

"Building Hope, Healing Hearts, Transforming Lives"



"A growing mental health crisis among youth and adults highlights the urgent need for accessible, compassionate programming that provides the tools and support necessary for healing, resilience, and a brighter future"



The Reality of Mental Health Today

Indiana ranks eighth among states with the poorest mental health, with over 1 million adults experiencing mental health conditions.

In 2022, 35.7% of Indiana youth reported feeling so sad or hopeless for two or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing usual activities, an increase of 7% from 2016.

In 2021, 27.7% of high school students seriously considered attempting suicide, up from 19.8% in prior years.

In 2023, approximately 32.9% of Indiana adults reported significant symptoms of anxiety and/or depression, slightly higher than the national average of 32.3%.

The vision that became Image of Hope Ranch grew from a deep desire to provide a sanctuary of healing and transformation for individuals and families facing emotional, physical, and developmental challenges. Founded in 2016, the Ranch was established to be a place of restoration, where the love of Christ could be experienced through meaningful connections with nature, animals, and a caring community.



*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11*


Our Mission

Image of Hope Ranch provides a sanctuary for individuals and families to heal by experiencing animals, nature, and the love of Jesus.



Image of Hope Ranch is uniquely equipped to address mental health challenges in individuals of all ages, with a special focus on youth.



A rectangular sign with a green and blue background, featuring the text "The Door" in white serif font. The sign is mounted on a green wall with two screws visible at the top corners. The word "The" is in a cursive-style serif font, while "Door" is in a clean, all-caps serif font.

For true healing to take place at Image of Hope Ranch, we cultivate a culture of safety—both physically and emotionally.

Above the barn door hangs a simple yet powerful sign that reads, "The Door." This serves as a meaningful reminder to everyone who steps onto the Ranch—whether as a visitor, volunteer, or program participant—that this is a place of respect, kindness, and acceptance.

Walking through "The Door" means leaving behind the temptation to criticize, gossip, whisper, or make others feel less than. Instead, it invites us to create an environment where everyone is valued, supported, and uplifted—fostering true connection and healing.

Feel the Impact

At Image of Hope Ranch, the transformational power of our programs is evident in the lives of the individuals and families we serve.

Positive Change:

In 2024, 84 individuals participated in our Thrive Mentoring Program, with 85% of families reporting improved emotional regulation and social skills.

A Space for Healing:

92% of participants in our equine mentoring program shared that their experiences at the ranch helped reduce stress and anxiety.

Building Resilience:

Participants in our one-on-one and group mentoring programs shared that they felt more connected and better equipped to face life's challenges with confidence and support



Our Mission In Action

Equine-Assisted Therapy

Image of Hopes offer trauma-informed equine-assisted therapy designed to meet the emotional and developmental needs of youth and families. Through these sessions, participants build trust, strengthen emotional regulation, and experience the profound healing that comes from the horse-human connection. To further support their journey, we partner with area counseling services to provide a holistic approach to healing and growth.



Thrive Nature/Animal Mentoring Program

This program provides a supportive space where individuals can grow, heal, and reconnect. Through nature-focused activities, participants engage in meaningful interactions with animals and explore the outdoors. These experiences not only foster resilience and build confidence but also teach the importance of trust, empathy, and communication—laying the foundation for developing healthy and lasting relationships.



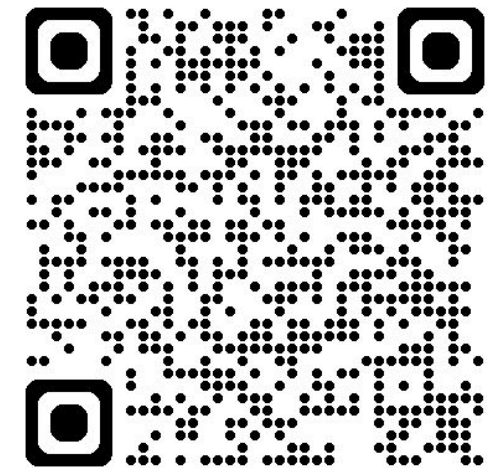
Leadership and Life Skills Development

Through our Journey to Fulfillment Program, we empower youth to unlock their potential by developing job readiness as well as leadership, communication, and decision-making skills. These experiences prepare participants to navigate life's challenges with confidence and purpose.



Volunteer Led Organization

Volunteering at Image of Hope Ranch is about much more than completing tasks—it's about building relationships and fostering growth. Through hands-on collaboration, volunteers play a vital role in cultivating strong work ethics while witnessing the healing and transformation of individuals and families. Volunteers are integral to supporting daily operations, maintenance, various projects, and fundraising events. In 2024, Image of Hope Ranch proudly logged over 8,000 volunteer hours, a testament to the dedication and impact of our community.



Volunteer Opportunity

Individuals Served

2024

At Image of Hope Ranch, we track the number of individuals impacted through our mentoring programs, camp experience, volunteer program and community outreach.

Youth Impacted: 84 (based on individual participants in mentoring programs).

Families Impacted: 1532 (calculated from family participation in programs, field trips, camps and events)



Financial Statements

FY2024 Funding

● Foundations	\$129,902
● Individual	\$79,182
● Business	\$20,522
● Thrive Sponsor	\$30,961
● Fundraisers	\$18,904
● Schools/Camps	\$4,350
● Civic/Churches	\$2,857
● Other	\$218
Total Funding	\$289,516

FY2024 Expenses

Program	\$149,432
Marketing/Fundraising	\$ 13,125
General Operating	\$ 92,660
Total expenses	\$255,217

See the Results

A Haven for Growth and Connection

Lila's Journey of Healing

When Lila first came to Image of Hope Ranch, she struggled with anxiety and low self-esteem after enduring significant trauma. Through equine-assisted therapy and the loving support of her mentor, Lila learned to trust again—both herself and others. Working with the horses taught her to manage her emotions and build resilience. Now, Lila is thriving. She participates in our leadership program, mentoring younger participants, and dreams of becoming a counselor herself one day. Her mom says, “Image of Hope Ranch gave my daughter her joy back. It’s not just a program; it’s a lifeline.”





A Place for Healing, A Future for Hope:

**Together, We Can Transform Lives and
Strengthen Communities**

The Time is Now to Make a Lasting Impact!

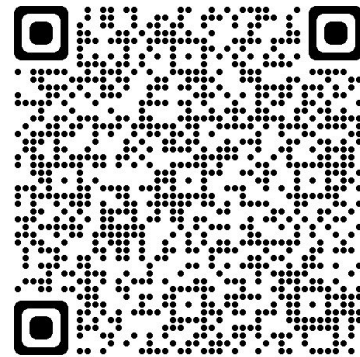


Join us in transforming lives by supporting Image of Hope Ranch through our Healing Hooves Monthly Donor Program or by becoming a Thrive Program Sponsor, directly sponsoring a youth in our Thrive Program.

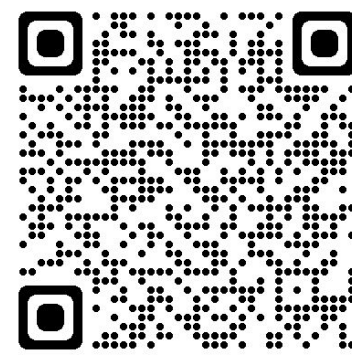
With your generosity, we can continue to provide a sanctuary of hope, healing, and transformation for children, families, and individuals in need. Your support allows us to expand our life-changing programs—ensuring that every participant experiences the power of connection, resilience, and growth.

Be part of something bigger. Together, we can create a future filled with hope!

Healing Hooves



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