



# Around the Ranch



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## Art Pieces From The Children With Love



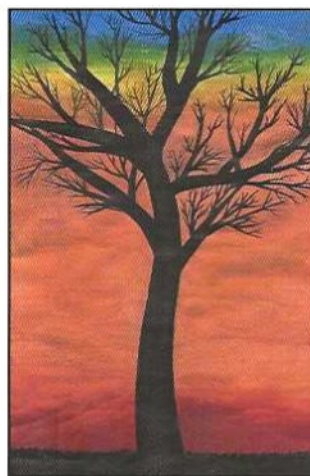
**"Living The Good Life"** By Mae, Age 15  
Mae said, "I wanted to show a cat inside, living the good life, while the dog was outside looking in as he and his owner enjoyed the spring sunshine."



**"Cowboy"** By Ariaah, Age 10  
Ariaah said, "I drew a cowboy out on the range at sunrise. I wanted to be creative with the sunrise sky and give it three colors."

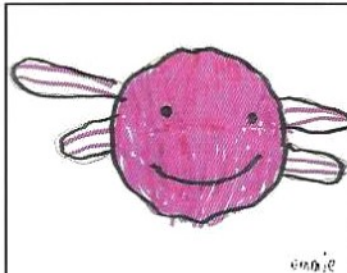
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**"Sunset Tree"**  
By Ava, Age 15

Ava said, "I was trying to recreate one of my old sketches of a tree and sunset, but with acrylic paint pens this time. I tried my best on the shading."



**"Axolotl"** By Emmie, Age 8  
Emmie said, "I was going to draw circles, and then I realized that I could draw an Axolotl. I think they are so cute!"



**"Boer Goat Life"**  
By Elvis, Age 17

Elvis said, "I chose a goat because I work with them every day. I decided to draw a typical goat that basically just eats & sleeps!"

**"Geometric Art"**  
By Nathan, Age 11

Nathan said, "I made this because I kind of like shapes, and I thought the colors would go good in the shapes that are in it!"







# Celebrating the Kids



We were thrilled to welcome Jayden (left) and Josiah (right) who just arrived from Uganda a couple weeks ago, after having gone through a three-year ordeal of a legal immigration process! (They are the younger brothers of Julian & Elvis.) Kansas decided to throw them quite the welcome home party by gifting them with a genuine blizzard just a week after their arrival! They loved experiencing snow for the first time!



Jayden took delight in sledding and building a snowman for the first time, though adjusting to our cold weather has been a challenge for the boys!

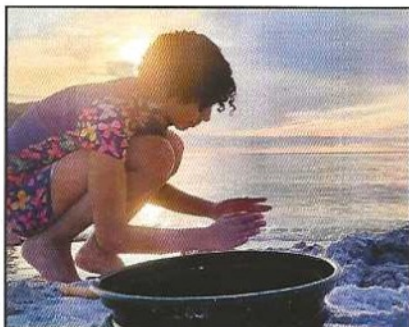


Several of the kids have enjoyed learning how to

make jewelry and other things from polymer clay. It's quite a process!



The Faith House family had gone to visit their extended family in Florida for Christmas, and the blizzard forced them to stay an extra week. That was rough, ha!!



The kids are working hard on their studies in the Learning Center for their spring trimester term. Above, they were playing at the LEGO tables and reading books in the library during their morning break time together. To the right, they are enjoying each other's company while eating the nutritious sack lunches that they bring with them from home every day.





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



We LOVE all the creative extracurricular activities that Mrs. Sims plans for the kids each week in school! A Black History Month activity that she planned for them had them working together as "slaves" to plot a way North utilizing the quilt codes used to communicate with the freedom seekers and station masters of the Underground Railroad, and hints given about the terrain. They could make up their own scenarios as far as what time to leave, what supplies they'd need, and

what to avoid. What a creative way to facilitate mentally placing themselves in the shoes of slaves seeking freedom, and what would be required to obtain that freedom!

This also included a really good discussion about being slaves to sin and how the examples in the Bible and of our forbearers' trust in God can direct us to safe paths.

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 individualized 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 as a teacher for our learning center students, please do reach out to them and get us connected!***

## Memorial Gifts & Gifts In Honor

### Given In Memory Of:

#### Alietha Beckman

By: Christine Winters  
Lawrence KS

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& Laura Stringer  
Overland Park KS

Sandra Wright  
Springfield MO

#### Adam Harpster

By: Patsy Harpster  
Nebraska City NE

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By: Marilyn Aikins  
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By: David & Cynthia White  
Wichita KS

#### Marvie Wedel

By: Shirley Wedel  
Derby KS



### Gifts In Honor Of:

#### Paula Hladky & Willard Epling

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Topeka KS

#### Virginia Oppenlander

By: Paul & Yvonne Markt  
Oregon MO

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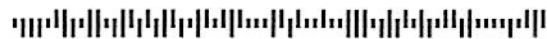
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## Mission Pantry Needs

- 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; Cream Of Chicken Soup
- 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

- 8 New Mattresses for the new loft bed units going into the Alpha House residence—\$1,600
- Gas Fireplace Insert for Alpha House Living Room Fireplace—\$3,500
- New Alpha Logo Rock Sign For Driveway—\$3,000
- Barn Paint—\$1,000

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!  
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