

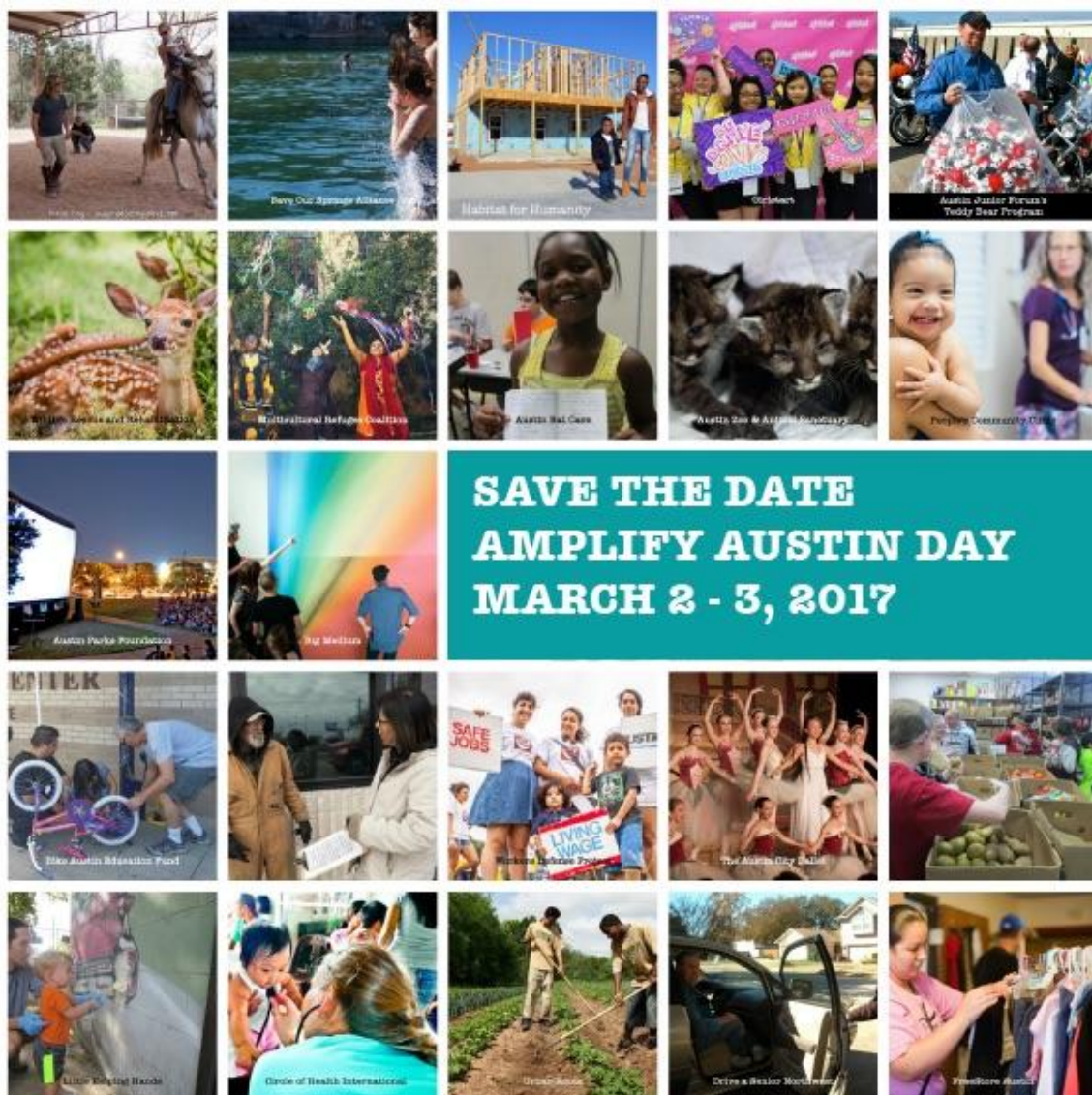
Learn about the therapeutic and educational natured-based experiences that enrich the lives of at-risk youth and children with disabilities.

# CANDLELIGHT RANCH

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Welcome to the late summer/early fall edition of our newsletter! We hope you enjoy reading the summer highlights, including spotlights on our ranchers, partners and volunteers!

Also, please check out [our website](#) for more details about Candlelight Ranch and our constant effort to serve and inspire enduring connections through nature!



When you donate to Candlelight Ranch, your money goes to a synergy of nonprofit partnerships that work together to make dreams come true by providing innovative, fun, and healing programming, such as high ropes challenge courses, equine therapy, interactive water play, food forest and edible hiking exploration.

Amplify Austin by Amplifying Candlelight Ranch. Create a page, share it, and become an Ambassador for this amazing cause. Sharing is caring!

[Find out more here.](#)

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## Come join us for the Chili Cook off and Car Show on Feb 12th!

The 2017 Inaugural Charity Chili Cook-Off & Car Show, hosted by Candlelight Ranch and sponsored by [ContactWorks](#), is a family-fun event benefiting at-risk youth and children with disabilities across Central Texas. Just \$10 for adults and \$5 for children!

Chili masters from across the state will come together Sunday, February 12 from noon to 4pm to tout their delicious chili creations to attendees and celebrity judges. Auto enthusiasts will also love showing off their cars this year at our first ever Car Show.

Along with the Chili Cook-Off and Car Show, there will be zip lines for children, hay rides, nature scavenger hunts and canyon trail hikes at Candlelight Ranch, as well as live music performed by Dan Sullivan (The Detentions) and Clint James Hauptmeier!

[Learn more about our Chili Cook Off and Car Show here!](#)

This Gorgeous 100% restored 1966 Mustang GT Coupe owned by Bruce Manor will be at the Candlelight Ranch Car Show!



## New Executive Director: Jenn Hartner!

Candlelight Ranch would like to welcome Executive Director Jenn Hartner! Jenn has a strong history with Candlelight Ranch, and first developed a passion for the mission and people served in 2010 when she became the Candlelight Ranch Program Director. After moving to Malaysia for four years, Jenn rejoined the Candlelight Ranch staff in April 2016 as the Volunteer Coordinator and transitioned into the Ranch's Interim Executive Director in December 2016. Jenn now looks forward to extending this role as the Candlelight Ranch Executive Director. In this role she is looking forward to "growing the organization in new ways and increasing our impact on the children and families we serve."

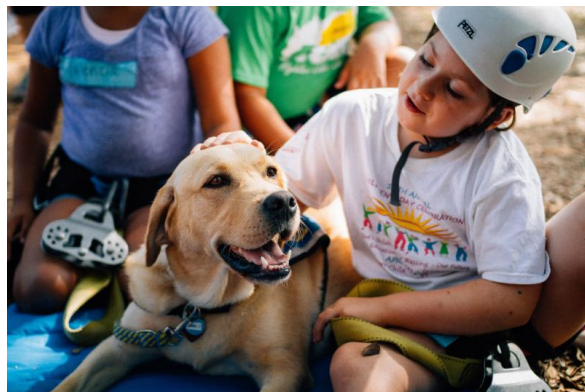


[Read more about Jenn Hartner!](#)



## **Camp Phoenix: A Partnership built on Hope, Change and Service!**

When two missions converge to provide therapeutic healing to underserved children, transformative synergy occurs. The budding partnership between Candlelight Ranch and Phoenix Center began over eight years ago when the birth of "Camp Phoenix" emerged. In 2008, 24 campers were served, and by 2016, 248 campers experienced the benefits of restorative nature programming at Camp Phoenix!



[Learn more about this dynamic duo!](#)

## **Hope Project & Military Family Days**

In Candlelight Ranch Advisory Council Member, Scarlett Mitchell's, words...

"I have seen firsthand the effects that can come with service to our country, on those who served as well as their families who serve by standing beside them. I have held my breath when there's a phone call in the middle of the night or an unexpected knock at the door. I have watched my mother stare at the TV for hours, scanning for an update on a helicopter crash, reading the names of American soldiers killed in yet another

roadside bomb."

"As a volunteer and member of the Advisory Council for Candlelight Ranch, I have seen the power of Candlelight Ranch. Children from all walks of life, with any and all disabilities, come to the Ranch and they flourish. Children who don't usually speak may say a few words to Rusty and Comet, the Candlelight horses."

"And now, we get to offer these amazing programs to our military and veteran families who have sacrificed so much through The Hope Project for Military Families and monthly Military Family Days."

[Find out more about CLR Military Days!](#)



## A Season of Joy at the Ranch!

This season, the Texas style ranch holiday party felt a unique chill in the air... from the weather! The weather may have been cold, but hearts were warm as the crackling fire place set the tone for this year's party, filled with holiday activities, therapeutic reprieve, and overall gratitude. With white Christmas lights strung atop the pavilion rafters, the holiday spirit was in the air. Volunteers and kids alike made s'mores and hot chocolate while sharing many laughs by the fire.

[Click here for instant cheer!](#)



## Wine Tasting Just Got Sweeter!

Thank you Flat Creek for your generous support! When you visit Flat Creek Enoteca in Marble Falls NOT ONLY will you enjoy scrumptious wood fired oven pizza and a soothing wine tasting experience, but all of your generous tips for the friendly service you will receive goes directly to Candlelight Ranch.

[Visit Flat Creek Enoteca and donate today](#)



## Looking for a Unique Venue for a Corporate Retreat?

Candlelight Ranch is the perfect venue to host a corporate

retreat, team-building session or group event. The natural beauty of the ranch, coupled with a wide variety of amazing activities, offers groups a unique experience not soon to be forgotten.

When a group hosts an event at the Ranch, they are helping to support the underlying mission of the organization to serve special needs and at-risk youth in the Central Texas community.

[Get more information and pricing](#)



Candlelight Ranch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides therapeutic and educational nature-based experiences to enrich the lives of at-risk youth and children with disabilities.

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