



# Around the Ranch

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## Volunteers Making A Difference At Alpha!



laundry and hallway areas, replacing old ceiling tiles in that basement after some insulation work was done, painting the school building, putting a second coat of paint on Faith and Grace Houses, and replacing the siding and working on interior remodel demo on the home of the late founders which is being repurposed.

ful haven in the woods. They also enjoyed spending time



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 lots of yard work, gardening, putting up next winter's firewood which heats the children's school building, mulching the various playground equipment areas around the campus, building a chain-link fence, repairing and refinishing the deck at Alpha House, replacing the crumbling, 50+ year old concrete patios and sidewalk outside the walkout basement of Alpha House, tiling the Alpha House basement concrete floors in the



These volunteers traveled here not only from local

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

***If you'd like to secure a volunteering trip for your group of friends in 2025, contact us ASAP to claim one of the few remaining opportunities left on the 2025 calendar!***

Kansas towns and countryside, but also from other states like Ohio, North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Oklahoma, to joyfully put in hundreds of hours of their time and talent to make a difference throughout our peace-



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# Celebrating the Kids



The kids are involved with 4-H Club activities throughout the year. They learn so many great skills and character development through the many events that they participate in. They were excited to wear their 4-H Club T-shirts to school one day during 4-H Spirit Week in October!



In addition to the many project areas the kids tackle each year in 4-H, they also participate in multiple community service and fund-raising events with their club. They recently got to dress up as their favorite characters while their club helped out with the Perry Trunk or Treat event this fall. This photo is of some of them in their favorite costumes!



Life on the farm brings some tough life lessons at times with losses of elderly pets and livestock, but it also brings so much joy and excitement when new life arrives. Here Ava is holding her new puppy, Louie!



Mrs. Sims creates so many fun opportunities for students' enrichment & enhancement activities outside of their curriculum completion time!



Miss Emmie had a bit of an accident recently that required a pretty, pink cast on her right arm and hand for a couple of weeks. She really enjoyed collecting signatures and drawings from her family, friends, and our sweet volunteers in spite of the inconvenience of having her dominant hand immobilized by the device!



We always enjoy seeing Julian when he's back on a visit from college. He and Elvis learned how to make a special African dish together down at the Alpha House this time around!

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?




**Now Hiring For June 2025: Learning Center Supervisor (Teacher) !!**



Mrs. Patricia Sims is officially retiring from teaching at the end of the

2024-2025 school year, and we are now prayerfully accepting resumes for a Christ-following educator to teach the children in our K-12 Learning Center, utilizing the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum and procedures that are already in place. The teacher directs the students in completing their daily allotment of curriculum pages, and tutors them one-on-one when they are needing extra help

with understanding concepts that they are learning.

We are hoping to find someone to step into this challenging, but rewarding role with confident enthusiasm, natural creativity, and outstanding reliability.

If you know of anyone who might be a good fit for our students, please reach out to them & get us connected!!

**Memorial Gifts**

**Given In Memory Of:**

**Vera Hartman**

By: Larry & Ruth Hartman  
Oak Harbor WA

**Lou & Louise Holmes**

By: Diane Koester  
Springfield MO

**Peg Miller**

By: Marilyn Aikins  
Springfield MO



**Fred Shade**

By: Jim & Nelda Bodenheimer  
Winchester KS

**Elizabeth Snavely**

By: Richard & Jeanette Volk  
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Perry KS



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## Mission Pantry Needs

- Butter, 2% Milk
- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- **Breakfast Cereals**
- Shredded, Block, & Sliced Cheeses, String Cheese Sticks
- Snack Packs, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes
- Sandwich Crackers & Snack Crackers
- Can Mandarin Oranges
- Dry Penne Pasta
- Pasta Sauces In Jars
- Great Northern Beans in Cans
- White Vinegar & Apple Cider Vinegar
- Kitchen Size Trash Bags & Contractor Size Clean-Up Bags
- Degree Deodorant For Women
- Aveeno/Cerave Lotions
- Garnier Fructis Sleek & Shine Shampoo & Cond.
- Cantu Kids Curl Cream Shampoo & Conditioner
- Argon Oil of Morocco Hair Oil
- Rubbing Alcohol & Peroxide



## Special Needs

- Concrete Work Grace House—\$2,500
- Concrete Walkway Faith House—\$1K
- Drywall Replacement Alpha House Basement \$1,500
- Finish Tool & Pantry Rooms at Alpha House—\$1,000
- 14" Stump Planer Auger Tool—\$1,400

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



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