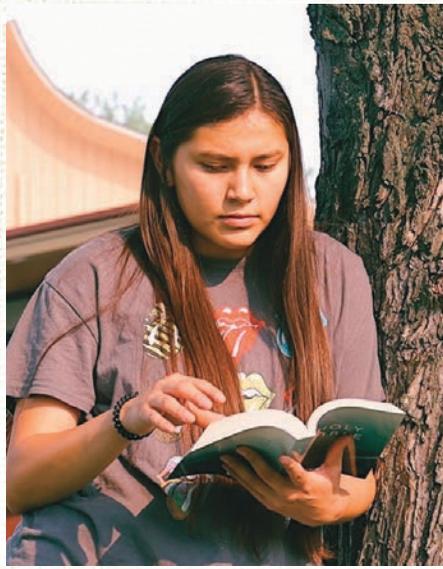


Before coming to the Ranch, my life was chaotic. My father died when I was a baby, and my mother and older siblings struggled with drug addiction. Life on the reservation seemed bleak. I wanted to go to treatment to get better, to set an example, and help my mom and siblings get better. I thought that was why my aunt and uncle sent me to Yellowstone. A few weeks into treatment, my mom overdosed and died. I was devastated. What was my purpose if I didn't have her to get better for, to take care of when I got out of here?



A few days later, staff encouraged me to go to YoungLife Club. I didn't want to go. I wanted to stay in the lodge with my misery, but I ended up going so all my peers in the lodge could go as well. I had fun and forgot about my misery for a while, and I also felt at peace for the first time in a long time while listening to the message. So I decided to try the chapel service that Sunday. Something in the message really hit home with me. I can't even remember what the Chaplain said, just that it was like something inside me woke up and said, "Yes, I need that." I talked with my staff who connected me to the Chaplain to learn more about forgiveness and life with Christ.

After that, I participated in the 30-day challenge and focused on verses about forgiveness. I started processing my grief better. Through the word I learned about the healing power of forgiveness and that I not only needed to forgive my family, but myself as well. A few months after my mother's death, I prayed to accept Christ into my life. I still have work to do in my treatment, but I know that I will get there. After all, I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me.

- Lakota's Story

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YoungLife is a Christian ministry that reaches out to middle school, high school, and college students in all 50 of the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.

YBGR partners with YoungLife to offer YL Camps twice a year and YL Club year-round to kids at the Ranch in the residential treatment program. Camps are usually held in February and August and include fun activities like sledding, skating, Zorb balls, and more. YoungLife Club meets every other week, and hundreds of troubled children have benefited from this collaboration in growing their faith.

Thank you to YoungLife for their partnership with the YBGR's Spiritual Life Program to offer troubled children the same opportunities that other kids enjoy: a chance to learn and grow in faith and, at the same time, just be kids!

To learn more about YoungLife, visit YoungLife.org



WELCOME

50th Robbie
CHAPEL
CELEBRATION



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

History

The Spiritual Life Program has been an integral part of the YBGR experience since the Ranch opened in 1957. Christian based in focus, the Ranch's SLP strives to provide support and guidance to youth of all faiths.

Who better to explain the importance of weaving Spiritual Life into the very fabric of the Ranch than Founder, Franklin Robbie? In the October 1962 issue of the Wrangler, Franklin wrote:

"In accepting a boy from a juvenile court, there is nothing in the court order outlining the necessity or importance of religious training, but it becomes part of our moral responsibility to strive to meet all the needs of each boy given into our care.

That includes more than providing food, clothing, shelter, education, and recreation. It embraces trying hard to take the place of parents in defining and teaching moral and spiritual values as well.

We are keenly aware that 'man doth not live by bread alone but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God,' (Matthew 4:4) and we have many encouraging evidences of the value of the religious emphasis included in our daily program at Yellowstone Boys Ranch."

Much has changed since 1962 (including girls at the Ranch), but the importance of spiritual wellbeing as an integral part of treatment is more relevant today than ever before.



CURRENT NEEDS

SPIRITUAL LIFE PROGRAM ENDOWMENT FUND

Year after year, the generosity of our donor friends has sustained the SLP. However, there have been times when the program has come close to "suspension" due to a lack of funding. To ensure a level of financial stability for the SLP, Yellowstone Foundation is seeking to raise \$2 million dollars for an SLP Endowment that will

provide a steady, guaranteed source of income to ensure the program's existence while still leaving room for donors to fund other special projects and programs that complement the youth's spiritual health. To date, over \$600,000 has been committed to the SLP Endowment with numerous donor friends using a special Montana Endowment Tax Credit program that reduces the cost of an endowment gift by up to half. Please inquire with Foundation staff for further information.



ROBBIE CHAPEL BATHROOM & RAMP

Currently, both bathrooms in the Robbie Chapel are on the lower level. To make both the Chapel itself and the bathroom accessible to everyone, a ramp into the building and a bathroom on the



main floor need to be added. The ramp would lead from the sidewalk to the main door, and the bathroom would be on the west side of the building between the stairs and conference room. This project will cost an estimated \$40,000, and \$15,000 has been raised to date.

As we celebrate the joyous occasion of the 50 years in the Robbie Chapel, we ask for your help with these two essential projects to ensure the SLP remains available to troubled children for the next 50 years and beyond.

Please consider making a gift today!

SPIRITUAL LIFE PROGRAMS

- Bible Studies
- YoungLife Club
- Weekly Chapel Service
- Spiritual Care - Prayer & Support
- 30 Day Bible Reading Challenge
- YoungLife Winter & Summer Camps