



# OUTREACH

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## ETC's 2011 Summer Leadership Camp teaches Life Skills to Teens

ETC held "Leading Others," its first summer leadership camp for teens who were interested in becoming volunteer leaders for ETC programs. Participants gained skills in horsemanship, facing fears and serving others as part of the training.

The three-day camp was held at the beautiful First Christian Campgrounds east of Guthrie. While sharing in fun and informative activities including swimming, riding, journaling, teambuilding, fishing and weiner roasting, friendships were made while fears were conquered.

"I just wanted to say thank you so much for this amazing opportunity," said McKalynn, a teen camper. "You have taught me alot. You have taught me how to get over my fears."

Camp ended with parents joining their teens for lunch, an awards presentation and an activity with the miniature horses.

ETC would like to give a special thanks to the Dobson Family Foundation for providing scholarships for several participants and underwriting other camp expenses.

## Lynn Palm Clinic benefits ETC

World renowned trainer and equestrian rider, Lynn Palm presented a 'Ride Well' clinic at the ETC ranch on November 20.



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Palm provided expert instruction to clinic participants, and a presentation was given by Prim and two students who participate in EAP therapy at ETC.

All clinic proceeds went to benefit ETC and it's programs.

A special thanks to Lynn Palm for donating her time and to Dining Express for donating box lunches for the event.



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- 1) Teens at Leading Others camp enjoy a boat ride.
- 2) Being with a horse is amazing for a teen camper.
- 3) Prim and David attempt fishing at summer camp.
- 4) Lynn Palm and Prim, take a snapshot at the clinic.

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## Sponsorships needed! Will you help a child?



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During the 2010-2011 school year, Guthrie school children who needed reading tutoring participated in ETC's

Reading Riders pro-

gram. Due to a lack of funding, ETC has been unable to continue this after-school program for 2011-2012 school year. A group of kids anxiously await sponsorship to participate in this program.

"I have seen him continually improve academically because of the help he has received from Reading Riders," said Katie Talley, Behavior Health Rehabilitation Specialist, about a young boy in ETC's Reading Riders.

To sponsor a Reading Rider, see page 3.

## Volunteer Leaves a Lasting Legacy

Longtime teen volunteer, Jessica Hatcher, lost her battle with cancer in late June 2011. While she fought, she spent time at the ranch continuing to volunteer and developing a program for child cancer patients with Kennedy, a 10 year-old cancer patient and horse lover.

"My friend Jessica took me out to the Equine Therapy Center located in Guthrie, OK. During that time I realized being around horses helped bring light to my dark world," said Kennedy.

Jessica's legacy will live on through Hope, Faith and Horses, the equine therapy program for cancer patients held weekly at the ranch.

"Count your blessings," Jessica would always say. ETC will always remember OUR blessing of Jessica.

## From the Director's Desk: A Year of Change

This has been a busy year for us with many times that I didn't think we could go another day. Then, someone would bless us with just what we needed. Praise God! We have truly walked by faith this year, and here at year end we are still using horses to help kids and others with life challenges.

ETC now has our very own counselor, Amy Twitty! This summer with the help of Amy and many volunteers, we held our own camps, and we worked with a new group called Make Promises Happen (MPH). We have 16 programs planned with MPH in 2012 at Central Christian Camp, Guthrie, Okla.

Thanks to Faith Works, Jubilee Partners, Four Winds Ranch, and All Things New for believing in us. God really does use the horses to teach life skills, heal hurts through our new 12 step program, and gives people reasons to believe in themselves.

Sadly, we lost a wonderful teen volunteer in 2011 to cancer, but she left behind a legacy and a program for kids with cancer entitled, "Faith, Hope and Horses".

Thanks to everyone who gives faithfully each month so we can feed horses and keep the ranch going. I want to thank to our Board for their tireless work, and thank you, Lynn Palm, for doing a clinic this fall. Thanks to Sharon for keeping the books in order for us! Most importantly, we appreciate YOUR prayers!

## ETC's 2011-12 Programs

ETC provides the following programs each week: Faith Works in the Innerscity, Flourish Program, Jubilee Partners, Faith, Hope and Horses, and All Things New.

- 1) Jessica walks her horse at the Ranch.
- 2) Prim coaches Kennedy and Jessica on horse care.
- 3) Amy Twitty and Jessica teach kids at an ETC event.
- 4) Reading Riders open gifts at the End of Year party!
- 5) Jubilee Partners' youth learn to groom a horse.
- 6) A MPH camper has the ride of her life.
- 7) A child learns trust with the minis at the ranch.



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## ETC Thanks 2011 Partners

ETC partners with many foundations and corporations to connect with and serve children and adults. We are grateful to the following organizations for their support of ETC by using our services during 2011:

All Things New Foundation, Eagle Ridge Foundation, CASA of Okla. Co., Faith Works in the Inncity, Jubilee Partners of Okla., Four Winds Treatment Center, Kidney Kamp, Make Promises Happen Foundation, Reading Riders with Guthrie Public Schools, Mercy Physicians of Okla., Central Christian Camp, OKC Community Foundation, Chesepeake volunteers, Henderson Hills Big Weekend teens and students from Oklahoma Christian School.

Thank you to our monthly corporate donors including, but not limited to, Blue Dolphin Energy, LLC, Back 40 Design. Thanks to Fish City Restaurant in Edmond for donating a portion of their daily sales to ETC! For donating the registered Quarter Horse, Angelo, ETC thanks to Ann Boaz. We would like to thank every one of our donors who are not mentioned.

## Shop ETC! Sausage and Gear for Sale.

ETC is selling Blue and Gold sausage, bacon and chicken as an ongoing fundraiser. Contact us to get yours today!

ETC also has a large selection of NEW Kerritt Riding Clothing for sale at discounted prices. Please contact Laurie Weathers at (405) 590-5481 to see and try on the clothing or gear.

## ETC Needs for 2012!!!

- ◆ Fly spray system for barn
- ◆ Barn addition with classroom, bathroom and additional tack room space
- ◆ Gravel for driveway
- ◆ Hay/Grain for horses
- ◆ Kerosine for heaters
- ◆ Diesel for tractor
- ◆ Tack/Helmets
- ◆ Volunteers for after-school programs
- ◆ Volunteer for administrative clerical assistance
- ◆ Funding for new and current programs

## Meet Our Counselor: Amy Twitty

"God has placed me here with The Equine Therapy Center for such a time as this," explains Amy Twitty. Twitty joined with ETC and Prim Cockrell-Dunn to help bring the spirit of Christ closer to people through the heart of a horse.

"I possess a burning passion to help heal the hurts of individuals through the divine connection of unconditional love," said Twitty.

ETC, with the help of Twitty, has established an Equine Assisted Psychotherapy program called 4Hearts Connection and "Flourish," a 12 step equine program where recovery is made by overcoming underlying issues with many types of addictions. Flourish is presented to adolescent girls ages 13-18 at Four Winds Ranch Adolescent Female Recovery Center in Guthrie Okla.

ETC presents both programs weekly and looks forward to growth of each program in 2012.



## Sponsorship Form

Sponsorship Level: \$25  \$50  \$100  \$500  Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ CVV No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 1) Students share in a moment of fun with the camera.
- 2) Fear is conquered as a child rides with arms outstretched.

Our Need is Great.  
Our Mission is Priceless.



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Are you wondering how you can help with the ETC programs? We are always in need of financial donations and sponsorships of children and horses in our programs. Volunteers to work with the children and care for the horses at the ranch are a major necessity to ETC's success, also.

Above all, prayer is our most valuable and appreciated need. Prayers that our volunteers, board members and director are equipped to provide Godly teaching to the youth our program touches. Also, we need prayers for our horses and facility, that these will be properly provided for. Finally, we request prayer for the children for whom we impact.

If you can financially, physically or spiritually support ETC, please write, call or send a message to us and let us know. We truly appreciate anything you can do to help realize the mission of ETC.

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