHAT RAINBOW ACRES FEELS LIKE

To me, Rainbow Acres is joyful, intentional, and a glimpse of heaven. Joyful because of all the love and fun. Intentional because the Ranchers truly want to know you. And a glimpse of heaven—because the love, laughter, and peace here feel like what heaven must be.



# A BLACK BELT IN PERSEVERANCE

At Rainbow Acres, we believe in celebrating every milestone— especially those that showcase the spirit of perseverance, determination, and personal growth. This spring Rancher Greg D. achieved a dream 16 years in the making: he earned his first black belt in Tae Kwon Do at KC's Family Tae Kwon Do in Cottonwood!

Greg's journey to black belt wasn't always smooth. Like many of us, he faced challenges and setbacks along the way. But what never wavered was his commitment to the goal. Through years of practice, discipline, and resilience, Greg pushed forward—an inspiring reflection of the values we nurture every day at Rainbow Acres.

Family members, staff, and local supporters gathered to cheer him on at the KC's Black Belt Test, Extravaganza, & Colorbelt Graduation 2025. Even the Sedona Fire Department came out to support Greg, as a martial artist and a beloved member of the community, as well as one of their favorite associates at the grocery store.

We are so proud of Greg for earning his black belt and for showing us all what it means to stay the course and believe in yourself. His story is just one of many at Rainbow Acres, where every Rancher is supported in achieving personal goals.







# LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

There's so much to look forward to this season at Rainbow Acres!

We're excited to put the final touches on our Solar Project, moving us one step closer to energy independence and sustainability.

Our annual Family & Friends Weekend is coming soon—a time of joy, connection, and celebration with our Ranchers and their loved ones.

And we'll gather for the Legacy of Love Luncheon to honor those who have included Rainbow Acres in their estate plans, leaving a lasting impact on future generations.

We're filled with gratitude as we prepare for these meaningful moments!



### LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE

#### PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS

Leaving a legacy through planned giving to Rainbow Acres is a wonderful way to support our mission and ensure our sustainability for years to come. Here's a comprehensive guide on various planned giving options.

#### **BEQUEST**

Include Rainbow Acres in your will or trust, designating a specific amount, asset, or percentage of your estate. You can direct your gift toward general use or a specific program.

# CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (CGA)

Donate assets in exchange for fixed lifetime payments, with potential tax deductions and capital gains savings.

#### **CHARITABLE IRA GIFTS**

If you're 70½ or older, make tax-free distributions (QCDs) from your IRA to Rainbow Acres, reducing taxable income while fulfilling your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

## DONOR ADVISED FUND

Recommend grants from your DAF to support Rainbow Acres, specifying fund usage if desired.

#### **LIFE INSURANCE**

Name Rainbow Acres as a beneficiary or transfer ownership of a policy for potential tax benefits.

#### **REAL ESTATE**

Gift real estate to Rainbow Acres and receive a charitable deduction while potentially avoiding capital gains taxes.

## **APPRECIATED STOCK & SECURITIES**

Donate appreciated stocks to avoid capital gains taxes and receive a deduction for the fair market value.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Review your Estate and Planned Giving directives every 1-2 years.
- Meet with your lawyer and financial advisor about adding Rainbow Acres to your Estate and how to maximize tax benefits now.
- 3 Inform Rainbow Acres about your Estate plans.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PLANNED GIVING, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Donate your car, truck, RV, or boat to a cause you care about. It's easy, the pick-up is free, and we use the proceeds from the sale of your vehicle to support our mission.





Call or visit our website



Schedule your free pick up



Receive a donation receipt. That's it!

#### Donating your car is easy, and your gift is tax-deductible.

Vehicle donations are tax-deductible! Most vehicles are sold through local used car markets. Our vehicle donation program works to maximize the return on each vehicle and handles all the necessary paperwork as well. Whether your vehicle sells for less than \$500 or more than \$5000, you will be provided with the proper donation tax receipt.

Call: 855-500-RIDE (855-500-7433) or visit RainbowAcres.org/Cars

## **NEEDS LIST**

To donate in-kind items, please visit our website or call us for more details.

#### **MEDICAL & PERSONAL**

- Band-Aids & first aid kits
- Personal hygiene products for men & women
  - Deodorants
  - Shampoo & conditioner
  - Bars of soap
  - Body wash
  - Lotion
- Neosporin
- Epsom salt

#### **RAINBOW ACADEMY**

- Equestrian riding helmets
- · Acoustic guitars
- Violins
- Computers
- · Art supplies
- Weaving supplies

#### **OFFICE & KITCHEN**

- Cases of water bottles
- Batteries AA, AAA, 9 volt
- New flatware- dinner forks, table knives, and soup spoons
- New plates and bowls for PCC
- 5-gallon beverage dispenser
- Upright, lightweight vacuum for each house

#### **MAINTENANCE**

- 6' Wood Steel Frame Pressure Treated Picnic Tables - ULINE
- 55" 4K Smart TV
- 65" 4k Smart TV
- IGLOO Large Cooler, White, 142 Liters
- Genie GS-1930 Electric Scissor Lift

#### RainbowAcres.org/Needs-List

#### SHARE

Would you like a presentation at your church or organization? Call us for more details.

#### **TOUR**

Call us to schedule a tour.

#### MISSION GROUP

Call to see our mission group openings for 2025 & 2026.



## **WAYS TO GIVE**



CREDIT CARD



**STOCKS & SECURITIES** 



CHECK



QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCDs)



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**DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF)** 



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