



RAINBOW

Summer 2014

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THANK YOU!

We truly appreciate your generous support of our Easter offering!

Rainbow Acres Ranchers received 95 Easter cards and your contributions more than met the \$20,000 match gift!

\$21,850 was raised to assist Ranchers in need, bringing the total offering to \$41,850!

Phillip Crowley - 40 Years a Rancher

Phillip Crowley grew up on a farm in Cortez, Colorado, where he helped grow the acres of pinto beans and other foodstuffs the family produced.

He started driving a tractor as soon as he could reach the pedals and see over the steering wheel. Even after moving to Rainbow Acres in July of 1974, he went back late each summer to help the family bring in the harvest. When his father brought him back, he always came with a large sack of beans for the Ranchers!

40 years later, Phillip is enjoying his ability to create beautiful designs for Rainbow's signature

Stepping Stones craft. He places small pieces of stained glass in a pattern which ends up on large or medium stepping stones, or on the smaller trivet stones. His specialty is making the large stones with full circle rainbow patterns!

For a long time, Phillip was in charge of recycling for the Ranch, collecting paper, cardboard, and items of aluminum and plastic to send to Sedona Recycles.

Phillip always keeps his room clean and neat, even though it is chock-full of special memorabilia from his long and eventful life, including photos of his family.

Congratulations Phil!



Phil working on a Stepping Stone recently



Phil taking a break on the porch of his home, Baldwin House

A Word From the COO

Rainbow turns 40 this year, and the ranch is alive with excitement.

As I write this on the first of July, David Butler and Phil Crowley are celebrating their 40th anniversary as Ranchers at Rainbow Acres. Rainbow is such an amazing place, and has such amazing stories!

From the incredible obstacles faced by Ralph and Marilyn Showers as they planted a Christian home for adults with disabilities on a shoestring, to the families who entrusted loved ones like David to this new ministry, to the wonderful people who said "Yes!" when Gary Wagner asked if they would help make the first Rancher site-built homes possible – Rainbow has always been blessed!

The challenges have been many. Ever-changing governmental codes, enticing exceptional people to our Caregiver and administrative staff teams, developing a circle of friends to assist Ranchers without family and a base of support - there are so many great stories to share! But through it all, our greatest blessing has been you - the people who have listened to our stories, and joined us in making this great ministry possible!

Thank you for all your love and support through the years! Please join us October 24-25 and help us celebrate forty years of a truly awesome community!

Did You Know . . .

Recently Rainbow Acres acquired some adjacent property, nearly doubling in size to 50 acres!

The Future is Promising!



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MISSION STATEMENT: Rainbow Acres is a Christian Community with heart that empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose.

Legacy Society members have peace of mind, knowing that their final charitable wishes will be carried out.

Please consider making a planned gift now - contact your financial advisor, attorney, or Susan Hall, Director of Planned Giving at hall-ra@live.com.

**40th Anniversary Schedule of Events
 October 24 and 25, 2014**



Friday: 12:00 noon - Founders Luncheon
 Guests of Honor Ralph and Marilyn Showers
 Guest Artist: Renée Bondi, Quadriplegic Recording Artist
 3:00 pm - Dedication and Reception for Aria and Wagner Houses
 6:00 pm - Rainbow Benefit Auction with Catered Gourmet Meal
 Saturday: 9:00 am until 1:00 Rancher Day and Open House
 Rancher Choir Concert, Rancher and Parent/Guardian "Olympics",
 Rancher Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, Rancher Fine Arts Painting Show,
 Cookout Lunch on Basketball Court with Homemade Ice Cream
 6:00 pm - Gala 40th Anniversary Banquet
 Guest Artist: Matt Savage, Savant Pianist with Autism

Marcus Brings Home the Gold!



Marcus with his Gold Medal and bouquet of flowers following the Awards Ceremony

June 16-18, Rancher Marcus Sanders played golf with his partner, Director of Ranch Operations and Staff Development Mike Kowalski.

"So what?" you may ask. Here is what: They were playing in the Special Olympics 2014 USA Games in New Jersey! Coach and Caregiver Sandy Koonce was able to join the 42-person Arizona contingent as well.

earn First Place in Level 3 Golf, and the Gold Medal at the Award Ceremonies on Thursday morning, June 19!

Making Sandy even prouder, her brother and nephew, playing Level 3 Golf from Texas, came in second for the Silver Medal!

The athletes and their coaches and partners also got to have fun while visiting The Garden State, attending a Trenton Thunder baseball game, taking a sightseeing cruise over to the Statue of Liberty, and a ferry trip over to Manhattan where they saw the memorial for the World Trade Center.

Everyone at Rainbow Acres is so proud of Marcus and his great achievement at the USA Games!



Mike, Marcus and Sandy with the New York City skyline from the tour ship

Approximately 3500 athletes competed in the USA Games, from every state in the nation.

Mike and Marcus started out the first day with 127, leaving them in fifth place in Level 3 Golf. Tuesday was hot and humid and they shot 130, but they came back on Wednesday with a score of 110. The three-day total of 367 was enough to



Thys and Thys Jones given Silver and Marcus and Mike get the Gold at the Award Ceremony



Mike and Marcus with cake at Rainbow Acres Ranch