



Around the Ranch

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Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

- Save Campbell's UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for needed school and office equipment.
- Save General Mills Box Top Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—10¢ each! This helps purchase school curriculum for the kids and other needs.
- Save Best Choice UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—3¢ each.

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Volunteers Give Helping Hand



the many professional and nonprofessional volunteers who took time away from their homes and families to come give us a hand. Pictured above are

What a blessing our volunteer friends are! We have had some major projects to undertake this year, including replacing the very sizeable roof over the children's learning center for which so many of you helped to collect funding last spring! **We thank God for you and for**

roofing guys who came to volunteer their labor for installing the new roofing materials on the learning center facility. It is so good to have a new and weathertight roof in place again for the kids!

Other projects adopted by our volunteers included building a new storage shed by the maintenance shop (see below), bathroom installations,

livestock fence installation, brush & rock clearing, painting, new lighting in the shop, preparing Campbell's, Best Choice, & Box Tops for redemption, and many other needed work project items. **Wishing we had space to list everyone who volunteered, but you and God know who you are . . . Thank you!!!!**



Garden Harvest



House Moms
Mary Plant & Devin Mulpas

Alpha's families planted gardens in the spring, and have had the children involved in caring for and harvesting the produce. Pictured to the right are Christina (in back) working on flagging rows, and Kaitlyn (in front) harvesting some of the produce. When there is an abundance of something from the gardens, the house moms work on



canning the extra to be used later. They have canned the produce and meat, and have been making jellies and jams as they have time. Yummy!

Kids Corner



Summer Activities included daily farm chores, a fun trip to historic Dodge City, games, school days, and swimming at the lake!



Alpha's List & Other Downloads

Check out the Downloads Page on our website for numerous items that you can download, including a list of children and staff at Alpha which includes birthdays and

sizes. Also available are newsletters, current needs, several brochures and informational documents about Alpha, as well as information on what to save for the cor-

porate programs that we participate in (Campbell's, Box Tops, Best Choice). Go to our home page, and click on "Downloads" from the menu choices on the left side.

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Latest On Campbell's & Box Tops Programs

As you know, we participate in the Campbell's Labels for Education, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and Best Choice Save-A-Label programs. Box Tops and Best Choice UPC's return cash upon redemption which we use to help purchase the children's curriculum and other needs. Campbell's points are redeemable through their catalog of products and merchandise available to schools who participate.

Currently we are saving Campbell's points once again to redeem for a new computer for the children's learning center on which to install new Rosetta Stone Spanish Language software to fulfill high school level

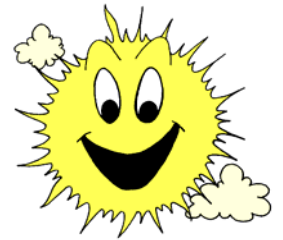


foreign language credits for the students. We thought we had a computer that would work for this, but it's processor was not compatible with the software, so we are now again saving those points toward the needed computer. We have 38,840 points already saved toward the 53,100 price of the computer! **Keep those points coming, and thank you so**

much for helping the kids in this way!!

Campbell's and General Mills both have released updated lists of their eligible products for the 2011-12 school year. You can find those updated lists on the Downloads Page on our website!

We recently discovered the following amazing facts about Alpha's school participation in the **Box Tops program: We began participating in this program in 2002. Since that time, you have helped us redeem Box Tops for a total of \$18,179!! Can you believe that?! We are also ranked 62nd out of 1,771 Kansas schools collecting Box Tops! Way to Go!**



And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

Matthew 25:40

Memorial Gifts & Gifts In Honor



In Memory Of:

Larry Dibble

By Delbert & Jane Moore, McPherson, KS

Adriana Mendoza

By Donald & Eileen Gilchrist, Sublette, KS

Our Parents

By Donald & Jean McMillin, Johnson, KS

Pauline Wulfemeyer

By Gladys Renfro, Hugoton, KS

In Honor Of:

Grace Hawkins' Birthday

By Sherry Hawkins, Denton, TX

Anne Hawkins' Birthday

By Becky Coen, Topeka, KS
By Susan Wild, Topeka, KS
By Michelle Kincaid, Perry, KS

Amy Klun's Birthday

By Becky Coen, Topeka, KS





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Mission Pantry Needs



Fruit Juices, Pancake Mix, Lite Syrup, Eggos, Fresh Milk, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Frozen Fruit, Fresh Vegetables, Frozen Vegetables, Can Fruit, Shredded Colby Jack or Mozzarella, Cheese Sticks, Provolone Slices, Cream Cheese, Frozen Corn Dogs, Chicken Nuggets, Frozen Burritos, Pickles, Ketchup, BBQ Sauce, Honey, Olive Oil, Cooking Spray, Butter Flavor Crisco Sticks, Granulated Sugar, Brown Sugar, Kansas City Style Steak Seasoning, Spaghetti Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Mushrooms, Olives, Chili, Velveeta, Salsa, Taco Sauce, **Cream of Chicken Soup, Cheddar Cheese Soup, Snack Crackers, School Lunch Items**, Instant Tea, Tea Bags, Coffee.

No Rub Contact Solution, **Liquid Hand Soap or Refills**, Shaving Cream or Gel, Razors, Deodorant, Mouth Wash, Baby Wipes, Zip Lock Bags – snack, sandwich, quart & gallon size, Plastic Wrap, Aluminum Foil, Size 13 & 39 Gallon Trash Bags, Toilet Paper, Sponges, White Vinegar, Pledge, Lysol Spray, Windex, Pine-sol, Ajax, **Dish Soap**, Dishwasher Detergent, **Free & Clear Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Toilet Cleaner.**

Chicken Feed for Layer Hens, Purina Goat Chow, Quality Grass Hay, **New Standard Pillows, 2 Vacuum Cleaners, Brooms, Dust Pans, Carpet Shampoo, Clear Contact Paper, 6 Bean Bag Chairs.**

Special Needs

- Hair Clippers—\$60
- 2 16 Qt. Pressure Cookers
- Wide Mouth Quart Size Canning Jars & Lids (can be good condition used or new)
- **Living Room Sectional for Alpha House—\$929**
- 1 Set Stackable Washer & Gas Dryer—\$1,800
- Pickup Truck for the Ranch to replace "Old Blue" which recently kicked the bucket for the last time after many faithful years of service.
- 12-15 Passenger Van

NOTE: If we should have any amount of funding left over from your support for a particular project, we will absolutely use it toward the many other needs of the children.

Call us to set up a date for a tour or to request a speaker for your gathering ...
(785) 597-5235.



2011 Totals

Campbell's Points: 38,840

General Mills Box Tops:
 21,543 x 10¢ each = \$2,154.30

Best Choice UPC Symbols:
 14,000 = \$420