Introducing our new President and CEO

Dear friends of The Buckeye Ranch,

As I settle into this new role, I am excited to be a part of a long-term commitment to serving the community through strengthening families. I am especially grateful to see the critical role that women have played in the history of The Ranch, a history whose trajectory is a foundational stone in Central Ohio. A campus that originally served 10 boys has grown into a continuum of care with impact being felt across the entire state, serving over 5,000 children and their families every year. Since our founding in 1961, we have emerged as a national leader in the treatment of emotionally, mentally and behaviorally challenged youth. We strengthen our foundation of commitment to children by recognizing that family is the single most influential force within their lives. Every day I am moved by the success stories of our youth and the heart of our team members who help them heal and reach their potential. I invite you to learn more about our work and contribute to our vision through a gift. Support like yours helps thousands of children and families find hope and healing every year, allowing them to grow and engage with our community in a meaningful way.

Yours,

Vickie Thompson-Sandy
President and CEO
The Buckeye Ranch

This annual report includes information regarding our current services and recaps our financial information for the period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 (Fiscal Year 2019).

Our Work. Our Values.

The common thread throughout our services at The Buckeye Ranch is our commitment to family centered, culturally competent, and strengths focused treatment. As we partner with families, the specific services may change, but our focus on strengths and resilience remains. We recognize the unique experience of our families and meet children where they are, tailoring treatment to their needs. We believe that for a child to be successful, the family must be at the table, whatever family may look like for that child, be it foster parents, birth parents or kinship caregivers. Many of our families have been challenged by seemingly insurmountable adversity but come to us with tremendous resilience. Our trauma informed approach allows us to identify and reinforce those strengths and enhance resilience needed to set in motion lasting change for children and families.

1 in 2 youth in America with major depression do not receive treatment**

91% of funding goes directly to programs

2,181 youth received mental health services at The Buckeye Ranch

1 in 5 adults in America have unmet need for mental health treatment**

**The State of Mental Health in America, 2020
What your gift becomes

$25  school supplies for a child

$50  new sheets and comforter for youth in Residential

$75  baby supplies for a young parent at My Place

$100  a weighted blanket to bring a child comfort from anxiety

$250  laptop for a high school student

$500  house gift for the Residential youth

$1,000  foster family group activity (skate party, pumpkin patch)

How to support our mission

• Make a donation at www.buckeyeranch.org/makeadonation.html or payable to The Buckeye Ranch Foundation at 5665 Hoover Road Grove City, Ohio 43123

• Volunteer with us, contact us at prichter@buckeyeranch.org

• Join our mailing list https://tinyurl.com/buckeyeranch

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Foster Care

The Buckeye Ranch Foster Care (TBRFC) is a network of foster homes that provide care to children and youth who are unable to live with their primary families. Our network of foster homes and professional staff are trained to utilize a Trauma-Informed approach. We strive to provide security, stability, and support to our youth in foster care. We serve children from birth through 21 years of age and have 240 foster homes across the state of Ohio – this year licensing our highest number of foster homes in our history. Our program provides dual licensure for families to become foster or foster-to-adopt parents. In addition to foster care, our continuum of care extends from supportive respite services and crisis stabilization, to assisting counties with Kinship Adoption Certificates and inter-state permanency for youth.

- Over 1000 hours of parent education classes
- 53 new foster homes licensed
- 30 found permanency through adoption
- 130 children reunified

Transitioning to Independence

The Buckeye Ranch serves Transitional Age Youth (TAY) throughout our continuum of care in various programs. These youth have a unique set of needs as they prepare to transition from care into adulthood.

My Place
One unique TAY program, My Place, is designed to help young adults who are transitioning from foster care, residential, and group homes but are not ready to live completely on their own. This program provides housing and services to young men and women, ages 16 through 21 who are ready to work towards independence. Located on the East side of Columbus, My Place consists of 15 fully furnished one-bedroom apartments and community spaces. Staff is always present to provide support and guidance throughout their stay. Young adults receive case management services to work toward individualized goals such as employment and educational attainment. The My Place program specializes in working with young ladies who are pregnant and parenting.

Bridges
The Buckeye Ranch is also home to one of the State’s largest Bridges teams. Bridges is a voluntary, statewide program available to young adults who left custody at ages 18, 19 or 20 and who are in school, working, participating in an employment program, or have a medical condition that prevents them from going to school or working. The program provides guidance, case management and financial assistance as they transition to adulthood.

In fiscal year 2019 our Bridges team has grown significantly. The Buckeye Ranch is one of the State’s most experienced Bridges providers. Our many years of experience working with the TAY population has set us up for success as providers in the Bridges program. We have been heavily involved in implementing the Bridges program throughout the State as well as assisting with training collateral agencies.

Due to having issues with her kinship caregiver, June moved into her own apartment but was emancipated by Public Children’s Services. Soon after she lost her job and was unable to support herself. When a Bridges liaison came to her apartment for a home visit to complete the program application, she noted June barely had food and household necessities. Her GPA had dropped 3.6 to 2.5 since moving out due to the stress of how to make ends meet. Her application was approved the following day and her liaison was able to immediately take her shopping for groceries and household items, including a bed and hygiene products. Bridges processed an emergency check so that June’s rent would be paid for the following month. Since being in the program, June shared that she is able to fully focus on her school work, her grades are slowly improving, and she was recently accepted into the Aveda Institute of Columbus.

95% of young adults at My Place found permanent housing
80% gained or maintained gainful employment
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**Permanent Family Solutions Network**

With a focus on the value of the family and its role in the well-being of children, specialists in the Permanent Family Solutions Network (PFSN) work to reduce tensions and strengthen bonds between family members.

PFSN assists these families with concerns of abuse, neglect, dependency, and unruly or delinquent behaviors. PFSN is an innovative child welfare program that strives to meet the needs of each family through case management, referrals to the myriad of Ranch programs and, if needed, referrals to other agencies. Fast access and collaboration between internal programs benefits the families served and assists in keeping families together. Our specialists work to alleviate problems, strengthen bonds, and maintain families together whenever possible.

**Supporting Our Somali Community**

Somali programming provides culturally specific services. Through the use of Somali-speaking interpreters and trained staff, we provide support for Somali youth and families struggling with symptoms related to loss, trauma and resettlement, as well as issues common to the process of merging two or more cultures. This program also connects Somali families to community resources specific to their needs.

**Home Based Services**

At The Buckeye Ranch, we believe all families have strengths and each member of the family plays an integral role in treatment and growth. We recognize that each child’s needs are unique and therefore require a crafted approach. Our home-based clinical programs are designed to meet families where they are and work with them to reduce concerning behaviors, while helping children and families meet their own unique goals. This trauma informed, family-centered care utilizes evidence-informed and evidence-based treatment along with a full community-based continuum of care.

**Our commitment to the community**

We are proud to support The Buckeye Ranch in its mission to restore hope and provide healing for children and families.

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Congratulations to The Buckeye Ranch for all they’ve done to make the world a better place.
Recently merged onto one campus at our West Broad location, The Bonner Academies integrate education and intensive mental health treatment for elementary, middle and high school students with behavioral and psychological disorders. To reduce barriers to academic learning, students learn to manage symptoms and increase their level of functioning and stability so that they may return to their home school district. This therapeutically supportive program focuses on both behavioral and academic goals, building upon the students’ existing strengths. Due to the high acuity of student behaviors, we provide 24-hour mental health crisis services to support families and youth. Students can receive transition services as they return to their home school district so that they maintain their newly acquired skills and are set up for success. In addition, the summer program bridges learning and therapeutic gains from one academic year to the next with recreation, outdoor adventures and continued therapies.

The Buckeye Ranch’s Residential Program is a 90 bed secured treatment facility that supports youth ages 10-17 with serious mental health needs, behavioral challenges, and substance abuse issues. A plethora of services is available to all youth including weekly individual counseling sessions, group therapy, adventure therapy, psychiatric services, animal-assisted therapy, music and art therapy, a variety of evidence based interventions, family counseling and more. Our trauma-informed treatment approach drives our commitment to preserving family relationships. We believe maintaining these bonds is crucial to the success of the child’s transition back into the community. On-site schooling is provided to all youth from South-Western City Schools to continue their education while receiving treatment.

In fiscal year 2019, the Residential program received 1,216 referrals from 61 counties and entities.

“I always acted like I never heard anything you ever said to me. But trust me I heard everything.”

-Residential youth
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: The Buckeye Ranch and The Buckeye Ranch Foundation are listed as 501(c)3 certified non-profit agencies with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

**3-Year Revenue History (in millions)**

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**Expenses**

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Other Partnerships:

- NAMI Ohio
- ADAMH Board of Franklin County Ohio
- Association of Child Caring Agencies
- The Ohio Council

*Unaudited financial data for FY2019.

**Partnerships**

**LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS**

- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Ohio MHAS Mental Health Certification
- Ohio MHAS Certification to operate an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Program
- Ohio MHAS License to operate a Residential Facility
- Accredited by the Joint Commission of Behavioral Health Care
- NMT certified organization
- Integrated Family and Systems Treatment (IFAST)
- MHAS Promoting wellness and recovery
- Department of Job and Family Services

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The Buckeye Ranch is an independent, non-profit organization recognized under IRS regulations as a 501c3. It is a Title IV-E and Medicaid provider. Leadership at The Buckeye Ranch is provided by the Holding Company Board of Directors, Foundation Board of Directors, and the Operations Board of Directors.
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