



Mission Statement:

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



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BOARD APPROVES FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Our Planning Committee recommended to the full Board a five-year plan for the future of Special K Ranch. Under the leadership of Board President Joe Stribley and Vice-President Brenda McNaney, we're happy to report exciting news that approval for this five year-plan has been granted! This progress comes after a full year of prayer while receiving valuable input from various stakeholders including parents, donors, staff and Board members.

This plan aligns our future fundraising goals, under the leadership of Development Director Steve Aadland, with current priorities identified for our 200 acres. It continues our Founder Larry Goehner's hopes of supporting family oriented Christian homes on a working ranch for adults who have developmental disabilities. The plan also compliments the enduring work of former Executive Director Mike Oberg and will complete my tenure as Executive Director at Special K Ranch, ending in 2030.

Year ONE is called "**Strengthening Our Homes**" and has already begun with a transformational gift from the Harnish Foundation for \$250,000. Every resident and house parent will benefit as we drastically improve the living conditions in each home. Replacement windows will be installed by Joey Godwin at Lynnrich in Billings. Water softeners are being fitted by Jason Eastwood, the Water Guy. Cabinet work will be done by Brett Barker at Oak Creations while Barry Barker will do countertops through Stillwater Top Shop. In addition, needed appliances will be replaced, decks repaired, lighting updated,

plumbing mended, roofs fixed, siding added and paint applied.

Years TWO and THREE will be called "**Greenhouse Revival**" as we modernize our 21 greenhouses for our tomato world and flower bedding plants. Bids are being sought for the completion of this work, currently estimated at over \$500,000. Plastic, metal, plumbing and electrical infrastructure will be newly installed to upgrade our operations, enjoyed by many of you throughout the region. The results of which are sold at Ace Hardware and Albertson's stores, among others.

Year FOUR and FIVE will be called the "**Hohn House**". Named in honor of our neighbor and longtime friends, the Hohn family, this will be a double sized relief home which will morph our ability to give respite time off to our hard-working house parents. Most folks don't realize house parents work 11 days in a row before getting 3 days off. Special K hires relief staff who care for the residents, but we need additional quality space to provide for this necessity.

We hope to double the endowment in the next 5 years.

So, there you have it, the five-year plan for Special K Ranch. I'm happy to broadcast that as of this writing, we received another transformational gift of \$250,000, which will help us achieve the initial plans we feel God has laid before us. Praise the Lord!

Dr. Jay Forseth
Executive Director

Honorariums and Memorials

FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

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.

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Leaving Your Legacy: A Way to Help Others

A will is the simplest form of a planned gift and it affords everyone the opportunity to help others and have a living legacy.

Consider naming Special K Ranch in your will for a percentage, a specific amount, or as the sole benefactor.

The blessings you have received will continue to bless and help others.

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

**IF YOU HAVE MADE A
TRIBUTE GIFT AND HAVE
NOT BEEN LISTED, PLEASE
CONTACT US.**

Rancher — of the — **Month**



March
Kiele
enjoy your
success, you
deserve it.

April

Yura
you are the
definition of
success.



May

Congrats
Angela
on your win.
We are lucky
to have you.



June

BJ
you are
unstoppable.



July

Ben L.
no one
worked harder
than you to
make this
happen.



RANDY IS OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



The ranch is so lucky to have someone as loved and talented as Randy. In June, he also became our new Program Director.

*Forty years of caring,
driven by faith and purpose.*

2026 FUNDRAISING DINNER

Friday, August 21

The Evening starts at 5pm with
hors d'oeuvres & a Silent Auction
Dinner at 6pm | Followed by a Live Auction

Billings Hotel & Convention Center
1223 Mullaney Lane • Billings, MT 59101



RSVP at specialkranch.org



Ways to Help and Save on Taxes

MONTANA INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ENDOWED PHILANTHROPY

Important Update! The Montana Legislature has increased the maximum credit to **\$15,000 (\$30,000 for couples filing jointly)** for Montana taxpayers. Planned gifts, such as charitable gift annuities, qualify for this credit, which is worth 40% of the charitable gift amount. For businesses making an outright gift to a qualifying endowment, the maximum credit has increased to \$15,000. This popular and tax-wise way to give to the SKR Foundation Endowment supports our residents permanently.

HAVE AN IRA?

Individuals who are 70½ or older can transfer up to \$111,000 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.

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.

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.

GIFTS IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF

Pay tribute to a loved one by supporting the ranch in this special way. A listing of the tribute gift is included in our newsletters.

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.

