



PROMISE Rainbow Acres Celebrates New Life at 40!

News and Notes:

- 2014 marks the 40th Anniversary for Rainbow Acres!
 - This newsletter is in a new format - please give us your feedback!
- media@rainbowacres.com
- Two new homes are on their way to completion!
 - Chris Roush has been named Chief Operating Officer, responsible for all day-to-day details!

David Butler - A Rancher Since 1974

David Butler has made Rainbow Acres Ranch his home since its beginning in 1974. In the forty years since his arrival, David has grown crops, done landscaping, and cared for animals. At one time David was responsible for a four-man crew which cared for a herd of 25 goats!

Reader's Digest published a story in 1986, featuring David and his journey from a lonely and moody teenager to a life of purpose and dignity with the help of Rainbow Acres and the dreams of founder Ralph Showers.

Today David's duties include monitoring the local weather and

ensuring that the lawns around the administration building and the basketball court are watered as needed.

Like every Rancher at Rainbow, David also has chores to do in his home at Hoover House, where he lives with nine other men and a dedicated team of Caregivers.

Although the Ranch property has changed and may look more like a suburban neighborhood or a small community college campus nowadays, there are still animals that need tending. David enjoys doing what he can with the six rabbits that live in the barn area along with horses and dogs.



A recent snapshot of David



1986 article featuring David with Rainbow Acres founder Ralph Showers

President's Message

Rainbow Acres is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year on Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25. The weekend will be chock full of wonderful events to commemorate Rainbow Acres' lifetime of service.

There will be a time to visit with and honor founder Ralph Showers; a time for remembering the Ranchers and Staff members of those early years; a time to meet today's Ranch family; and a time for envisioning the future!

There will be a Rancher Craft Show and Sale, Fine Arts Show, Rancher Choir Concert and an Equestrian program. Our special meal functions will feature memorable performances by Renee Bondi and Matt Savage, gifted individuals who have overcome their disabilities. A Benefit Auction in the Palmer Community Center will feature fine furniture, rare antiques and some of the best food you've ever eaten.

Seats will be limited for the meal functions, so be sure to watch for your opportunity to make your reservations. Proceeds of all events during the weekend will benefit the Rancher Financial Aid Fund, to help those who need it most.

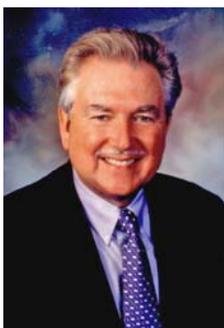
For the Ranchers! Gary L. Wagner

Did You Know . . .

- In March, Gary Wagner marked his 18th year as President and CEO of Rainbow Acres!

Congratulations

Gary!



Gary Wagner
President & CEO



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When you complete a planned gift, you are making a gift that funds the future of Rainbow Acres. Planned Giving provides you with a way of making a lasting gift in support of a mission that you are passionate about.

Planned Giving covers three general circumstances:

* An **outright gift**, such as cash, stock transfers and gifts of real estate provides immediate use of the asset by Rainbow Acres.

* A **bequest** allows you to retain the use of the asset during your lifetime and Rainbow Acres receives the benefit after your death.

* A **life income gift** provides for an asset to be donated to Rainbow Acres during your lifetime and for you to receive income from the asset for life.



Susan Hall
 Director of Planned Giving

To learn more about ways to support Rainbow Acres, contact Susan Hall, Director of Planned Giving at hall-ra@live.com.

Construction Progresses on Aria House and Wagner House



Inside Wagner House

Two new houses for Ranchers are scheduled for completion this Fall!

Aria House is named to honor the love of music shared by the sponsoring Van Dyck family. Its modern décor and artwork will reflect the theme.

An unexpected bequest allows the building of a second house at the same time, which saves on construction costs, and the Board of Trustees chose to name it Wagner House, in honor of longtime President and CEO Gary Wagner. A more Traditional theme will be

seen throughout this home.

Each of the modern houses at Rainbow includes a Great Room which encompasses a dining area and an entertainment center with comfortable seating for residents. Individual bedrooms offer privacy for ten Ranchers, and a suite is also set aside for the Caregivers who rotate in the house.

Aria House will join Koinania, Hoover and Patrick Houses by adding a two-bedroom apartment that may be used by staff members, consultants, Rancher families and volunteers.

These two homes will bring the total living quarters to eleven houses and eight apartments!

American Baptist Churches of LA and Congregations of the Southwest and Hawaii are busy raising money to fund house number twelve, to be called “Oikos”, Greek for “dwelling”.



Lot for future Oikos House



Aria House