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Hi. My name is Simon Heeks, I am 13 years old and I was an employee at the Colorado Pumpkin Patch last season. I adored the ranch, and everything about it. Working with Mr. Chapman was a great influence on me and how my work ethics changed, and how I view a job! I personally, did not get bothered by all the traffic, because I live 2 houses away from the event. The noise, and commotion didn't bother me, nor my parents and neighbors. The Pumpkin Patch was a wonderful and eye opening experience for me, and how I will deal with future jobs. I love the Pumpkin Patch and other children from my experience, love it too. While working there, I had heard no complaints, but saw signs of joy, hearing people saying that it was an amazing experience for their children, and themselves. I understand why certain people who live in the Canterbury Estates would be upset, but the event is only for 6 weeks, it's not an everyday commotion. When it is open, you mainly hear the kids laughing, and having a good time, although you may hear the occasional scream, but all joy! Overall the Pumpkin Patch is a wonderful event that should stay in business. Thank you.

My name is Michelle Heeks and as my son Simon stated, we live a few houses away from the Colorado Kids Ranch in Canterbury estates. Years before Simon was an employee, he was an attendee of the pumpkin patch. We have attended many times with other families and their children. My parents have joined us several times, as have out of town visitors. We have considered it a fall family tradition, and I know that many more families feel the same. We have lived in Monument for 22 years and have raised our 6 kids here. I have been a teacher in this community and an active and involved parent. This Kids Ranch is a huge blessing to this community as well as neighboring ones. It is not just for kids, but for families of all ages and stages. Our town needs activities like this. Yearly traditions and memories with our families is what parents are looking for.

Simon's experience as an employee this last fall was awesome. JD is a great mentor to the employees and is passionate about what he does.

We would love to see the Kids Ranch thrive for years to come. We would love to see the county support the great efforts the Chapmans have made to make this community event an experience. We as Canterbury residents fully support the Colorado Kids Ranch and want it to remain in our community. Simon is looking forward to working there again as well.

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