

AGENCY HIGHLIGHT: THE TALLAPOOSA COUNTY GIRLS RANCH

The mission of the Ranches is to provide Christian, family-style residential homes for Alabama's at-risk children and youth in an atmosphere where they may grow spiritually and physically into productive, responsible and happy adults. The Alabama Sheriffs Youth Ranches is a charitable, nonprofit corporation, sponsored by the Alabama Sheriffs' Association and managed by a Board of Trustees. Life on the Sheriff's Girls Ranch today centers around the same premise the Ranch program was founded nearly 50 years ago. Children live in family situations with house parents where Christian principles, hard work, manners and loving kindness are used to help children grow strong in body, mind and spirit. The ranch provides each young person with caregivers and a structured living environment where the children receive love, stability and a caring place to call "home." Currently, the campus consists of 3 ranch homes, 3 staff houses, an office, chapel, gym, pool, pond, and various support buildings. The Girls Ranch is also an actual working ranch. It gives the Ranchers an opportunity to learn and participate in livestock care, farm chores, and lawn care. Ranchers are taught responsibility and good citizenship by completing daily chores, participating in daily family devotionals, and pledging allegiance to the American flag. The Ranchers attend Reeltown School, attend church in their local communities and are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities such as youth groups, sports, and clubs.



HOW YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"My time spent at the Ranch will always stay with me. I joined as a rebellious teen in trouble, and because of the love and family I found while living with the girls and houseparents, I changed and became a better person. Mrs. Candice and Mr. Tommy taught me patience and discipline, and doing chores outside with the animals and farming was extremely therapeutic for my mental health and stress relief. I will forever be grateful for the care and time that the Ranch spent helping me to grow up to be the woman I am today."— Cynthia Rogers 2013-2015

A note from the director

Dear Lee County friends,

When I had the privilege of being named the Director of United Way of Lee County seven months ago, I knew it came with great responsibility. There were over 34 years of tradition and hard work that went into making UWLC the thriving organization it is today. Many volunteers, donors and staff have gone into helping hundreds of thousands of people in good times and bad. My love for United Way started at age 21 when I accepted my first job at United Way of Central Alabama. After 22 years of working in the nonprofit world, I'm honored to serve the community where I was raised and where my husband and I are now raising our three children. Thank you for partnering with us to make Lee County a better place to live, work and play. —Tipi Miller

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