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Willow Springs Boys Ranch will celebrate ten years of caring and equipping boys this fall. Over fifty boys have been served in these past ten years. WSBR prides itself in serving boys long-term and preparing them for the long haul.

Our staff has developed many mantras over the years. One that seems to be repeated most is that “WSBR is here to help boys place the tools in their tool bag that they will need to be successful in life. “ The Ranch has taken that mantra literally this fall in our Sunday Night Bible Study. Each young man has been given a Craftsman soft-sided tool bag. This tool bag represents their life. A tool bag doesn’t do you much good if it is empty. Tragically, many young men begin life on their own unprepared and ill equipped. Each week at Ranch Life, the guys are given a tool for their tool bag. This tool represents a character quality that is essential for success in life. When young men leave Willow Springs, they will be equipped with a bag full of tools.



Tools are only as good as the hands that hold them. Throughout the course of each young man’s stay at WSBR, boys will be given opportunities to become master craftsmen with these tools. The mission of Willow Springs is to move boys from toy boxes to toolboxes. A Fisher-Price hammer and workbench is cute for a three year old. Tragically, it won’t get you far in life as an adult if that is the only tool available when there is work to be done on your house, car, or relationships. Here is a list of some of the tools that WSBR is placing in guys’ tool bags: Honesty, Integrity, Work Ethic, Responsibility, Perseverance, Commitment to Family and Community, Resourcefulness/Problem Solving, a Christ-Centered Identity, and a Life Calling.



Thank you to all of you who help Willow Springs Boys Ranch equip boys for life. Thank you for the strong foundation that you have built by giving of your time, resources, finances, prayers, and most importantly, investing your life. We look forward to seeing what will be built on these boys’ foundations in the years to come.

*By His Grace,*

TODD VINSON  
*Founder/Executive Director*

DERIN CARR  
*Program Director/Counselor*



## GREETINGS FROM THE LIDDELL HOUSE

The Liddell House is adjusting to the arrival of little John-John Casey this past August. Each boy has taken on the role of big brother with great pride. It is amazing to see the love that they freely give their little brother. Katrina and I are blessed to have such great kids. Each one of our boys is a great student, ball player, members of society, and Christian. We are truly amazed at the way that God has worked in each of their lives. Each of our boys lives upright lives before the Lord. The boys have been taught to know the difference between right and wrong, and usually choose to do right. Willow Springs Boys Ranch is making a difference in the lives of the boys at the Liddell House. Most towns with "Boys Homes" are many times burdened by the kids that live there. This could not be further from the truth here in Chandler. These are amazing kids! The only reason some of them are not on the streets making the same horrible decisions that their siblings did is because of the Lord is working through their lives with the help and prayers of people that support Willow Springs. Thank you for giving these guys a chance to live productive and happy lives!

## JOHN & KATRINA CASEY

*The Liddell House*

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## UPDATE FROM THE MCCLENDON HOUSE

Wayne and I will have been house parents at the McClendon House three years this Christmas. The Ranch is home for eleven of us even though we all have families elsewhere that we love and enjoy spending time with too.

This summer we were fortunate to be able to attend Kids Across America. The boys all loved it and hope to raise money to attend this next year again. You cannot get a better Kamp for these guys, God and sports - is the right combination! In addition to Kamp we had a busy

summer with our older guys working full time and of course swimming. A couple took us out on their boat one day and a local church take us bowling. We enjoyed our summer immensely but everyone was glad for school to start. Nothing is better than hanging out with your friends even if you have to do school work!

This school year could not be going better. Everyone has either great grades or grades coming up. Many are dedicated to getting only As and Bs this year. We have five football players on four different teams. Watching all of OU's games on TV and all the boys' games keeps football a dominant force in our house.

We have one of our older guys in FFA showing a cow this year. He wouldn't name him so the rest of us came up with T-bone, we thought that was kind of funny!

Wayne and I adopted our niece this past summer. She just turned one and is a great fit for our large family and our little family. The boys are very sweet with her. She loves to be on the go, which is a requirement in this family! With a big brother, big sister and several Ranch brothers

I am somewhat afraid that she will grow up a little spoiled with everyone responding to her every whim!

As house parents we are so proud of each of the children's accomplishments, growth and maturity. I wish that we could list them all but there are just too many for a quick update! We look forward to seeing what God has in store for each us in the upcoming year.

God bless,

WAYNE & JENNIFER ALLEN  
*The McClendon House*



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- Provide a boy's scholarship: \$33/day (full or partial)
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- A reliable pre-owned truck to be used for maintenance on the ranch.
- \$8000 for 14 semi-loads of gravel and 1.5 days of grader work.
- 4 emergency generators for houses on the boys ranch
- \$5,000 matching grant opportunity with the Nix Family Foundation for boys scholarship. Deadline is December 2008
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