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Since 1952, the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has touched the lives of more than 34,000 at-risk youth. The Ranch brings Christ-centered hope and healing to children from across the nation who have experience severe psychiatric, emotional, behavioral and/or development challenges due to abuse, neglect, and violence. Children ages 10-18 and their families find new beginnings through Christ-centered and mercy-focused care. The Ranch is a place of stability, hope, and comfort, where the children learn to see the world differently. LCMS Deaconess, Kelly Bristow, builds a relationship of trust with the children. When they move on from the Ranch, they leave knowing God loves them and that His love will never change. The deaconess program is part of the Ranch's overall Spiritual Life Program, and it impacts

more than 300 residential children annually. With this grant, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will be able to fund one year of deaconess ministry.

We Pray Together:

Dear Lord, we praise and thank You for the encouraging words of Matthew 25:40b, assuring us that whenever and wherever we serve "one of the least of these my brothers" or sisters of Christ, we are serving the Lord. We pray that the healing ministry of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will have a restoring impact on the lives of the children who have faced unimaginable abuse, neglect, and trauma — truly the least of these. We commend to Your care all who participate in and are impacted by this deaconess ministry. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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