

FAMILY MINISTRY UNITS

Would you prayerfully consider something, please?

There is no end in sight of children who need safe homes to meet their very basic needs. The biggest basic need is for Christian couples to live with these emotionally-traumatized children. And when house parent (HP) couples have children of their own, it is in their best interest to keep their nuclear family together as much as possible.

With this in mind, we have configured a floor plan that would ensure this valuable family 'nesting' of the working couples' families. The master bedroom would be extended to include an area for two attached single bedrooms. This makes for a secluded place to send their own children for 'time out', or a nap, or to talk privately as a family — and maintains the closeness necessary to reassure the HPs children that they are, indeed, part of the ministry-team with their Mom and Dad.

The HPs children are, in fact, part of the team-family working together. Their interaction naturally demonstrates how the basic family unit relates when the Lord is head of the family. This is a marvel to the traumatized youth who have never witnessed such a unit, not in the home, nor in social settings, not in school, nor in entertainment. To live with such a family and in such a faith-filled home is the most healing atmosphere possible to the soul, mind and body of the forlorn children that are welcomed to the Children's Ranch.

The HP's section of the home would allow their own children to remain clear on their position in the home as being part of their parents' ministry to the resident youth in the house. The house parents' children set an example by their unpretentious influence, which is highly valuable when mingling with the traumatized youth during meals, play time, and social time. But to keep a clear line of their own position in the home, the working couples' offspring must be assured that they are part of their parents' ministry to the other children who live under the same roof.

Would you prayerfully consider a generous gift toward expanding our current homes to include rooms for the working couples with children to remain a family unit within the house? If you would, please earmark your gift to the Ranch for this singular purpose:

"House extension for private area for the HPs families".

Thank you for your genuine interest,
Your continued friendship,
And your love for God because of Christ,

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