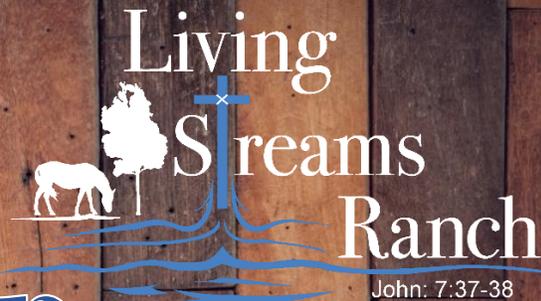


Ranch Roundup



Horses



Healing



Hope



On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within them." John 7:37-38

Happy spring! Our spring sessions are starting soon! One of my favorite things to do as a Session Mentor is to help others know Jesus more deeply, some for the first time, and to grow more intimately in their love for him. I especially love sitting at the cross while teaching others to listen for the voice of God, the one who created them and calls them by name. God desires a deep, authentic relationship with each of his children. In friendship with God, we discover the vast reservoir of affection, love, intimacy, grace, comfort, and guidance available to us. The Holy Spirit enables us to hear God's voice as He speaks to our hearts.

His word tells us in John 10:27, "My sheep listen to my voice; they know me and follow me."; 1 Kings 19:12 reads, "The Lord speaks to us in the still, small voice." Additionally, Isaiah 7:14 says, "He is Immanuel, God with us." As we learn to quiet our hearts and minds before him in prayer, we can ask the Holy Spirit to open our spiritual ears to hear from Him. As we seek the Lord for what he wants to share with us, we can tune our spirit to pay attention to anything we may hear, any thoughts or images we may have. Listening prayer takes practice like any other spiritual discipline. I know my relationship with the Lord has grown so much deeper as I spend time listening in the secret place with him. As we journey through Lent, I encourage you to take time to be still and listen to his voice as you eagerly seek his presence. You will be amazed and empowered by what you will hear.



We are so grateful to be starting our 8th year of ministry here at the Ranch. We have served over 780 participants since 2017. This fall our board agreed that we needed to increase our budget to better aid with the work and growth that we are experiencing. As a result, we are taking the bold step of beginning to pay our session mentors a stipend for their leadership of sessions, to cover their expenses and increase retention. In this letter, we are introducing you to a new part-time staff member we have hired to help with our programming and development needs, and we have established a feed team that can assist with caring for the horses on certain days, creating more time for myself to focus on other ministry and personal responsibilities.

We love our front-row seat to watch how the Lord continues to move in powerful ways, helping ranchers and staff find hope and healing in him! We are so grateful for your prayers for our ministry and your partnership in the work.



Have a blessed Easter,
Deb Rotelle
Executive Director
Founder

2023 Stats

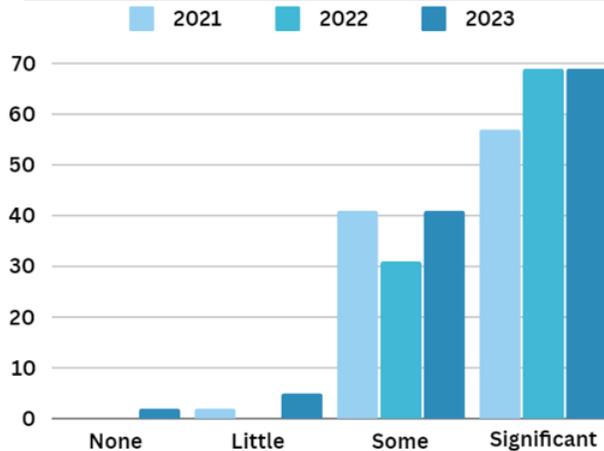
Ranch participants were

76% Women (18+)
24% Teens/ children (8-17)

RANCHER REPORTED EXPERIENCE OF ABUSE



Self-Reported Improvement Rating after Program Participation



100%

OF RANCHERS REPORTED GROWTH IN THEIR FAITH



Our Mission

Living Streams Ranch seeks to help women (13+) and children (ages 8-12) experiencing grief, trauma, and deep emotional pain find hope and healing by sharing the love of Christ with them.

Our Program

Living Streams Ranch provides 10 private sessions led by Christian mentors that include horse-related activities, study and reflection on God's Word, the Bible, and healing prayer. Ranchers can share their stories and express their feelings in a safe and confidential environment that promotes physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

Our Vision

Living Streams Ranch provides opportunities for ranchers to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, heal from the past, become equipped to begin a new life, and to be given hope for the future. The Ranch provides a trauma-informed space for hurting individuals to feel safe, accepted and supported while discovering their identity and value as a loved child of God and the truth of the gospel.



Michaella's Story

God used Living Streams Ranch to save my life. When I first came to the Ranch I was holding on to so much pain, anger, self-hatred, and sadness in my heart. I was so bitter from the trauma I had endured throughout my childhood. I had no sense of hope and felt like I was completely alone. I felt too broken to be "fixed".

I had always longed for a relationship with God but could never seem to let go of the resentment I held towards him and those that had hurt me. Through my sessions with Deb, God taught me how to forgive not only others but myself too. He held me in my sadness, my pain, my grief, and all my suffering, and gave me a chance to experience true joy. I found my true identity in Christ and who he says I am. He showed me that no one is too far gone, or too broken to be saved. Through Living Streams Ranch, God gave me a chance to live, and live for Him.

Monty was also a huge part of my healing journey. I developed a strong relationship with him throughout my time both in sessions and volunteering. He taught me many things, but most of all patience, not only with him but with myself as well. I am so grateful for all of the time I was able to spend with Monty, and he will always hold a special place in my heart.

Words cannot even describe how grateful I am for LSR. I have never felt more supported, loved, and cared for than by the family I've found here. On so many occasions they have helped me through the darkest seasons of my life. The Ranch will always be a part of what has shaped who I've become. I have found genuine healing and hope here, and I love to see how God works in the lives of everyone involved.



**Interested in attending sessions
at the Ranch? Scan the QR code
with your camera or visit
livingstreamsrancho.org/sessions/
to apply.**



Dana's Story



When I first heard about Living Streams Ranch I was coming out from an emotionally abusive situation and from an extremely dark place of wanting my life to be over. Underneath that were layers of trauma from a broken family, PTSD, manipulation, sexual, physical, spiritual and more compiled emotional abuse. I struggled daily with anxiety and depression. I had completely lost my identity, my voice, and I didn't know who I was. But one thing I did know was I still belonged to the Lord Jesus Christ and that He could set me free from my past, my fears, my anxiety, and its constant effects on my everyday life.

The first day driving to the Ranch I was so nervous. I didn't know what to expect; fears and doubts were creeping up on me. But the moment I walked into the woods with my session leader, I immediately sensed the presence of God. I knew I was in a safe place and He was going to do a work in me. I didn't hold back at all in my sessions, and I poured my heart, soul and past out to the Lord. As I did, the Lord began breaking things off of me - lies, fears, hurts, soul ties and all the things that held me bound. I could tangibly feel a difference at times that something was gone, that it had lifted. Light had come, exposed the darkness, and it fled.

The horses were instruments the Lord used to build up my courage and confidence. I remember riding bareback and blindfolded and the day I used only my body language to control the horse and gain its trust. The woods were my favorite place. I heard from the Lord every time I was there; praying and worshiping at the cross was always a beautiful time in His presence. He used nature in incredible ways to confirm things and reveal His working in my life.

The Lord brought such an incredible change in my life and a work in my heart. What the Lord did was nothing short of miraculous! I am completely set free from my past. I knew He was going to bring freedom, but I never imagined it could happen so quickly. I also never would've imagined that a little Ranch I'd never heard of before was going to play such an integral role in the story of my life. I am facing the future walking with the Lord in complete freedom from my past trauma and abuse. Nothing is holding me bound anymore. I know He can do for others what He has done for me. Hallelujah, thank You Jesus!

Session Fun



Staff Spotlight

We serve a creative God who weaves the storyline of our life into the storyline of others in ways we never could have seen coming. In the end when we sit back and reflect, we realize – only our good God can do that!

In the fall of 2018, a friend from church had brought her students from Dock Mennonite Academy to Living Streams Ranch for a service project. Knowing how much I and my oldest daughter loved horses, she recommended we check it out. When I called to inquire, Deb graciously took my daughter and I on a tour, sharing her story, vision for the ministry, and the needs they had for volunteers and session leaders.

As a teen, I had dreamed of working on a Ranch someday, and I spent many summers leading trail rides and teaching riding lessons. After high school, I attended a discipleship program that helped shape my faith and leadership skills, as well as developed my skills in horse training, riding instruction, and driving. However, over time, God had shown me that he had other plans for my life, which included living in

the busy suburbs, graduating with social work and Bible degrees, serving in a local church with my husband, and raising a family. I always joked with my husband that he had no idea about my former life of muddy boots, Carhartt clothing that was worn for necessity and not fashion, and horse aroma. Now all of a sudden, Deb Rotelle was asking me if I've ever worked much with horses! I can honestly say I never thought that these previous experiences were something that would ever reenter my life.

Since 2018, I have enjoyed serving with the team at Living Streams Ranch as a session leader and volunteer. When I was hired at Vantage Academy in Souderton, an alternative school for kids who experienced challenges in traditional school settings, my director agreed that part of my job would include bringing interested students to participate in the program at Living Streams.

Now God is doing something new! In the fall of 2023, Deb Rotelle approached me about a new part-time staff position, Program Development Director, that was being created at the Ranch. The LSR board saw a need for a position to focus on fundraising, community engagement, donor relations, and program development. The Ranch has served over 750 individuals since 2017, and continues to grow. I am thrilled that this new opportunity I have accepted is going to give me a close-up view to watch God transform lives and provide for His work.

This role is allowing us to develop new processes to stay connected, like integrating email software to let you know about upcoming events or creating online forms for participants or volunteers. We are expanding our ability to share with churches, organizations, and local businesses about the lives that are being healed by the love of Jesus. Interestingly, hosting tours and service projects, which is how I initially connected with the Ranch, are now part of my job description!

Thank you so much to those who have been so generous towards the ministry of Living Streams Ranch. God has used your financial gifts and service to help us minister to so many hurting women and children, and now to help provide the resources to create this new staff position. Our growth, both past and in the future, is because you have chosen to accept the invitation God has presented to you to get involved in this work with us. And now my story, your story, and the story of our ranchers are woven together into a beautiful tapestry that only God could have designed, revealing His goodness, redemptive mission, and Kingdom.



Debbie Eckert, MSW, LSW

Program Development Director
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LSR session leaders
training over the winter
months.

Hearts and Hoofs

Welcome to our new session leaders and board member!

Leah Powley, MHC

I have been walking alongside women in their healing journey from sexual trauma for four and a half years. My own healing journey started in 2018. God has turned my story into something beautiful through which I can share His love. Currently, I facilitate a support group for women who need healing from sexual abuse, teach online and in person workout classes, am a part-time caregiver, and I am a board certified Mental Health Coach specializing in trauma healing. I'm a wife and mom too!



Jane Consiglio, RN, LPC

I am a mom of three wonderful children and a Nana Jane to 2 grandchildren with a third due in July. I am a Registered Nurse and a Licensed Counselor, working at a Christian Counseling Center in Easton, PA. I have a heart for women who have experienced trauma and it is a passion of mine to bring Jesus into the healing process as women begin their healing journey. Since my first time at LSR, I have developed a love of horses. Currently, I am taking riding lessons and enjoying it.

Paul F. Bauer, MS, LPC, CCTP

Paul Bauer is a retired police lieutenant and presently is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice in Pennsylvania. His areas of emphasis include Trauma, Sexual Abuse, PTSD, marriage, and individuals across a variety of treatment disorders. Paul has a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management from Nyack College in New York and a Master's Degree in Counseling from University in Pennsylvania with an Advanced Specialization in Christian Counseling. A published author, he joined the Living Stream Ranch Board in October of 2023. Paul loves spending time with his wife Barbara and their five grandchildren.



Ways to Help the Ranch

Volunteers can assist with:

- Horse Care
- Barn Chores
- Trail Maintenance
- Landscaping
- Facility Maintenance
- Clerical
- Bookkeeping
- Event Planning
- Fundraising
- Creative Projects - designing puzzles and painting signs
- Session Support

2,223.5 Volunteer Hours

were graciously served by our awesome team of volunteers in 2023!



Interested in volunteering? Scan the Code with your phone camera to be directed to our volunteer page and application.

Partners in Hope

LSR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of volunteers and donors who are passionate about how God changes lives. Your tax deductible donations enable us to offer free services for those who attend sessions at the Ranch. Thank you for your partnership in this work.

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New Donation Options

Did you know LSR is now able to receive gifts of stock, distributions from your IRA and grants from your donor advised fund? Please contact the Ranch for more information.



Help the Ranch earn money while you shop online! Grab your computer and download the Give Freely shopping extension, follow the signup prompts, and select Living Streams Ranch as your nonprofit organization. As you shop online, Give Freely lets you know about participating merchants that will donate a portion of your purchase to Living Streams Ranch at no extra cost to you. (Give Freely works on Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge browsers, but sadly, not phones.) **Sign up at [givefreely.com](https://www.givefreely.com).**

Interested in Donating to the Ranch?

Scan the QR Code to Donate online or mail your check to 2375 Shukraft Rd, Quakertown, PA, 18951.



Look what God Provided through you...

This utility vehicle allows individuals with physical limitations to have greater access to the Ranch property, including the ability to use our curated trails and sit at the cross in the woods. It also helps with clearing snow, transporting full manure buckets for composting, and trail maintenance.



Special thanks to Trumbauer's Motor Sports.

Help Us as We Grow

We are excited about the growth God has brought to our ministry, but we now need our administrative tools to be more efficient and cost effective. We are in the beginning stages of developing a database to help us stay connected with friends, partners, and participants of our program. Will you help us by updating your contact information on our website and indicating your communication preferences? Scan the QR Code to be directed to our webpage.





2375 Schukraft Road
Quakertown, PA 18951

Upcoming Events

March 24th - Dedication Day - join us to pray over the Ranch Property, 2-4pm.

March 25th -1st Day of Spring Sessions

June 17th - 1st Day of Summer Sessions

July 11th - Downtown Scoop Fundraiser, 11 W. Chestnut St, Souderton, PA, 6-9pm.

August 11th - Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser, Harleysville, PA, 1:15pm.

