



Mission Statement:

Providing family-oriented Christian homes, on a working ranch for adults who have developmental disabilities.

Can you believe another greenhouse season is already behind us? Spring and summer seem to fly by so quickly in Montana, especially with the cooler weather this year, but we're thankful for the abundance of moisture. Soon the melon patch and garden will be lush with produce, and there will be plenty of hay to put up. Residents and staff did an awesome job during a very busy spring, and they're looking forward to shifting gears as the summer progresses.

We're excited to try some new things during the next couple of months. The Fundraising Dinner will take place on Friday, August 18, which is a full month earlier than last year. We will loosen things up a bit, with a luau theme, so please bring your leis, dress Hawaiian if you please, and get ready to party! You'll also notice that this issue of the Herder is somewhat shorter, since we will be mailing invitations this month as well.

Thank you for ALL you do to support the ministry of Special K Ranch.

See everyone on the 18th of August!

Have I told you how much I love my Job/Life?

Mike and the Gang at Special K



For every house is built
by someone, but God is the
builder of everything.

Hebrews 3:1

Aloha
SUMMER PARTY

SPECIAL K RANCH

AUGUST 18, 2023

Fundraising Dinner at the
Billings Hotel & Convention Center
1223 Mullowney Lane
Billings, MT 59101

THE EVENING STARTS AT 5PM
WITH HORS D'OEUVRES & A SILENT AUCTION
DINNER AT 6PM | FOLLOWED BY A LIVE AUCTION
Wear your favorite Luau attire!

RSVP at specialkranch.org or scan

We Stay Busy at the Special K Ranch



Luanu Party Coming in August



Volunteering



Open House



Lambing



Devotions



Luanu Party Coming Soon...



Dances



Family



Tomato World

Ways to Support Our Residents

HAVE AN IRA?

Individuals who are 70½ or older can transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA, directly to a qualifying charity, without recognizing the assets transferred as income. This tax-wise way of giving counts toward meeting the required minimum distribution (RMD) from IRAs. Distributions must be made from the IRA custodian directly to the ranch.

MONTANA INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ENDOWED PHILANTHROPY

Montana taxpayers are eligible for a tax credit of up to \$10,000 (\$20,000 per couple). Planned gifts, such as charitable gift annuities, qualify for this credit, which is worth 40% of the charitable gift amount. In many cases, a \$10,000 charitable gift annuity can be created for about \$3,500 out-of-pocket, after tax savings.

APPRECIATED STOCK

Giving appreciated securities yields powerful tax benefits. Generally, the full fair market value can be deducted, and capital gains taxes can be avoided.

BEQUEST

Including the Ranch in your will is a great way to help our residents and leave a legacy. Consider naming Special K Ranch for a percentage, a specific amount, or as the sole benefactor of your estate. Bequests can vastly improve estate tax situations.

SKR FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

The endowment is the best long-term way to support our residents. This pool of invested funds distributes five percent of its fair market value, annually, to the ranch for general operating and other expenses.

HOW WILL MY GIFT BE USED?

Gifts can be designated for the Operating Fund, SKR Foundation Endowment, or special projects. If you have questions or would like to support a specific project, please contact Development Director Steven Aadland at (406) 550-2224 or steve@specialkranch.org.

Honorariums and Memorials

MARCH 1, 2023, THOROUGH MAY 31, 2023

The people honored and memorialized on these pages are part of the ongoing ministry of Special K Ranch.

A special thank you to those listed for making these gifts.

IN HONOR OF:

LAURIE BOGRETT
Lawrence & Shirley G Benson

DALLAS EIDE
Allene Helgeson
Mark Mattheis

DEB HADLOCK
Trish Ingvalson

IN MEMORY OF:

VALERIE AVERT
Theresa Leone

JIM BAYS
John & Vanessa Bays

PEGGE BAYS
John & Vanessa Bays

ANDREW BORRIS
Richard & Rosemarie LaVeau

MATTHEW & STEVEN
BRANDT
Rodger & Linda Brandt

MONTY CHERRY
Ronald & Donna Walter

DOROTHY DAHL
Mary D Kasner

ROD DAHL
Kathryn Jensen

KAREN ANNE DOSLAND
JOHNSON
John Haberlock

JERRY DYE
Donna Beutler

ALICE FRANK
Carl & Bonnie Wallila

SAM FRANK
Wanda Eastlick
Stan & Judy Eisenman
Brenda & David Hatten

VICTOR FRANK
Mike Oberg

DENNIS GREENWALT
Andrew & Karin Racki

LARRY GUPTILL
Brenda & David Hatten
Allan & Linda D Sipes

FRANCES E GUTHRIDGE
Jean Huff

LOU HAAGENSEN
Theresa Leone

GARY HADLOCK
Richard & Susan Peterson
Judy Richman

ROBERT HEISER
Jim & Ruth Hatten

TIM HOGAN
Barbara Wennemar

NANCY HORN
Tom Horn

FRED HORPESTAD
Kathryn Jensen

GERALD HORTON
Andrew & Karin Racki
Connie Stock

LARRY HORTON
Andrew & Karin Racki
Connie Stock

PATRICIA HOTCHKISS
Donna Keller

ROBERT 'BOB' KAPPEL
Craig & Kathleen
Baumgartner
Cathie Bell

Kelly & Sheryl Brester
Marvin & Susan Carter
Charles & Diane Crane
Sheila & Marvin Derheim
Karen Ehresman

Roy & Monica Eisenman
Stan & Judy Eisenman
Janice Fantz
Carl & Gloria Fox

Robert & Roberta Fox
Terry & Delores Fox
Larry & Nancy Frank
David & Bridget Gauthier
Donald Groscop

Peter Groscop
Donald & Darlene
Hackmann
Brenda & David Hatten
James & Carla Hunt
Troy & Lori Kostelecky
Earl & Kathleen Linger
Catherine & Roland
Marchand

Rudolph & Cheryl Meinhardt
Ralph & Donna Mitchell
Kathleen Mohr
Kimberly Popp
Andrew & Karin Racki
Brent & Karla Shay
Lisa Shifley

Larry & Delores Simons
Allan & Linda D Sipes
Kelly & Mary Smarsh
Jeanne Stecher
Fred & Mary Lee Steinmetz

Connie Stock
William & Linda Strauch
Marla Lou Sump
Ronald Van Luchene
Gary & Pamela Waddell
Keith & Kirsten Weatherford
John & Shelley Wold

RONALD KEENER
Carol Sands

ELLEN KENYON
Dan & Vicki Kenyon

GERALD KIRCH
Bob & Kathy Kirch

OLEAFA KIRCH
Bob & Kathy Kirch

LALONNIE LARSON
Jeannette Cain
Wanda Eastlick
Mary D Kasner

HERMAN & VIRGINIA
LOFING
Lawrence Lofing

DOROTHY LONG
American Legion Aux.
Cathie Bell
Charles & Diane Crane
Robert & Roberta Fox
Brenda & David Hatten
Jim & Ruth Hatten
Cathie Kautz
Jim & Paula Mandeville
Kelly & Mary Smarsh
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CARLA OBERG
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Mike Oberg

HELEN OBERG
Mike Oberg

MIKE PRESTON
Kiwanis Club Great Falls

ILA RONNING
Ardel Ronning

DANNY RUFF
Andrew & Karin Racki

ALICE (BETTE) SCHREINER
Marvin & Susan Carter

KEN SHEARER
Mary Ann Farias

GERALD "JERRY" SIMONS
Stan & Judy Eisenman
Jim & Ruth Hatten
Earl & Kathleen Linger

JESSICA LEE SMITH
Dennis & Nikki Olson

SHARON SNOW
Jeannette Cain
Kevin & Marlene Deis
Wanda Eastlick
Stan & Judy Eisenman
Brenda & David Hatten
Jim & Ruth Hatten
Marvin & Kay Kappel
Rudolph & Cheryl Meinhardt
Kathleen Mohr
Carol Sands

PRESCOTT & DOROTHY
SOLIE
Gary & Ingrid Jagodzinski

GREG SYME
Adrienne Gibson

GUNNIE SYME
Adrienne Gibson

JIM SYME
Adrienne Gibson

ALEX VOGEL
William & Rosemary Caton

EMELIA VOGEL
William & Rosemary Caton

GERRI VOTO BRAUN
Jim & Ruth Hatten
Laurel & Jim Ryles

CHARLES WILLIAMS
Gary & Elaine Evertz
Mary Ann Farias
Dan & Vicki Kenyon
Tom & Pam Robertus

Leaving Your Legacy A Way to Help Others

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When updating your will, check with your attorney for the proper legal forms and wording.

Ranchers of the Month

These ranchers displayed exceptional behaviors and work ethics recognized by peers and staff and deserve special recognition.



MARCH - Justin
"Success is no accident"



APRIL - Paul
"What you do makes a difference"



MAY - Bryan
"Believe in your ability to succeed"



JUNE - Ben J
"You are a role model"

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - Jamie



Jamie was voted, by the residents of the ranch, as Employee of the Year.

If you ask the ranchers, every single one will tell you they love Jamie. She has been with the ranch for 11 years and is our Rescued & Reborn wizard. If you ever get the pleasure of talking or working with her, you'll know why everyone adores her.

There is nothing better than seeing good things happen to good people. Jamie, we are thrilled for you and are happy you are with us!