



# Around the Ranch

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## Volunteers Making A Difference At Alpha!



We are overwhelmed with gratitude for our amazing volunteers who came out to make a difference around Alpha's ranch this year, tackling projects that included building a shed to shelter the

shop, installing a new drop ceiling and lighting system in the music room, and sorting donations!

These volunteers traveled here not only from local Kansas towns and countryside, but also from other



with us and the children while they were here, hosting dinner nights together and game times that allowed us all to enjoy each other's company and forge lasting



states like Ohio, Nebraska, Iowa, and Oklahoma, to joyfully put in hundreds of hours of their time and talent to make a difference throughout our peaceful haven in the woods. They also enjoyed spending time



winter firewood which heats the children's school building, putting up next winter's firewood, lots of yard work, mulching the various playground equipment areas around the campus, house remodel work, building and painting decks, building a goat feeding pen, building a new fence, replacing a garage door at the shop, mechanic work, installing an exhaust fan in the



friendships as they return again and again over the years to continue making Alpha a beautiful place for the kids.



***If you'd like to secure a volunteering trip for your group of friends in 2026, contact us ASAP to claim one of the few remaining opportunities left on the 2026 calendar!***



## Celebrating the Kids



Our dear friend and board member, Jay Tharp, along with his buddy Eric, took our whole crew out for a



beautiful afternoon of boating, swimming, and tubing on Clinton Lake at the end of summer! Julian



was actually back for a week before his final year at the College of the Ozarks began, so he joined in on the fun as well! The kids all just enjoyed themselves immensely, lots of laughter, and great memories made! This photo is of Jayden (left) and Julian (right) on the tubes, and



the next photo is of Emmie (left) and Aria (right) enjoying their turn!!

We took the kids on a fun field trip to Gary's Pumpkin Patch in October!



They had the best time there together, playing and exploring, riding grown-up tricycles, racing around



and burying each other in the deep corn pit, and picking out their own



pie pumpkins while going on a hayrack ride! They concluded

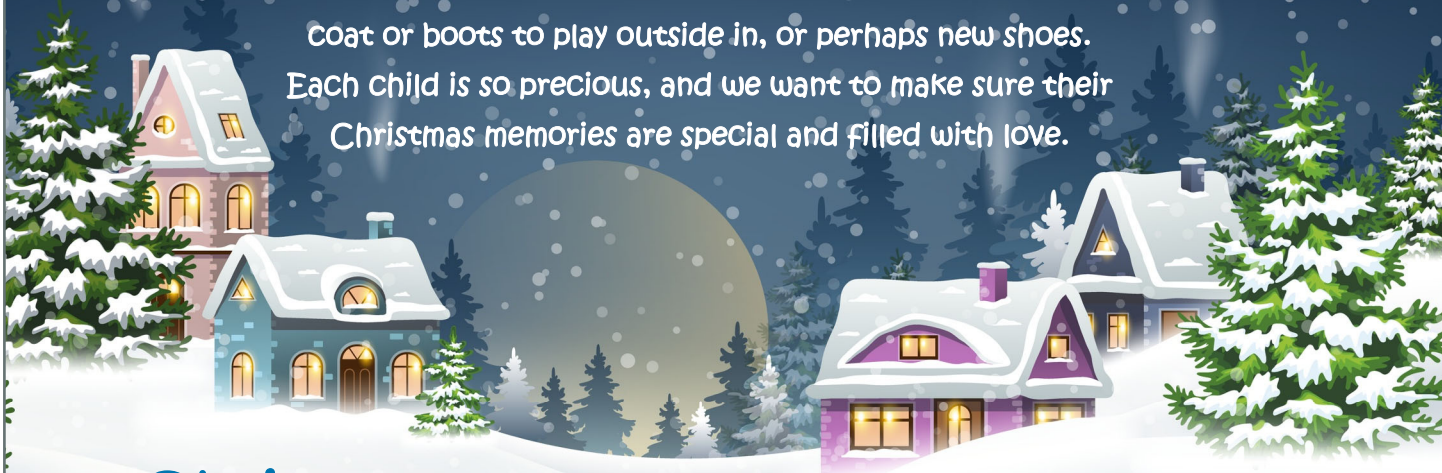


their fun morning by enjoying fresh hot dog lunch boxes at the picnic tables before loading up to

head back to the ranch. It is just so much fun to watch them play and discover together!



It is our prayer for Christmas this year to provide a special gift for each child at Alpha. A new toy, a new game, a new winter coat or boots to play outside in, or perhaps new shoes. Each child is so precious, and we want to make sure their Christmas memories are special and filled with love.



# Christmas

For Alpha's Children:

Could you help by sending a special gift for the Children's Christmas Fund today?



WEBSITE

## Fall Photos / Now Accepting Admissions Applications!



We enjoyed finding some beautiful fall color around the ranch for annual photos of the kids and families. Our college guys were not able to be here for the photo



session, so we missed having them included this time. We are now accepting applications for admission to our home and school program for children (who can



function safely in a family setting) to join our Alpha House family! Please pray that those who need a safe place can connect with us successfully! Share this with anyone in need!

## Memorial Gifts

### Given In Memory Of:

#### Dale Askren

By: Ilah Rose Askren  
St George KS

#### Lou & Louise Holmes

By: Diane Koester  
St Louis MO

#### Jacob Rice

By: Patsy Harpster  
Nebraska City NE



#### Joyce K Rumbaugh

By: Lawrence & Dawn Hall, Jr.  
Valley Falls KS

Stan Rumbaugh  
Minneola KS

John & Esther Temaat  
Dodge City KS



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## Mission Pantry Needs

- Butter, 2% Milk
- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Shredded, Block, & Sliced Cheeses, String Cheese Sticks
- Snack Packs, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes
- Sandwich Crackers & Snack Crackers
- Great Northern Beans in Cans, Mild Green Chilies
- Mild Salsa, Black Beans
- Instant Brown Rice
- Gluten Free Pasta, Sauces, Breads, Mixes
- Dark Karo Syrup & Chocolate Chips
- 10" Paper Plates
- Kitchen Size Trash Bags & Contractor Size Bags
- Clorox Wipes
- Gain Original Laundry Detergent (good for those at Alpha with allergies to detergents)
- OxiClean Powder
- Garnier Fructis Sleek & Shine Shampoo & Cond.
- Cantu Kids Curl Cream Shampoo & Conditioner
- Zyrtec Allergy Medicine



## Special Needs

- Concrete Walkways for Faith & Grace Houses—\$1,500
- Gas Fireplace Insert for Alpha House Living Room Fireplace—\$3,500
- New Alpha Logo Rock Sign for Driveway—\$3,000
- 9-Square Outdoor Game Set —\$700

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.

Give us a call to find out how to connect with Alpha's mission!  
 (785) 597-5235

