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message from fred



much to offer children through our transformational programming: a loving family, academic success, social-emotional growth, and life skills training. Seamark is truly a place where God is healing the broken-hearted.

In 2018 we can work together to help more children. We can make this unique and extraordinary opportunity available to more children who are suffering. Please join with us in prayer that this year we will be able to open two new homes. We need your help.

In His Service,

Fred Meiners
Executive Director

Last year we celebrated 10 years of providing hope, healing and opportunity for children at Seamark Ranch. We have been blessed with incredible resources through the support of this compassionate and generous community. We have so



our mission

Seamark Ranch is a nurturing Christian home and family system that gives children from families in crisis the tools they need for a brighter future. Through a family home model, a specialized residential school and the lessons of life on a working farm community, Seamark Ranch provides the ideal setting for love, stabilization, healing, education and empowerment.



- 1 Seamark celebrated Christmas with family and friends at our first annual Sugar Cane Grinding from our bumper sugar cane crop. Left: Gayward Hendry, Clay County Commissioner, President of the Clay County Farm Bureau, and agricultural liaison for Seamark; Right: David Starling.
- 2 Seamark School attended a matinee performance of The Nutcracker at the Florida Theater. Seamark students were introduced to a true Holiday classic!
- 3 Our homes were treated to the St. Augustine Nights of Lights, one of the country's 10 best holiday light displays.
- 4 Mrs. Debbie hosted the Seamark girls to a special holiday tea party with festive food and holly jolly fun! Mrs. Carleen Haney was their special guest.

Best Wishes in 2018 from our staff



1. Jax Office Staff (L to R): Fred Meiners, Betty Stephens, Tatjana Drittij, Mandi Landau 2. School Staff: Back Row (L to R): Garrett Ballester, Kim Eason, Debbie Smith, Larry Davis. Front Row (L to R): Debbie Meiners, Carrie Farmer, Abigail McKendrick, Tracy Dawson, Denise Adams 3. Childcare Staff (L to R) Gene Coleman, Virginia Awtrey, Lee Salano 4. Terri Cooper, Volunteer Coordinator 5. Farm Staff (L to R): Krissy Miller, Dan Horner, Linda Chastain 6. Horse Barn Staff: Back Row (L to R): Dawn Collier, Marcie Graves, Madison Lewis, Terri Harvey, Dawne Sutton, Allene Zvara, Kathy Skirbst. Front Row (L to R): Ginger Ankrain, Mary Knight, Maggie Lazuka, Carla Niesen, Jackie Brotski, Lindsay Harvey, Tracie Brown, Lisa Eberhardt 7. House Parents (L to R): Girls Home – Nancy & Lamar Grimes; Boys Home – Rich & Tracy Dawson 8. Farewell (L to R): Mara Webb, Carleen Haney & Lance Haney

Seamark School

- Larry Davis, Principal
- Denise Adams, Debbie Meiners, and Debbie Smith, Tutors
- Garrett Ballester, Teacher
- Tracy Dawson, Teacher
- Carrie Farmer, Teacher
- Abigail McKendrick, Teacher
- Kim Eason, School Administrator

Seamark Ranch Childcare Office

- Gene Coleman, Director of Family Care
- Virginia Awtrey, Community Relations Coordinator
- Terri Cooper, Volunteer Coordinator
- Lee Salano, Ranch Office Administrator

Seamark Ranch Business Office

- Fred Meiners, Executive Director
- Mandi Landau, Director of Finance and Operations
- Tatjana Drittij, Administrative Coordinator
- Betty Stephens, Donor Services Coordinator

Seamark Ranch Houseparents

- Lamar and Nancy Grimes, Girls' Home
- Rich and Tracy Dawson, Boys' Home

Seamark Ranch and Farm

- Dan Horner, Ranch and Facilities Coordinator
- Linda Chastain, Student Work Program Coordinator
- Krissy Miller, Horticulture Assistant
- Kathy Oakley, Pantry Assistant

Bidding Farewell a big seamark thank you to

- Mara Webb, 10 years as Marketing and Social Media Coordinator
- Carleen and Lance Haney, 12 years and 4 years, Carleen served as our Donor Services and Community Relations and Development Coordinator for 12 years while Lance served as our Seamark Volunteer Coordinator for 4 years.

We will miss you and wish you all the best in your new endeavors!

J. B. Coxwell Tribute leaving a legacy

Seamark Ranch is proud to honor the life of one of Seamark Ranch's founders, Board Member Emeritus, and friend John "J.B." Coxwell. J.B. and his family were instrumental to the establishment and building of Seamark Ranch. Generous not only with his financial resources, J. B. made his company resources, J.B. Coxwell Contracting, available to accomplish anything needed – from building roads, installing drainage, to hauling dirt for building homes and buildings. When J.B. put his name to something he was going to get it done as evidenced by the growth of Seamark Ranch to date.

But it was his love for children and his desire for each to have the best life possible that drew J.B. and indeed the entire Coxwell family to champion Seamark Ranch.

From poor beginnings as one of eight children of an Alabama sharecropper J.B. came to own a fleet of 300 trucks and one of the most successful road construction, earth moving and disaster debris collection companies in the Southeast. With his tremendous business success, J. B. was generous beyond belief. Many buildings, baseball fields, parks and scholarships bear his name in our community.

A founding Seamark Board Member, J.B. was active in all construction ensuring Seamark held to its "no debt" policy, a value shared by J.B. Most recently J.B. was helping guide Seamark's plans to raise funds and build more homes to serve even more children in the future.

J.B.'s impact on all who were blessed to know him is evidenced by the hundreds who paid tribute to him with a gift to Seamark Ranch.

J.B.'s generosity and faithfulness will continue to transform the lives of Seamark children for generations.

Seamark Ranch Board Member Emeritus
John Benjamin (J.B.) Coxwell
1939 – 2017



memorials to J.B.

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Inc
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Mr. Ed Witt

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Tributes may be made by mail or online at www.SeamarkRanch.com. Tribute forms may be printed from our website or we will gladly take your information over the phone and mail an acknowledgement card to your recipient. Please call our office at (904) 288-8885 if we may assist you in this way. All gifts are tax deductible and, unless designated, are used towards general Ranch operations. Thank you for your support of Seamark Ranch. Visit www.SeamarkRanch.com/donate.

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February 14th

Send A Valentine's Day Card to the Ranch!

Seamark Ranch has transcended the group home environment and has developed a healthy family culture. Boys' and Girls' homes are structured as a two-parent setting where the children receive the love, nurture, discipline and consistency every child deserves.

Share a letter of encouragement with one of our children?

Visit <http://www.seamarkranch.com/valentines-2018>

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