

Learn about the therapeutic, recreational and educational nature-based experiences that enrich the lives of at-risk youth and children with disabilities.

CANDLELIGHT RANCH

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Fall 2018

Welcome to the Fall edition of our newsletter. We hope you enjoy!

Goodbye, Summer. Hello, Fall!



As temperatures slowly begin to lower and the leaves begin to change, we reflect back on a summer full of smiles, transformations and fun! This summer over 800 Central Texas special needs children and at-risk youth and their families visited the ranch for one, two or three-day nature experiences. The sounds of laughter and squeals of excitement were heard daily as campers explored our canyon, zip-lined, played at ChillVille, kayaked and fished on Lake Travis! Through our monthly Military Family Days and Quarterly Special Family Days, families had the opportunity to spend a fun and stress free day in nature as well.

Providing special children the opportunity to learn, play and heal at Candlelight Ranch would not be possible without supporters like you! A special thank you to the Moody Foundation, the Wayne & Joann Moore Charitable Foundation, the Alice K. Reynolds Foundation, Circle Bar Foundation and the Carolyn Rice Bartlett Foundation for supporting our programs.

Continue reading to learn how to get involved at the ranch, be it a visit with your family, volunteering or attending our annual Dance For Candlelight. We are always in need of additional support and are always very grateful!

Two Weeks Until Dance for Candlelight!
Buy your tickets NOW



DANCE FOR CANDLELIGHT

A ROARING NIGHT OF DANCING & HIGH SPIRITS

SAVE THE DATE:

OCTOBER 17, 2018



TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

VIP Reception 6pm • General Admission 7-10pm

For more information please visit www.candlelightranch.org



CANDLELIGHT
RANCH 



Join us for an exciting evening of live & silent auctions, tasty bites from Austin's top restaurants, specialty cocktails, live music, dancing and more!

[Click here for more details](#)

Camp Dreamcatcher 2018

Camp Dreamcatcher celebrated its 4th year at Candlelight Ranch, serving children currently in or adopted from foster care. This camp provides children with the opportunity to experience summer camp in a safe and supportive environment. Our Dreamcatcher kids participated in a combination of science, nature activities, ecotherapy and fun!



This year, the Texas Oven Company brought homemade dough and their gourmet brick pizza oven to the ranch so our campers could create their own customized pizza. Children picked organically grown veggies from our very own Martin Food Forest as their super tasty toppings!



[Read more about Camp Dreamcatcher](#)

Congratulations, Don Barr! Big Giver Finalist 2018



**Co-Founders Don & Randy Barr at
the Big Giver Awards**

Here's a bit of what Don had to say about receiving this honor:

"What a thrill to be chosen as a finalist and be a part of the BIG GIVER awards ceremony on September 7th. I was deeply honored to be recognized and grateful for the support of family and friends who were able to attend this special night. In truth, the award is a testament to the success of Candlelight Ranch. Thanks to the time, energy and commitment from our wonderful staff, board of directors, advisory council and volunteers, we are well recognized in the community for the quality of programs we provide, our focus on achieving our mission, and our effort to continually improve!"

[Learn more about the Big Give](#)

From Their Perspective

"Candlelight Ranch really does heal. It's too beautiful to be afraid."

"I learned that you can go out in nature and explore and can overcome anything."

"At camp I learned to be myself."

"Fun overcame the fear and it was epic!"

*"There are cracks in my armor You can break through
if you just try."*



What's on the horizon at Candlelight Ranch!



[Rockn' The Ranch Sunday, November 18th 1-5pm](#)

Donor & Volunteer Appreciation Event

[3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off & Car Show Sunday, February 10th 12-4pm](#)

Music, fun food for all

We are GRATEFUL



We are so grateful for the support of the Candlelight Ranch community. Whether you donate your time and expertise as a volunteer, make a financial contribution, sponsor an event, donate items or services to an event auction, or spread the word about our organization, we are honored that you are part of our family. Thank you for all you do!

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