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“Under the guidance of the Catholic Church, provide a safe home for all youth who have experienced physical or emotional trauma, where every act is done with love to help them discover the dignity of the human person and learn the skills to manage life’s challenges.”

Home On The Range Receives Special Award

Home On The Range was awarded a Prevention Solution Fellowship for one year from My Life My Choice, a nonprofit organization. Home On The Range (HOTR) was one of only five nation-wide organizations that received this fellowship. The fellowship award will be used for professional development and training for the employees who are working with trafficked and exploited youth.

Home On The Range has a high population of commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) youth. According to the HOTR admission records from October 1, 2018 through October 1, 2022, **83%** of the females admitted were assessed as CSEC.

It is one of the few facilities that specializes in treatment for trafficked and exploited youth. Some of the therapeutic programs include My Life My Choice, Ending the Game, Girl’s Circle Group, self-defense, trauma-informed yoga, social emotional learning, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS) by our trained nurse, relationship group, drug and alcohol counseling and animal assisted therapies.

My Life My Choice’s mission and goal is to bring CSEC to the surface and make people aware and what to watch for. It is led by CSEC survivors who work with youth to empower them to defend themselves and society and not tolerate this harmful industry. Survivors educate youth and work with allies to help the youth rebuild their lives and have an impact within their communities.

This evidence-based program focuses on awareness and advocacy. My Life My Choice works closely with providers, law enforcement and other organizations to build a strong network of people to help children by helping them fight back and get a new start. The fellowship award will be used to train clinical staff to be group leaders. Home On The Range will have some of its employees and clinicians participate in a six-week advanced program to enable them to train other team members. This on-line course will teach employees the ways to deal with CSEC population in a residential environment. The basic training sessions will eventually reach all of Home On The Range’s employees so they understand the program, are using the same language, are familiar with what to watch for, and learn how to respond.



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Financial Support

HOTR does not receive direct financial support from the Bismarck Catholic Diocese. Care rates charged for services cover approximately 75% of the actual cost. The remainder must be raised through gifts, grants, our agricultural operation, fundraising events, and investments.

Financial Statements Available

A copy of the most recent HOTR financial statement is available to persons or organizations upon request. Please contact our business office at (701) 872-3745.

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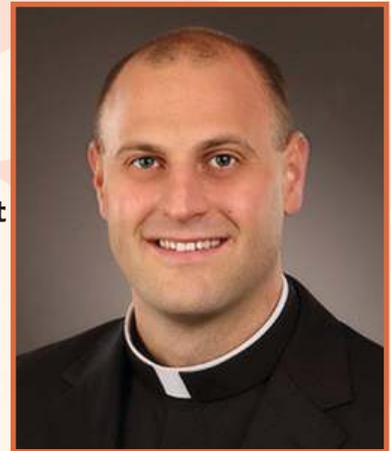


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Welcome Father Nicholas Vetter

On July 1, Home On The Range welcomed Father Nicholas Vetter as the new Secretary/Treasurer for the Home On The Range Board of Directors and the Home On The Range Chaplain. Father Vetter will oversee the spiritual department and some of the groups.

The boys and girls can voluntarily participate in spiritual groups such as prayer group, music is awesome, spiritual development, or Native Development.



HOTR is hiring until the positions are filled.

Home On The Range is Hiring!



Looking for adults to participate in activities and supervise youth ages 12-18 in a residential setting. Starting pay is \$40,810/year. Benefits include **the best family health insurance paid entirely by HOTR**, plus much more! Must be 21 or older and have a high school diploma or equivalent. We provide training! Call 701-872-3745, ext. 0 for an application or more information. EOE.

Application & job description at
www.hotrnd.com



Rick Hanson, F.O.E. North Central Regional President, presented HOTR a grant award for \$3,000. The grant will be used for new bedroom furniture for the boys' dormitory.

Plan now for Year-End Giving

It may seem like a long way away to file your 2023 tax returns, but now is the time to talk to your family and financial planner about year-end giving to charities like Home On The Range. As a 501(c)3, your financial donation is tax-deductible (according to your tax filing status). A financial contribution can be a personal check, on-line donation, or maybe even a distribution from your personal I.R.A. The donation can also be made in memory or honor of a loved one, friend, or special event like birthdays or anniversaries.

Home On The Range Foundation also accepts financial contributions. The principal amount in the Foundation is never used, only the accrued interest. There may be special state tax credits for North Dakota residents who contribute \$5,000 or more.

Home On The Range kindly accepts and appreciates all donations, memorials and Foundation contributions to provide services and care for children. Plan early, but please always consult your accountant, tax advisor or financial planner for what is best for you and your family.



Home On The Range after-care program would like to extend its appreciation for the donation of bikes from the Stark County Sheriff's department. These bikes will be used for children who are having difficulty getting to and from work, school appointments and activities.

67th Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match

It was a beautiful day for the 2023 Champions Ride Saddle Bronc Match. The early morning started out a little questionable because the arena was drenched and full of rain from the night before. Thanks to Martin Construction and its workers, the saturated dirt was removed and dryer dirt was brought in and re-worked. Our hats off to Martin Construction! Despite road construction, nearly 1900 people were in attendance to watch 32 Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (P.R.C.A.) cowboys ride some of the best P.R.C.A. broncs. At the end of the day, the scores were tallied and Kolby Wanchuk was named the 2023 Champion! The 2023 Best Bronc was Straight Moonshine (N15) from J Bar J Rodeo.



Long Go

Cowboy	Bronc	Score	Place
Kolby Wanchuk	Bugsy	90.5	1
Damian Brennan	Professional Lunatic	88	2
Chase Brooks	Margarita Maker	87.5	3/4
Wyatt Casper	Sue City Sue	87.5	3/4
Zeke Thurston	Calico Valley	87	5/6/7
Sage Newman	Johnny Be Good	87	5/6/7
Lefty Holman	Big Sky	87	5/6/7
Brody Cress	Disco Inferno	86.5	8

Short Go

Cowboy	Bronc	Score	Place
Brody Cress	Lunatic from Hell	91.5	1
Kolby Wanchuk	Straight Moonshine	91	2
Sage Newman	Spotted Blues	90.5	3/4
Damian Brennan	In the Lu	90.5	3/4
Layton Green	Major Huckleberry	88.5	5/6/6
Logan Cook	Spring Tunes	88.5	5/6/6
Lefty Holman	Shady Jacket	88.5	5/6/6

**Congratulations to our 2023 Champion with
181.5 total points - KOLBY WANCHUK!**

**A special thank you to all our
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Upcoming Events

22nd Annual Basket Bash & Auction
Friday, November 17, 2023 - 6:30pm
Golden Valley Co. Fairgrounds in Beach

Giving Tuesday
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
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Giving Hearts Day 2024
Thursday, February 8, 2024
givingheartday.org
24-hour online fundraiser

Dakota Scramble Golf Tournament
Sunday, June 23, 2024
6 *Bully Pulpit Golf Course, Medora, ND*

Home On The Range is on Facebook and Instagram! Become a fan by searching for “Home On The Range” and “Home on the Range Champions Ride Match” and stay informed of our events and activities.



Our organization provides a therapeutic ranch environment for boys and girls who are disadvantaged, neglected, problematic, predelinquent and delinquent. Children of all races, creeds, and colors are served at our facility located in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota.