



2019 Spring Edition

Cal Farley's Alumni Newsletter

"Time – love – and patience is what it takes to raise a [child]." –Cal Farley

What is COA?

You may never have heard of "COA." You may have heard but still wonder what it is and what it means to you as a stakeholder in Cal Farley's services to young people.



The Council on Accreditation (COA) is an international, independent, nonprofit, human service accrediting organization. Their mission is to partner with organizations like Cal Farley's worldwide to ensure children and families benefit from the services they receive.

This is accomplished by developing, applying, and promoting accreditation standards based on practices that ensure quality of care resulting in the well-being of children and their families.

In recent years, the out-of-home care of children has been under the microscope –that's a good thing. Child welfare has received some black eyes in years past, so the demand for excellence and quality is increasing. In fact, federal and state child welfare legislation requires organizations to be accredited in order to receive government funding. As a result, unaccredited programs are scrambling to improve their practices, lest they go out of business.

Because Cal Farley's does not seek or accept government funding for the care of children, our adherence to COA standards is self-imposed. Unlike licensing standards, which are mandated by law, we follow COA standards because our leadership and board of directors believe that independent oversight and evaluation is healthy for our children... bottom line, we hold ourselves, and expect others to hold us to the highest standards of caring for children.

Cal Farley's has been accredited by the Council on Accreditation for 20 years now. This past January, we underwent a review of our work over the past four years. This consisted of a rigorous in-depth review of our programs and services, administration, fiscal responsibility, and governance.

This accreditation process involved a "peer review." In other words, three professionals from other areas of the country came to Boys Ranch intent on scrutinizing everything we do. In their preliminary research of Boys Ranch, they had read some of the negative press related to reports of past abuses there... needless to say, they were looking for evidence of it.

After three days of intense in-depth interviews with board members, staff, alumni, business partners, and most importantly, our children, we received a notice that we received an "Expedited Re-accreditation" due to the fact that we received zero non-compliances on the essential standards, or those directly impacting the quality of care of children – we would not be required to fix anything.

It's one thing for those of us invested in the Mission of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch to say, "We are one of the best residential programs for children in the country." But, it's something of a higher order for a national accrediting entity to announce it with a four year stamp of approval! I'm proud to be part of such an incredible endeavor.

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All submissions and comments should be received NO LATER than June 28 to make it into the 2019 Summer edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

2019 Calendar

Central TX Gathering – May 4
BR Graduation – May 25
Windstar Golf – June 8
Rodeo Reunion – August 31

(See Alumni website for Gathering details)

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Condolences



Douglas Brady
Boys Ranch 53-60
November 24, 2018
Haysville, KS



Terry Froeber
Boys Ranch 84-88
March 21, 2019
Valentine, NE



Robert Trower
Boys Ranch 54-57
April 7, 2019
Alamosa, CO

CSC
Staff

Lucy Lancaster
October 26, 2018
Amarillo, TX

BR
Staff

Kathy Jensen
November 2, 2018
Amarillo, TX

BR
Staff

Judy Odessa Busby
March 14, 2019
Amarillo, TX

Prayers for **Susan Ford** (retired CSC staff). Her husband, James, passed away March 20, 2019.

Sympathy goes out to **Terry Funk** who recently lost his wife. Viki passed away March 29, 2019 in Amarillo, TX.

Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to **Rick Bousquet** (88)! Rick was recently offered and accepted the role of Executive Director of the Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

Angelo McClain (75) will be recognized as a 2019 Distinguished Alumnus at West Texas A&M on Saturday, May 4th. Angelo is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Social Workers. He previously served as commissioner for the Massachusetts Dept. of Children and Families. Angelo graduated from BR in 1975 and from WTA&M in '79. He received his master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and his doctoral degree from Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. Angelo was recognized as the CFBRAA Distinguished Alumni in 2010. Congratulations Angelo.

CFBRAA @ Alumni Support Center

Sherry Boatwright

Several members of the Membership committee and other Alumni joined us for our Quarterly meal and visit at the Alumni Support Center in Amarillo in early March.

Tony Wade, head chef, cooked about 50 burgers and lots of hot dogs, Sherry, the cake baker, brought a couple of cakes, no leftovers were found. We all enjoyed the time together and the good food. CFBRAA will be hosting a meal with the young people living at the Alumni Support Center every quarter, with the next one on June 23rd at 1:00 pm.

Any Alumni in the Amarillo area are always welcome to join us. We want to let the new graduates and others living in the Support Center know that the Alumni are here to support and mentor them as they transition from Ranch life into adulthood. The Alumni wish to be a positive influence for these young adults.

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch 80th Anniversary 1939 – 2019

Boys Ranch at 80: A milestone worth celebrating!

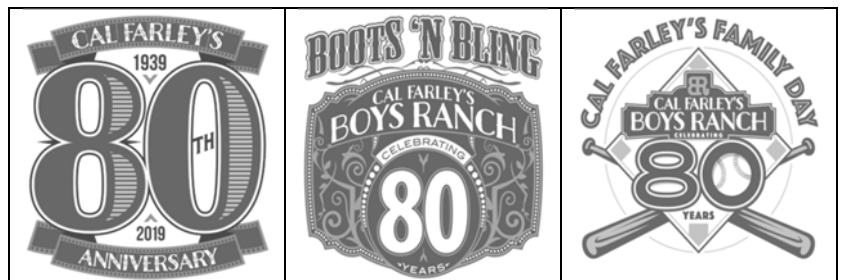
We're celebrating this milestone achievement several ways in 2019. Cal Farley's is celebrating 80 years of helping children and families with a series of special events for our supporters, youth and their families.

We kicked off the celebration in March with a special red-carpet premiere of our feature film, *Edge of the World*. The movie examines the lives of a fictional Boys Ranch cross-country team, who learn to face their problems on and off the trail.

This month, we commemorated the occasion with an 80th anniversary gala – Boots 'N Bling – for our local friends and supporters. What an exciting and fun time!

More excitement is guaranteed during the summer, as we partner with the San Diego Padres AA affiliate, Amarillo Sod Poodles for some fun times at the ball park that our young people are sure to enjoy!

And, of course, what could be more special than marking our 80th anniversary with the 75th annual Boys Ranch Rodeo +adventureFEST?



Visit 80.calfarley.org to learn more about the exciting things 2019 has in store for Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. And, of course, thank you for making possible Cal Farley's Boys Ranch's 80 years of providing truly life-changing programs and services to children and families!



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Jimmie Boatwright (70)



It has been a busy New Year!

At the Ranch, the Farm Mechanics team built a fabulous BBQ Pit as their project and at San Antonio Stock Show scored very high, pictures were seen on the Alumni Face Book Page. They are now headed to the state finals. Congratulations to all!



Some Alumni watched the FFA pig exhibitors at the Houston Stock Show in March. They had excellent animals, had a great showing, and represented Boys Ranch FFA in a very positive way. The Alumni bought these exhibitors dinner for their hard work. Coming soon to the new web site will be some pictures and videos of this event. Alumnus Bill Sarpalius, who is Chairman of the Alumni Committee of the Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeo, was given time to speak before the crowd of 80,000, prior to the George Strait concert.

March 13, 2019 hurricane force winds took down a historical tree next to the Court House. We all knew it as the Hanging Tree and imagined stories of old outlaws hanging from this tree as we passed under it on the way to Chapel each Sunday. This tree has been on this site since the 1870's. The tree fell on the Christian Education Building causing over \$60,000 worth of damage. The tree had deteriorated from the inside and not much of it was salvageable. The Ranch allowed the Alumni to take as much of the tree as we could haul off. The pieces are being stored to allow it to dry out before they can be used for making items. Several of the budding limbs have been potted to see if a tree can be started from these cuttings. We hope to have some more news about these cuttings and possible items that could be made from pieces of this historic tree in the future. Keep those ideas coming and we are looking for wood workers.

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Bob's Bear



Bobby Sarpalius (67)

*** New CFBRAA Website

The CFBRAA Alumni Association has a New Face on Social Media. The new CFBRAA website is friendly and compatible with all devices, including your phone. It is much more colorful and interesting, including the kind of information the entire CFBRAA family would like to see.

Calfarleysalumni.com now takes you to the new site where you can still get to the "quicklinks" for such things as crisis and scholarship applications, bylaws and policies, calendar and nomination forms. However, it also shows more pictures, videos and stories about our home. Check it out! This is the site to go to for learning about and telling others about CFBRAA.

We still have the old site, which is now calfarleysalumni.org. That site will primarily be used for running the organization. That is where committees will go for reports, minutes and calendars. It is the tool we use to keep all those serving in leadership in the Association informed and connected. Anyone can go to that site as well, but committee and Board members will have rights to see reports and proposals germane to just them.

Check out the New CFBRAA Website now.

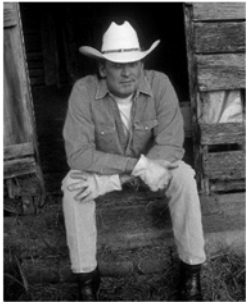
Men's Gatherings at BR

Attention All Men (particularly all men in the Panhandle Area), BR Chaplain Mike Wilhelm has begun a monthly men's prayer meeting at the BR Chapel. He is inviting former residents of BR to gather out there to both pray with and for the young men growing up out there. The dates for the meetings are on the web site.

My latest endeavor...

Britt Hammond (77)

General manager and Managing Partner for Community BBQ & Grill located in Sachse, Texas. Just a few miles north on Highway 78, north of Garland, Texas. A full-service Restaurant with dual



banquet rooms that can seat up to 90 people. Quality meats from Certified Angus Beef and other choice meats are served. The restaurant creates sides from scratch. We are also producing catering and event management opportunities as well. Needing employment, give me a call at (214) 213-6763 or email me at britt@communitybbqgrill.com

We will also be having live music provided by local amateurs and professionals who would enjoy singing on our "front porch". Auditions are required due to guests enjoying their dinner!

The opportunity to use my talents and skills I picked up first, while table waiting from Granny and Dishwashing from Bronc and Bonnie Horner. Finally a shout out to Dorothy Hamill who is an amazing mom to many of us who were involved in the kitchen. I have included a photo of my cookbook she helped me with my senior year of 77. She is an amazing person. For those who are close by, please come by and eat with us at 7010 State Highway 78, Sachse, Texas 75048. For those with an interest in employment opportunities shoot me an email and share with me where your interests lie and together, we will help one another.



Thank you Cheree Gilliam and Kim Reeves for your support and caring towards those of us who are still remembering those times. The Alumni Association of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament

The CFBRAA Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament will again be held at the WINSTAR Golf Course at the Winstar Resort in Thackerville, OK. The event will be held on Saturday, June 8th, with tee times starting at 9 a.m. Cost for participation will be \$120 with prizes for the 1st through 3rd place foursomes.

Make your reservations by contacting the director's office at cfbraa@gmail.com or (817) 739-6590. Reservations need to be in by Monday, June 3rd.

The fundraiser is the means by which the Association provides scholarships for family members of CFBRAA alumni. If you can't play, you can still participate. Sponsoring a golfer or a hole or any part of the event will help with the scholarships. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. Your business (or employer's business) can sponsor a hole and get recognized for \$250. Individuals can sponsor a hole for \$150. And you can sponsor any player (or anyone else for that matter), for any amount, again, all proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

Central Texas Gathering

Central Texas alumni, families and friends, will be gathering at TJ's Burgers in New Braunfels on Saturday, May 4th for lunch. Last year there were over 20 of us there. This year we are looking for double that. Order what you want and join the gathering in the private party room. Festivities begin around 11:30 a.m. Spread the word and let us know how many are coming by contacting the director's office: cfbraa@gmail.com or call (817) 739-6590.

If you would like to have a gathering in your neck-of-the-woods, contact Bobby and he'll work with you to set it up and spread the word.