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## Anniversary Celebration Kicks Off With Event in Amarillo

Cal Farley's is celebrating two special anniversaries this year, including Boys Ranch's 70th anniversary and Girlstown, U.S.A.'s 60th anniversary. On Tuesday, March 10, a group of donors, alumni, residents, board members, staff and friends gathered for an evening of celebration in Amarillo.

The program primarily featured Andy Justus, master of ceremonies and an alumnus of Boys Ranch; the Boys Ranch singing quartet of

Daniel, Ernie, Issac and Tyler; brief comments by Amarillo Mayor Debra McCartt; special thanks by Dan Adams, Cal Farley's President and CEO and Bud Joyner, Cal Farley's Board Chairman; and the keynote message presented by Jaiya John, Executive Director of Soul Water Rising.

Mr. John thanked those in attendance, and

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*Boys Ranch quartet sings during anniversary celebration.*

## Girlstown Workshop and Style Show Focuses On Inner Beauty

During the New Year's break from school, Girlstown sponsored a three-day workshop for the girls that included lessons in applying makeup, runway modeling, fitness and etiquette. The focus of the event was to provide the girls with an opportunity to understand the importance of inner beauty and outer beauty. Renee Little, a local singer, kicked off the event during the Sunday evening chapel service. She spoke about God's role in helping each young person see their true beauty, inside and out.

The following day the girls participated in classes that taught makeup application, fitness, etiquette and runway modeling. On the final day, the girls participated in a brief style show, followed by a special dinner at the dining hall.

"The style show was to show off the clothes we purchased with funds from the Beaumont Foundation and to tell them how much we appreciate it," said Markavia, 15. "I was very happy to go on a shopping spree. They are nice enough to give us money to buy clothes that we need. I automatically wore my new clothes to school. I wanted to show them off, to show I actually have new clothes. My favorite thing is shopping and having a lot of friends that I can

get along with and who know what I'm going through."

"It was unexpected," said Catherine, 15. "I'm not used to having people hand me money out of nowhere. It's nice to know there are people who actually care. And I've grown up in a world where not a lot of people care about other people. I'm very thankful, grateful that there are people out there who are willing to donate so much just for us."

"I see it as them really caring, because some people don't have family, they don't have someone to pay for the clothes," said Sierra, 16. "It's just really nice for someone to think about us that much and provide for us in that way. It's a lot of girls. It's not just a selected few, it's for everyone. I think it's really nice and I'm really grateful for it."

According to Walt Davis, Girlstown's coordinator of safety, planning and information services, the style show was almost a spiritual moment, where an "aura of grace never seen in some of our girls" was revealed.

"I definitely saw some girls come out of their cocoons," said Nancy Brewer, RN at Cal Farley's Girlstown Clinic.



*Kirstin and Erica participate in Girlstown's style show.*

Janna Holt-Day, a professor of speech at South Plains College, concluded the event with a brief presentation titled, "Beauty from the Inside." She offered three suggestions to the girls: Stay Positive, Always Smile, and Be Nice. "With negative people around, it is hard to be positive," she said. "But it is a choice. Focus on the good in your life and in the world, and you can help others by being positive."

# Boys Ranch Has A Ski Team?

## Preparing for Independence

President's Message  
By Dan Adams



On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in March at Girlstown, U.S.A., a group of donors, friends, Cal Farley's board members, residents and staff gathered for a special dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for Johnson Cottage, the new home of Girlstown's Transitional Living Program.

The Transitional Living Program endeavors to provide our juniors and seniors with an opportunity to focus on developing the independent living skills necessary to succeed once they leave the security of Girlstown.

The transition to independence and young adulthood is a fragile time for a young person. Oftentimes it can seem scary. Like good parents, we attempt to provide a safe atmosphere that includes housing, food, an education, spiritual guidance, and extracurricular activities. But we realize that our campus settings currently do not provide enough opportunities for teenagers to experience independence. We have been told by many of our alumni that when they left the campus, they struggled with their newfound freedom.

Johnson Cottage is one piece of the puzzle that we have put in place to provide our youth with a better head start. The cottage offers 10,000 square feet of living space with the capacity to accommodate 12 to 14 girls, plus two apartments for house parents. The girls will live in six double-occupancy suites that include individual bedrooms and a shared bathroom. Six kitchenettes are also available for the girls to practice meal preparation. In addition, the girls can qualify to live in the transitional apartment that includes two bedrooms, one bath, kitchen and living room.

The cottage was funded primarily through the estate of Murray Johnson, and was named in honor of Mr. Johnson and his wife, Jeanne. Their philanthropic donation to Cal Farley's has funded several projects at Boys Ranch, including the Johnson Home, the Dippel Activity Center's gymnasium, a staff duplex built recently by our students in the SkillsUSA VICA program, and the recent renovation of the Boys Ranch swimming pool. In addition, a scholarship program is available for girls interested in pursuing a business-related course of study in college.

We are constantly broadening our services to the children we serve and this has been one of the more strategic projects I've ever been involved with.

Six seniors have moved into the new cottage. "I'm excited to move into Johnson Cottage," said Erica, 17. "It's roomy, we'll be on our own, and we'll enjoy more privacy."

In the words of Nita White, Girlstown Assistant Administrator, "This new program is going to flourish. Through this wonderful donation, the girls have a beautiful new home with ample room that will be very comfortable. A lot of teaching will go on and will include routine seminars every week discussing topics such as money management, food management, car buying and apartment leasing."

Dr. Bud Joyner, Chairman of the Cal Farley's Board of Directors, thanked all of our donors for their support. "It's never far from our mind that everything at Cal Farley's belongs to our donors, and exists because of our donors," he said. "For that we are eternally grateful, and too seldom do we have the opportunity to say so."

I am proud of the work that has been done over the years to make our dream a reality. Our Transitional Living Program is the envy of many organizations and I have no doubt that there are more exciting things to come in this arena. In fact, we are planning to improve the Independent Living Program that serves our alumni. In order to meet the growing demands for temporary housing for our alumni, and due to the age and repair needs of the current building, Cal Farley's is planning to build a new facility to house the Independent Living Program. The plans for a new building call for increasing the number of residential living apartments from six to 10. Each apartment will have one bedroom and the increased capacity will rise from housing 12 individuals to 20. I promise to keep you up-to-date on that project as it develops.

We understand the significance of giving in this economic climate, but we also understand that the needs of families are greatest in times of economic crisis. Thankfully, there are many other people like Murray and Jeanne Johnson throughout the country who make our programs possible. Their benevolence, and yours, will continue to help children for many years to come. Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

Boys Ranch has a ski team? Yes, the youth living on the mountain-deprived Texas landscape enjoy snow skiing. The excitement of gliding down a snow covered mountain trail on skis or snowboards is an opportunity of a lifetime for many of our youth, and the benefit of participating on the ski team is a huge bonus.

"Last year we had 10 kids on the ski team, although 6-7 were not experienced skiers," said Mike Whitecotton, Assistant Administrator of Special Programs. "This year I learned to qualify kids that are more seasoned skiers."

In order to participate on the team, the youth have to be in good standing at Boys Ranch, they have to display good skiing ability, and they cannot have other conflicts. Participants also had to agree to participate in a weekly workout regimen of aerobics and weight training to get them in shape for the rigors of skiing.

"One of our goals is for the youth to have an opportunity to push themselves, see what they can accomplish, work on their skills and see if they can get better," Mr. Whitecotton said.

The team recently journeyed to New Mexico's Sipapu Ski Resort several times to practice their skills on the slopes. Sue Leslie, daughter of Sipapu's founder, has run the ski school for the past 18 years. "We like to help kids learn to ski," she said. "Boys Ranch always brings up a good group of skiers. They seem eager, and they are always appreciative of what we do."

"We wouldn't ski as much if it wasn't for Sipapu's support, with the large number of kids we bring and the favorable rates that they give us. It's something they've been doing for 30 years." Mr. Whitecotton said. "They are extremely friendly, and when we have special requests, they try to accommodate us any way they can. If I need a race course, they set up a race course."



Robert snowboards at Sipapu Ski Resort.

After training for several weeks, the team participated in timed competitions sponsored by NASTAR at Angel Fire Ski Resort. NASTAR (National Standard Race) racing is a program that allows recreational skiers of all ages and abilities to test their skills on courses set up at resorts across the country.

The amateur Boys Ranch skiers were hopeful that their times would be competitive with other boys their age and skill level. At the qualifying races in Angel Fire, five boys qualified for the NASTAR 2009 Ski and Snowboard Racing National Championships at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The boys who qualified for the March 26-29 event were Taylor, Adam, Ricky, Kris and Robert.

"I joined the ski team because I like to ski and I want to get better," said Kris, 12. "I've been skiing a long time and I like the cold weather."

"I think the ski team is something that will grow," Mr. Whitecotton said.

Sam agrees. "The ski team is my favorite thing about Boys Ranch."

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# Anniversary

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all other supporters, for pouring themselves into making a difference in the lives of children. "You understand that you can't let a young life go, you understand that when you do, you are letting your own future go, and the future of your children."

Seventy years ago, Cal Farley, a successful Amarillo business man, poured himself into helping troubled and troubling children find a second chance for success. Mr. Farley's dream was realized when Boys Ranch was established in 1939. Ten years later, Amelia Anthony, a social worker, founded Girlstown, U.S.A. when she opened a temporary shelter for girls in Buffalo Gap, Texas. Girlstown was started with just nine girls and the program moved to Whiteface, Texas a few months later. Through the years donors and supporters have continued to strengthen the two programs, even during harsh financial times.

Mr. John, an African-American, is an author and nationally renowned speaker. As an infant, he was placed in a foster care system that did not have the capacity to adequately provide for the needs of the children it served. Later he was adopted by a white family in New Mexico, and although he felt loved, he still struggled with his identity for many years. Through his pain and suffering, Mr. John discovered the importance of building strong relationships with those around him.

"I began to learn that when I put myself, when I poured myself into relationships with others – my peers, my friends, other adults – something phenomenal, something magical, something divine happened," he said. For the first time in his life, he felt worthy enough as a human being to affect the lives of others. "It never occurred to me that I was that big. That was the beginning of my understanding that I had a responsibility to take the experiences of my life and transform all of that pain, and suffering, and self doubt into a positive, powerful, important, and potent force and share it every moment that I had an opportunity."

Issac, a Boys Ranch High School senior, also shared his poignant story with the audience – a story unique to Issac. He captured the evening's meaning in his concluding remarks by saying, "I am a classic example of how the dedication and money you as donors have put forth into Boys Ranch have helped. Your contributions and your love have helped expand the dream that Cal and Mimi Farley envisioned -- a dream that one day young men like Daniel, Ernie, Tyler and I would be able to have a second chance at life. In the Farley Memorial Garden (at Boys Ranch) there is a head stone that states 'if you want to see what Cal and Mimi did, just look around you'. I'm saying if you want to see who helped make that dream possible, just look around this room."

# Basketball Team Enjoys Cinderella Season

A Boys Ranch athletic team once again made school history this year as the boys basketball team stunned the No. 3-ranked team in the area playoffs. The one-point win against Clarendon, 52-51, gave the Roughriders a trip to the regional quarterfinals for the first time.

Trailing 49-38 with barely seven minutes left in the game, Boys Ranch capitalized on four consecutive turnovers and scored nine unanswered points. Behind 51-50 with 17.9 seconds to play, the Roughriders grabbed the rebound and Head Coach Chuck Bailey called timeout. On the following play, LaQuan, a 6'7" sophomore, grabbed a pass near the top of the key, turned, dribbled and scored from the lane with three seconds remaining in the game. It was the Roughriders' first lead of the game at 52-51. A Clarendon player attempted a desperation toss from near center court, but LaQuan blocked the shot as time ran out. Roughrider fans swarmed the court in jubilation.

"I'm kind of numb," Coach Bailey said immediately after the game. "When we were behind by 11 points early in the final quarter we never quit playing hard. Clarendon led most of the game, but we hung in and managed to win it at the end."

Geraldo, a freshman guard, was joyful following the win. "It wasn't what I expected," he said. "There was lots of pressure. Now I think we have a good shot in the next round."

According to LaQuan, the win over the state's third-ranked team was thrilling, but



The team celebrates their first playoff win and bi-district championship.

the result was definitely something the team worked hard to accomplish. "We didn't come here to lose," he said.

"We've had teams we thought may have had better talent, but this group of guys refused to go away," said Paul Jones, BRISD athletic director. "The key was teamwork. They were unselfish throughout the game."

In the next round of the playoffs a few days later, the team's thrilling ride was unfortunately ended by district rival Gruver 53-37 following a tough-fought game. The team ended its season with an 18-9 record.

"I am proud of this team," said Coach Bailey following the game. "Our guys played hard."

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