

All The King's Horses CHILDREN'S RANCH  
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FOOTBALL SEASON HAS STARTED



In the early 80's I worked at McKale Center at the Univ of Arizona in the football department as the defensive coordinator Moe Ankney's secretary. (For the oldsters among us, the head coach back then was Larry Smith with athletic director Cedrick Dempsey.) Within weeks of the position, I became an active team player working for the defensive-position coaches and assisting the student-athletes anyway allowable under NCAA rules and regs. A vital part of successful sports is the part EVERYONE plays — the coaches, the other players, the support staff, the fans ... and the folks related to those folks. That essential part is RECRUITING. It was a talent

search that went on continually — every season, everywhere. Listening, looking, searching for talented athletes who were also well-rounded students became a second-nature attribute of the sports' programs – in my case, football. Strangers would share info with me once they realized where I worked. *"My son (or nephew, neighbor, student, player, co-worker's boy, etc.) is awesome on the field!"*

*"Well, can you get me some film on him or his coach's stats, and his academic background?"* And so the long process of a possible incoming recruit began. How good exactly was this lad? How would he fit with the team? How can this young person help the U of A continue to be a winning football team over his college career of four or five (red-shirt) years?

You can imagine how this experience of mine would have been enhanced working for professional sports. The recruiting coaches from the well-known football teams in America would lurk in the hallways of McKale ready to interview a senior student who they had seen play.

By now you might be asking me, *"Ana, please!! What on earth does this trip down memory lane have to do with the Children's Ranch??"* Well, I'm glad you asked.



Recruiting! Recruiting of house parents. You receive the Tidbits because you are interested in the Children's Ranch. You are an admirer, a fan, of what we do for the Lord. You are one of His, and part of His family.

The Children's Ranch needs you to help keep an eye-open and your antennae raised to listen and look for house parents with us. This is something we all must be alert to. Highly-successful Parent Models have a God-given, inert ability to remain ready to lovingly interact at any time with emotionally-wounded children. They wouldn't have it any other way. This is why house parents are able to do this type of work – on an average – of four to five years. This statistic is regardless of the salary, the benefits or the location. These committed folks, however, never fully leave the calling, but then move into a less-demanding position within the mission: such as, respite house parents, support staff, and volunteers.



In Matthew 9:29 Jesus said, *“And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mothers, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.”*

Do you realize that in the preceding verses 13-15, the Lord lays his hand on children and says to suffer them. Do you realize in verses immediately preceding verses 29, the rich young ruler came up and said he was a good, good man. And indeed, the Lord agreed. He was morally pure through and through and called Jesus ‘LORD’ recognizing him as such, but went away refusing to give up stuff. The man turned his back, and Jesus said it is hardest of all for the rich to enter His Kingdom. Then He wraps it up with, and I repeat, *“And everyone that hath forsaken...”* Compared to believers of every other generation and every other location on the planet, American Christians are rich! Most of us believers pant, work hard chasing, after the American dream, instead of the Lord's Kingdom.

The Children's Ranch is recruiting Parent Models.

Will you recruit with us?

Give me a call --- 520-586-0267