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Good Morning Alex, I know you were up early this morning to get the girls to the Airport. I hope you and Leon have a wonderful peaceful day today all to yourselves.

Answer to the question - "How much does it cost to keep a child in the program for a year?"

\$250 a month, or \$3000 a year, keeps a child at Challenge Ranch.

I am often asked how we can do this: Summer Horse camp for five days, six hours a day costs \$600+ per week, basic childcare for a school age child, five day week, eight hours a day is about \$200 per week.

We can do so much, with so little, because everyone who works at Challenge Ranch does so without pay. Challenge Ranch operates from our property. The maintenance of the property, care and feeding of the horses, riding instruction, Equine Assisted Learning are all undertaken by Volunteers.

The monies donated to Challenge Ranch go entirely to the Feed and Farrier Bills, Veterinary Costs, essential services for the young people (Barn electricity, disposal, pool service, etc.) and necessary miscellaneous equipment.

Young people in the Challenge Ranch Program are welcome here six days a week, year round during daylight hours. Riding instruction, Horse Theory, Equine Assisted Learning and Ranch activities are held on an as-needed daily basis. Shows are held at Challenge Ranch on a regular basis so that children can assess their skills against outside competition. We enter four American Endurance Society Endurance Rides each year. Young people develop the skill, confidence and sense of responsibility needed to compete. Other children act as Grooms to these Riders and become part of a successful team.

Every year we pack up and take horses and children to Summer Camp for a week. For most children the first year they attend is the first time they have "camped" and travelled away for a vacation.

The value of Challenge Ranch cannot be put into dollars. Every child who has entered the Program has improved school grades and social graces, becomes more confident and caring. No child at Challenge Ranch has ever "flunked out" of High School. Every young person who has "aged out" is now either employed, at College or is in the Military.

Challenge Ranch does not accept any Government or State Grants (although many children are referred to us by San Diego Juvenile Placement Judges), if we did we would not be able to offer this unique program in the way it is run.

Challenge Ranch does not offer a "make-a-wish" 1 wonderful day experience. The purpose of Challenge Ranch is to completely transform a child's view of life, what it may be possible to achieve,. To set goals and meet them. Hard work pays off. To develop a sense of confidence and self-esteem so that one can handle any situation faced in life. Challenge Ranch strives to transform the young person's view of what is possible. The ripple effect of changing one child's life will go on into the future.

Challenge Ranch always welcomes visitors. If any person would consider funding a child at Challenge Ranch we would invite them to take an interest, and in time, great pride in that child's life.
