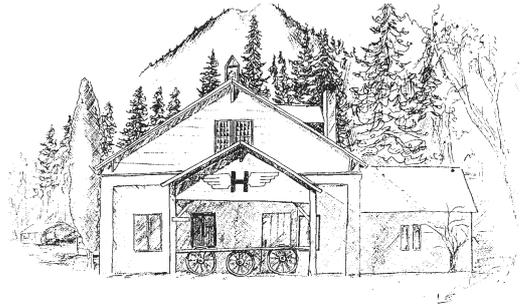


# Flying H Youth Ranch

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*"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962*

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Dear Partners,

Our residents' families come to us with a lot of conflict. Where does all that conflict come from?

*James 4:1 Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. (MSG)*

It's usually pretty easy to see the selfishness of a teenage boy and, therefore, the applicability of James 4:1. It's harder to see how this applies to parents. We sometimes see parents that want their son's approval. Is that what a parent should seek?

*James 4:2-5 You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it. You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way. You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way. And do you suppose God doesn't care? The proverb has it that "he's a fiercely jealous lover."*

Seeking approval from our children, seeking to meet our needs through our own efforts, is "cheating on God." If a parent seeks approval from their children, they give their children a kind of power that only God should have. Seeking my affirmation from anyone but God is "flirting with the world."

*James 4:6 And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble."*

God's approval IS far better than man's, including a teenage son's. Pride would say I need to meet my need for affirmation through my abilities and efforts. What does humility look like?

*James 4:7&8 So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time.*

Seeking God in humility with a quite "yes" allows me to receive God's grace, including as a parent. I start to find freedom and confidence as a child of God. Trying to find affirmation through the world makes me a slave of the world. Our children know when

they are given power through a parent wanting their approval, and they take advantage of it. Is that what they really need? NO! They need us to help them see where their self-will is at work. They need us to help them see where freedom comes from. They need us to model the quiet "yes" to God.

God bless,

*Bob*

Bob Hostetler  
Executive Director

### **Our praises:**

- Anthony graduated! He was here for a year and accomplished all his goals. Please pray for him and his parents as they begin to once again live together.
- The Rodriguez family is here! Chris begins work with the boys the first week of February. Amber will be finding her place here during the next month.
- Ryan joined us in January. We are already seeing change in him.
- We are getting more inquiries. The number of staff is increasing, and we desire to increase the number of boys as well.
- We finished the year in the black. That's always good!

### **Our prayer requests:**

- We are planning two intakes in the first two weekends in February. Please pray for Herb and his parents, and Brandon and his parents.
- The Marks are at 51% support. Yeah! Our new goal is to be at 100% (\$1,900) by summer.
- The Huntings, another prospective staff family, continue at 43% support, although several people have given verbal commitments that put them above 50%. At this stage, when things look like they have stalled, it's easy to become discouraged. Please pray that Aaron and Tricia would learn how to deal with discouragement in a Godly way. (It's good preparation for being here!)
- Additionally, the Huntings are new parents!

### **Our needs:**

- We've been given one new lawn mower, and now only need one more.



I asked for help for Jesse's single mom in paying for his tuition, and several have come forward at the Holy Spirit's prompting. We are thankful and humbled. There is another single parent, Brian's mom, that needs some help. Brian, pictured here, is from Tacoma and comes to us because he was starting to be involved in a gang, and was becoming rebellious and disrespectful to his mom.