

Ryan Howser

From: Rebecca Rudder2
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 3:55 PM
To: Ryan Howser
Subject: FW: Support for the Colorado Kids Ranch

Hi Ryan,

Here is another email in support of the Colorado Pumpkin Patch. I would appreciate if you would add it to the record.

I apologize for the delay in sending this email to you, I somehow missed it...

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From: Jacquelin Goode <idoru.jackie@gmail.com>
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Dear Monument Board Members,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Colorado Kids Ranch in Monument. As a resident of unincorporated El Paso County in the Kings Deer neighborhood, I have had the privilege of witnessing the positive impact the ranch has had on our community. I believe it is crucial to voice our support for this valuable establishment.

Having been patrons of the ranch since their time in Douglas County, my family and I have had numerous memorable experiences with them. I vividly remember how their daughters, at a young age, demonstrated kindness to my daughter by showing her how to feed a miniature horse an apple core. Their ability to work with animals at such a young age left a lasting impression on me.

When the ranch purchased the Saddlewood Rd. property, it was a true blessing for both them and our neighborhood. I was thrilled to introduce my now-grown daughter to them and to finally introduce my son as well. I have a cherished photo of myself, with a prominent baby bump, from one of our visits to their previous location.

Apart from our annual visits to the pumpkin patch in the fall, both of my children have attended their farm camp over multiple summers. The proximity of the ranch to our neighborhood, amidst the increasing development and loss of open space, has been a gift. The experience of working on the farm has been truly wonderful and irreplaceable.

Furthermore, my daughter had the opportunity to take riding lessons from their daughter, the very same individual who had shown her kindness years ago while feeding the miniature horse. Once again, the close proximity allowed us to explore an activity we may not have otherwise considered.

The Chapman family, who runs the ranch, has not only provided our children with unique experiences but has also exposed them to important moral values that are sometimes lacking in our everyday lives. We are grateful to have them as part of our community, and it is vital that we support their business model.

I kindly urge you to support the ranch in obtaining access from Hwy 105. This compromise will ensure that neighboring houses are respected while still allowing the ranch to operate effectively. The positive culture the ranch fosters is essential for our community. It provides wholesome entertainment for our children and upholds a positive image for our town.

Thank you for considering my perspective and for your support of the Colorado Kids Ranch. Together, we can continue to nurture a vibrant and supportive community for all.

Sincerely,
Jacquelin Goode