



MorningStar
Boys' Ranch

2017
YEAR

Helping Kids | Healing Families
Serving our Community

IN
REVIEW



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Our efforts are made possible through your generous financial support. With your help, we can continue to provide healing to children in our community. MSBR is a recognized as a public charity under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) status. Donations to Morning Star Boys' Ranch are deductible. Donors should consult their tax advisor for questions regarding deductibility. The MSBR EIN is 91-0664709. A copy of the MSBR determination letter is available upon request.

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Ever wondered what it takes to support the children and families that Morning Star Boys' Ranch serves? Consider this: in 2017 we served over 14,500 meals, laundered over 2,100 loads of clothes, administered 900 hours in our equine program, and provided 27,000 hours of direct care and support, including 800 of those hours as one to one therapy. As daunting as this may seem, when you see the number of children in need of our services, it is well worth the time and effort.

Boys living here at Morning Star Boys' Ranch in the Murphy House Residential Program are incredibly young, between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. They have already been moved between as many as 14 different foster homes. Up to 25% of the youth in the foster care system are not equipped to live with a family and are often bounced from foster home to foster home. The phrase for this is "homeless in the foster care system." This lack of consistency often means that the children have not received complete educational or medical assessments, nor have they been able to complete a treatment program which empowers them and addresses their physical, emotional, and educational needs.

Our goal is to get each child back on track and into a stable environment they can call home. Our highly trained staff works throughout the greater Spokane region supporting youth and families to prevent youth from losing their homes and having to enter a more restrictive environment or program. During 2017 the Murphy House Residence operated at full capacity with residents seeing an average length of stay of 10.5 months—well under the state benchmark of twelve months.

While in the care of Morning Star Boys' Ranch we intensively ad-

dress the various needs for each child which include education, social development and emotional stability. In many cases, the Ranch will be the first time they have been in one place long enough to successfully complete their assessments, start consistent therapy, and begin the healing process. Last year we reunified four boys with their parents or next of kin—working towards ending the cycle of homelessness that we see far too often in the foster care system. Three other boys were able to move into long-term foster homes with plans to adopt. Five boys were placed in a Morning Star Foster Care licensed foster home which provides these boys and families a continuum of care through Morning Star In-Home Wrap Around Care.

We continue to partner with various agencies that share the same goal of servicing the most vulnerable children in Washington State. Through these partnerships we were able to place these young children in either our Murphy House Residential Program with licensed Morning Star Foster Care parents or give support to them in their current foster homes through the Morning Star Case Aide or In-Home Wrap Around Care Programs. There is continued growth in our equine program for both youth living on the Ranch or those in one of our community outreach programs. These services and partnerships allow Morning Star to serve both boys and girls of all ages from birth through eighteen years of age.

Through programs such as these and with the efforts of our dedicated staff and partners, along with support from generous and thoughtful folks like you—we are making a difference.

— John Hindman, Executive Director



FINANCIALS

FOUNDATIONS
11%

STATE
82%

DEVELOPMENT
6%

MISC/INVEST
INCOME 1%



FOSTER PROGRAM
2%

RESIDENTIAL
PROGRAM 56%

CASE AIDE &
WRAP SERVICES 14%

ADMINISTRATION
26%

DEVELOPMENT 2%

TOTAL PROGRAM 72%



OUR COMMUNITY CHILDREN

MORNING STAR BOYS' RANCH-MURPHY HOUSE



14,520

Number of meals served at the Murphy House

Morning Star Boys' Ranch Residential Program average stay is 10.5 months.

MSBR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM PROVIDED

142,172
hours IN 2017

TO 31 BOYS AGES 6-12.



2,304

Number of respite hours provided for the boys

832 Number of annual individual therapy hours provided for the boys

864 Number of annual equine hours for the residents

4 BOYS were reunified with parent(s)/kinship

3 BOYS were placed in foster care in Washington state

5 BOYS were placed with licensed Morning Star Foster Care Family

3-TO-1

Ratio of children to residential counselors



2,136

Loads of laundry washed + dried + folded at the Murphy House



FOSTER CARE SERVICES (A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY)

MORNING
STAR FOSTER
CARE HAS
**5 FOSTER
FAMILIES**
SERVING UP TO
12 CHILDREN

Foster parents are ordinary people doing extraordinary service. There are now **10,000** foster kids in Washington state and the need for foster families continues to grow.

Number of hours MSFC parents provide care hours to children >>

14
Number of
children licensed
under Morning
Star Foster
Care in 2017

>> ON AVERAGE
96,360
hours
ANNUALLY

MORNING STAR FOSTER CARE SERVICES is a child placement agency that recruits and licenses new foster care families not only for boys from the ranch but also for all children in our community. Morning Star Foster Care services, in 2017, had five licensed foster families for a total of twelve beds. Our devotion to finding strong, committed, loving homes for our children stems from the belief that all children have the right to a compassionate advocate who will love them as they learn, not fear, the world around them and continue to grow into healthy citizens of our community.



OUR MORNING STAR

CASE AIDE PROGRAM

MORNING STAR BOYS' RANCH CASE AIDES SERVED 34 FAMILIES IN THE SPOKANE REGION IN 2017.

A Morning Star Case Aide is trained in PBIS and Trauma Informed Care best practices. Provides services to children with exceptional needs in our community regardless of age or gender. Some of these children have **autism**, some have **behavioral** or **mental health issues**. These kids can be boys or girls up to 18 years.



SINCE 2015, Morning Star Case Aide Program has provided, on average, 500 hours per month to families who have identified needs for additional stabilization. Through services such as parent training, in home case aides, family therapy, life skills mentoring, tutoring, and emotional regulation skills with outstanding results.



IN-HOME WRAP AROUND CARE

In-Home Wraparound Care

provides support to children (regardless of age and gender) that have transitioned to a foster care home or been reunified with parents or kinship. The goal is to provide a continuum of care through parent training, case management, family therapy, life skills mentoring, overnight respite, and 24 hour on-call crisis intervention.

**CHILDREN
SERVED
IN 2017:**

20

**MORNING STAR IN-HOME
WRAP AROUND
CARE HOURS
PROVIDED IN 2017:**

20,800

SINCE 2015, Morning Star In-Home Wraparound Care provides a unique continuum of care for the child and support to foster parents.





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OUR PURPOSE

MISSION



Morning Star Boys' Ranch & Morning Star Community Services, answering God's call to love and serve those in need, are dedicated to building responsible adults by believing in youth, and providing programs to strengthen families and the community.



VISION

Through its programs and services, Morning Star provides love, professional care, guidance and hope to children, youth and families, and nurtures their social, moral, educational and emotional growth.

VALUES



The governing board, staff and volunteers of Morning Star embrace the values of integrity, respect and dignity, and are committed to integrating these values throughout the organization and the programs and services in which it operates.

MORNING STAR BOYS' RANCH was established through a generous gift from Mrs. Antonia Heckett of Davenport, Washington in 1957. We have honored her gift for over 60 years by providing services to our most vulnerable youth and families in our community. Today, rich in tradition and values, the original core mission of Morning Star Boys' Ranch continues to provide services to children who have experienced trauma at such early stages of life.

The residential program implements best practices in treatment programs. It sets behavioral improvement goals for each boy in social skills, emotional regulation, and education for boys ranging from 6 to 12 years-old. Once a boy graduates from Morning Star Boys' Ranch he is either reunified with parents/kinship or receives a foster care placement he will continue to receive continuum of care through added services which can include: In Home Wrap Around Care, Morning Star Foster Care Services, respite, Morning Star Case Aide Program and Morning Star Community Services. All of these services are geared to set boys from the ranch on the path to success.