



WHERE HEALING HAPPENS: THE HEART OF LONESOME DOVE RANCH

At Lonesome Dove Ranch, "Where Healing Happens" is more than a slogan—it's our mission. We provide a sanctuary for children in the foster care system, many of whom have endured severe trauma, physical and sexual abuse, neglect, or abandonment. These children often come from unimaginable circumstances, having been removed from dangerous environments or shuffled through a system that struggles to meet their needs. Some have faced years of instability, while others have been found in conditions of extreme neglect.

Nestled on 120 peaceful acres in Royse City, Texas, with plans to expand onto a recently donated 250-acre ranch, Lonesome Dove offers a nurturing environment where every child can rediscover safety, confidence, and hope. For 17 years, we have provided life-changing experiences through our camps and programs.



Every moment at Lonesome Dove is designed to ensure children feel valued, supported, and empowered to envision brighter futures. For these children—often overlooked and underserved—the ranch is more than a camp. It is a place where healing begins, where trust is rebuilt, and where transformation becomes possible.

OUR CAMPS AND PROGRAMS

300–350 CHILDREN SERVED ANNUALLY

- Currently 6 camps per summer
- No more than 50 Children per camp to ensure personalized care

600–850 VOLUNTEERS

- 2:1 (Sometimes 3:1) adult to child ratio
- Focused attention and support for each child

AGES SERVED

- Current camps target 6–12 years old
- New programs for teens aged 13–16 launching in 2025

100% PRIVATELY FUNDED

- Supported entirely by individual donors, local businesses, and churches—no government funding

FUTURE VISION

- Plans underway to create a foster care village for long-term residential care, with the first homes expected by 2026

THE STORY BEHIND OUR MISSION



Lonesome Dove Ranch was born from the deeply personal vision of Bryan and Haley Jarrett, shaped by their experiences of trauma, faith, and redemption. Bryan’s childhood in rural Arkansas was marked by abandonment and years of unimaginable abuse. His journey to healing through faith led him to a powerful realization: “When your past, pain, and passion overlap, you find your purpose.”

Haley’s upbringing in a foster-friendly home gave her a firsthand understanding of the resilience of children who had endured hardship. Her heart for the vulnerable only strengthened Bryan’s vision, and together, they dreamed of a sanctuary where children in the foster system could find healing, hope, and belonging.

That dream became Lonesome Dove Ranch—a refuge where children receive the care and attention they need to thrive. Here, past hardships do not define the future, and every child is given the opportunity to reclaim their story. Through specialized programming, dedicated mentorship, and a commitment to long-term impact, Lonesome Dove is transforming lives and giving children a foundation for a stronger, brighter tomorrow.

HOW HEALING HAPPENS

Our programs are designed to offer foster children experiences that inspire healing and hope, many of which they’ve never known:

THERAPUTIC RIDING

Horses with histories of abuse create powerful bonds, helping children feel valued and hopeful.

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

From crafts, woodworking, fishing, and jet skiing to horseback riding and water slides, these activities foster joy, confidence, and connection.

CUSTOM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Personalized parties remind children they are loved and uniquely special.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

We help children navigate their emotions, build resilience, and create a sense of stability.

COMMUNITY AND CARE

Licensed counselors, caring volunteers, and a supportive camp environment ensure safety and love.

TRAINING FAMILIES

Prepare families for adoption and help place children in secure and loving homes.

STORIES OF IMPACT: TRANSFORMING LIVES

The transformative power of Lonesome Dove Ranch is best seen in the lives it touches—not just the children who attend, but also the foster parents and volunteers who witness their growth. Children arrive carrying deep trauma, but they leave with renewed confidence, hope, and a sense of belonging.



HALEY'S STORY

At just seven years old, Haley was found abandoned in a hotel room after enduring severe trauma, including neglect and abuse. Removed from this dire situation, she arrived at Lonesome Dove Ranch scared and withdrawn. However, through the care and support of the ranch's team, Haley found not only her voice but also new hope. **By the end of her time at camp, she was connected with a foster family who would later adopt her, giving her the stability and future she deserved.**

BRAYLON'S STORY

Braylon arrived at Lonesome Dove Ranch as a young camper, carrying the weight of instability and uncertainty. Over the years, he returned to camp, forming positive connections and experiencing life-changing support. Eventually, he was adopted into a loving home, which provided him with the structure and encouragement he needed to thrive.

Today, Braylon is a freshman at Texas A&M University and returns to the ranch to mentor younger campers. As a staff member, he helps guide children through activities that promote personal growth, leadership, and emotional healing. His goal is to ensure that others receive the same support and encouragement that shaped his own journey.

FOSTER PARENT STORIES

The impact of Lonesome Dove Ranch extends far beyond the children. Foster parents often describe breakthroughs at camp that surpass years of therapy. One mother shared, "This camp was a safe haven for my boys. They know they are safe here, supported, and free to be themselves."

Volunteers, too, leave inspired. Many who serve at the ranch develop a deeper understanding of the foster care system, with some even choosing to become foster or adoptive parents after witnessing firsthand the resilience and strength of these children.



THE IMPACT OF FUNDING

Funding enables the expansion of Lonesome Dove's programs, allowing more children to experience life-changing healing and hope. It supports personalized care, therapeutic activities, and community-building efforts. Sustained funding will:

- **SPONSOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND CAMP**
- **EXPAND OUR REACH TO SERVE MORE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**
- **SUPPORT THE LAUNCH OF A RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM CARE BY 2026**
- **MAINTAIN THE RANCH AS A SANCTUARY FOR HEALING**

This support not only transforms lives but strengthens the community by fostering local involvement and building a network of care. At Lonesome Dove Ranch, funding is the foundation for brighter futures.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For businesses, churches, or schools seeking community engagement, Lonesome Dove offers periodic **serve days**, where teams can help maintain and enhance the ranch while seeing the direct impact of their efforts. These days are a unique opportunity to give back and strengthen community ties.

To learn more or support Lonesome Dove Ranch, please contact us:

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WAYS TO SUPPORT US

You can support the life-changing work at Lonesome Dove Ranch by **giving online** or **signing up to volunteer** at lonesomedovetexas.com/give. Together, we can bring healing, hope, and transformation to children in need.

A FOUNDATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

The RVSL Foundation is the parent organization behind several transformative initiatives, with Lonesome Dove Ranch as its flagship program. Our mission is to create lasting, generational change by reversing negative life trajectories through comprehensive care, innovative programming, and evidence-based interventions. Through the foundation, we are expanding our impact beyond camps to include residential care facilities, preventative services, and family support initiatives.

As the overseeing organization, the RVSL Foundation ensures professional oversight, operational excellence, and measurable outcomes while maintaining the personal, relationship-driven approach that makes our programs effective. Corporate gifts and grants to Lonesome Dove Ranch are processed through the RVSL Foundation, ensuring transparency, accountability, and alignment with corporate social responsibility goals.

