



Annual Report of Progress

January 1 – December 31, 2025

Compassion Ranch and Institute

inspiring and guiding people and programs serving the public-private partnership Compassion Ranch, Life Leadership Institute, and Patriotism in Action hosted by Triple D Ranch & Farm supported by Partners and Friends with Trustee Dr. David Dyson

12 Month Summary Highlights 2025

Compassion Ranch

Provided for 52 animals during the year--shelter, food, water, hay, feeds, and care. Adopted 8 animals: 5 horses, 1 dog, 2 cats, plus feed homeless cats we see at barns.

Adopted: Cinnamon, Ripley, Garfield, Lanny, Pip, Hyla, Tatriz, Domino

Provided end of life care & same day burials: 3 equines and 2 cats (4 super seniors and 1 rescue)

RIP: Crockett, Cody, Honk, Night, Harley

Built to improve shelters and operations, assisted by host Triple D Ranch & Farm:

1. Pasture fence around 5+ acres for 4 Arabian horses – 1200' new fence and 1000' fortified.
2. Barn for 4 horses needing home with 4 stalls and room for feed and supplies.
3. 150 feet new wood fence replaced damaged wire fence in front corral for horses and dogs.
4. 250 feet new wooden fence replaced damaged wire around the Orchard Paddock.
5. 12 adjoining acres acquired for our use to add pasture, trails, guest picnic areas.
6. 15 acres of unwanted trees harvested to increase pastures and grass.
7. 5 spring-fed watering pools dug for horses and wildlife plus increase water in ponds.

Patriotism in Action

Advisor to the Governor's Task Force on Curriculum for Alabama Schools and Social Studies Ed:

1. Advocated adding to standards for teachers to include in history and character education that *America's Veterans Day Started in Alabama*. Provided photos, content, web. Approved.

Published resources provided for students and other guests, schools at no cost to them:

2. *Riderless Horse* card: features our horse Hank from Arlington National Cemetery.
3. *Veterans Day Started in Alabama* card: photo of Gen. Eisenhower with Mr. Weeks and facts.
4. *Pledge of Allegiance* card: teaches the words and meaning of the phrases for Americans.
5. Web pages: www.VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us and www.PatriotismInAction.us
6. Hosted students and veterans wanting to meet Hank the Tank and Lincoln.
7. Donated use of riderless horse tack for the Veterans Day Parade.

Life Leadership

1. Employed and advised 6 teen students to serve animals and guests, learn skills, develop work ethic, advance life lessons, learn better Alabama's mandated character traits...
2. Hosted students interested in animal care and/or vet medicine to learn and volunteer.
3. Hosted parents and grandparents with children wanting to experience more animals.
4. Hosted counselors or parents with children wanting to develop more courage.
5. Hosted volunteers who wanted to get exercise in nature helping animals.



Progress Jan-Dec 2025 Actions

COMPASSION RANCH & INSTITUTE

with *Patriotism in Action & Life Leadership* hosted at Triple D Ranch & Farm



✓ = Progress – done or being done.

Equines

- ✓ 1,200 feet of wood fence to protect 5 acres and 1,000' wire fence in tree line to add 4 horses.
- ✓ Barn for 4 horses from Mobile with 4 stalls, feed room, hay rings, water troughs.
- ✓ Transported 4 senior Arabian horses from Mobile for Jane "Bruce" Wilder to live here.
- ✓ Farrier trim: Indy, Star, Patriot, Lancelot, Katie, Baye, Hank, Lincoln, Wounded, Cinnamon.
- ✓ De-worm: Lincoln, Patriot, Hank, Wounded, July...
- ✓ Mounted Police horse Cinnamon adopted after her Marine/deputy sheriff riding partner died.
- ✓ Roadside Paddock: protected fruit trees with posts and wire so pony and donkeys can graze.
- ✓ Dig pond fed by underground spring to increase water to ponds and pastures.
- ✓ Orchard Pasture Fence: remove last 200 feet of old fence and build new wood and wire fence.
- ✓ Fence replaced or repaired along ½ mile of county road frontage to protect horses.
- ✓ Gate from N to NE Pasture to provide access for hay, tractor work, and utility trucks.
- ✓ Hangar: hay and equipment storage additions, solar security lights.
- ✓ Purchased 12 acres to increase pasture and protect from encroachment (provided by Triple D).

Dogs

- ✓ 9 dogs: feed and shelter, groom and treat.
- ✓ Teddy: adopt to provide his final home: surgery, vet care, grooming, food, ID tag.
- ✓ Snow: heal broken leg, pay for 2 surgical procedures; rescue from risky home, ID tag.
- ✓ Beau: heartworm check, treatments 6 months, re-check, treat 6 more months.
- ✓ Ripley: adopt and set up shelter in greenhouse and garden, socialize with dogs and farm animals.
- ✓ Fleas: spray front and back yards, follow up with granules for fleas and ants.
- ✓ Foyer metal gate installed to protect guests and manage introductions safely.
- ✓ Dog door for 24/7 access to fenced back yard: replace flap to save energy from heat loss.
- ✓ Front corral fence: finish last 100 feet of 5' fence for dogs who can climb to keep safer.
- ✓ Guest pet pen: finish top and sides for emergency foster and visiting dogs and cats, ramp to slide.
- ✓ Groom dogs weekly helped by pre-vet student.
- ✓ Greenhouse: add pet door, straw/hay bed, heat lamp for guardian dog/s.
- ✓ Mint: plant in dog and cat areas to repel fleas – front yard, back yard, pet pen.
- ✓ Help caregivers who need vet care or fencing or food to keep pets at home.

Cats

- ✓ Feed 15: 8 at cat porch and enclosed garden, 1 in house, 4 in barn loft, 2 in hangar with enclosure.
- ✓ Garfield: rescue, neuter surgery, provide shelter inside to protect due to Feline Leukemia Virus.
- ✓ Catwalk Orchard Barn: add cat door from catwalk to inside feed room for winter warmth.
- ✓ Catwalk Bryant Barn: provide safety and shelter for homeless cats we feed above horses.
- ✓ Cat boxes insulated with straw/hay.
- ✓ Cat garden (catio): repair ramp to screened cat porch.
- ✓ Spay and neuter 4 cats to help lady keep her pets.
- ✓ Heat lamps and bulbs for cat porch, barn feed room, and hangar.

Farm Animals

- ✓ Goat: Bendi--goat feed or all stock daily.
- ✓ Pig: Wilbur--pig feed, cold weather straw/hay, mud hole summer.
- ✓ Duck: Daisy – enlarge natural water pond with Arlington horses, canopy installed for protection.

Wildlife

- ✓ Pond: add dead pine trees inside dam to protect baby fish from washing over dam.
- ✓ Add water sources with small ponds above springs – 3 above upper pond and woods.
- ✓ Food for deer, birds, fish: provide protected land and give feed when donated.
- ✓ Bird houses and nest protection: front porch so returning birds have a place to birth babies.
- ✓ Ducks: feed to keep them safe off the road when neighbors leave town without providing.
- ✓ Mice: catch and release to wildlife area with vegetation and water ditch.
- ✓ Mulberry tree: planted at upper pond close to picnic table.

For People: Students, Partners, Volunteers, Event Guests

- ✓ Picnic table added at upper pond for guests to write plans, enjoy picnics.
- ✓ Play Orchard (parents-kids-dogs): add fig and blueberry trees, horseshoes, picnic table.
- ✓ Plant fruit trees in orchards: fig, blueberry, plum.
- ✓ Solar lights: fence posts at entrance, front of property, event areas...
- ✓ Gate back yard to Roadside Paddock: repair damage caused by falling limbs in storm.

Life Leadership

(Personal Leadership, Plan for Life since 1992)

- ✓ Student and mentor experiences: with animals, learn, build courage, compassion...
- ✓ Help students plan and implement their work to serve our mission and develop habits.
- ✓ Host people desiring to spend time with animals--PTSD, stress production and enjoyment.

Patriotism in Action

(public service since September 11 attacks, 2001 – riderless horse, Veterans Day Founding Education)

- ✓ *Veterans Day Education: America's Veterans Day Started in Alabama* cards donated.
- ✓ Governor's Task Force on Curriculum: Advisor--teach *Veterans Day Started in Alabama* History.
- ✓ *Hank the Tank at Arlington and in Alabama*: card shows a way to honor veterans.
- ✓ *The Pledge of Allegiance*: card with words and meaning – post to web and donate.
- ✓ Historian & Chair of Education for National Veterans Day Foundation: help schools, students...
- ✓ Barefield Flagpole (in memory of Col. Bob Barefield, USA Ret): add solar lights, temporary sign.
- ✓ Solar lights on fence to illuminate US Flags along road, entrance, and flagpole.

Equipment

- ✓ Gator: new battery.
- ✓ Horse trailer for more/larger horses.
- ✓ Kubota tractor: Battery replace. Starter replace. Fuel additive to improve cranking.

Publications

- ✓ Brochure: Introducing animals, purposes, programs – update, publish to web, send by email.
- ✓ Mission, Vision, Goals: plan with budgets needed to direct our work and share with partners.
- ✓ E-News: Progress, Plans, and Possibilities Report to Partners monthly.
- ✓ Operational Plans – scope of work, projects, job descriptions...
- ✓ Web site: CompassionRanch.org--riderless horse page, list animals, Pinterest board of photos.
- ✓ Web site: LifeLeadersInstitute.org--Veterans Day Education, Patriotism in Action, Plan pages.
- ✓ Meta/Facebook pages: *Compassion Ranch*, *Patriotism in Action*, *Veterans Day Founding Education*...
- ✓ Instagram page: *Compassion Ranch*.
- ✓ Google Page for internet searches.
- ✓ Merchandise for partners, student workers, and friends – shirts, cups, caps.
- ✓ Annual Report.



America's Veterans Day Started In Alabama In 1947



November 11, 1946: General Dwight D. Eisenhower receives a program announcing *National Veterans Day 1947* to be presented in Birmingham and directed by Raymond Weeks



Patriotism in Action book cover: President Ronald Reagan honored Raymond Weeks with the Presidential Citizens Medal on national TV in 1982 as the "driving force" for establishing America's Veterans Day.

U.S. history: Birmingham, Alabama hosted the first national celebration honoring all veterans in 1947 and started America's National Veteran Award in 1954, the year President Eisenhower signed Veterans Day into law as a federal holiday. The U.S. Senate passed a resolution proposed by Patriotism In Action in 2012 recognizing Birmingham as "home to the first and longest running celebration of Veterans Day."

Alabama: a national leader organizing Veterans Day events and educational resources to honor veterans, celebrate freedom of liberty and rights, and teach character traits to build good citizenship.

Character traits and values to teach, learn, and use related to the national movement for Veterans Day
**Patriotism - Courage - Perseverance - Loyalty - Citizenship
 Freedom - Peace - Honor - Trust - Leadership**

 VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us • PatriotismInAction.us • NationalVeteransDay.org 

Hank
 Military Working Equine (MWE)
 Arlington National Cemetery
 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)



At the full military honors funeral for the late Gen. Colin Powell (USA Retired) in 2021, Hank served as the caparisoned (riderless) horse. Boots backward, *this warrior will not ride again.* After 10 years of service, Hank retired in 2023.

OldGuard.mdw.army.mil
CompassionRanch.org/riderless-horses

The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance



Boy at Veterans Day Parade Birmingham

Our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy. The American Legion and Daughters of the American Revolution recommended changes in the 1920s, and the Pledge has been revised with the last change coming on Flag Day 1954 when Congress passed legislation adding the words "under God." President Eisenhower signed the Pledge and Veterans Day into law in 1954.



In Daddy's Honor



Patriotism in Action
www.PatriotismInAction.us



Security and Solar

- ✓ Security cameras: entrance, front door/yard.
- ✓ Solar lights: farmhouse entrance, US flags, fence posts, patriotism garden, event spaces, garages.
- ✓ Solar lights at the new ranch entrance: gates and posts.
- ✓ Stronger chains and clips to secure gates for horses.

Recycling

- ✓ Plastic, glass: Recycling Center (recycle 500 plastic feed bags).
- ✓ Metal/old fence: old fence wire to local salvage yard to sell for feed.
- ✓ Paper: repurpose to ignite burn piles.
- ✓ Boxes: cats love them for shelter and play.
- ✓ Leaves: use for cat litter and return to earth.

Average Expenses Monthly

<u>Service provider or resource</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Next Generation Needed</u>
	\$	\$
1. Trustee/ manager/ program director/ ranch hand	0	4,000
2. Land lease: pastures, barns, shelters...	0	
3. Equipment: trucks, tractors, trailers	0	1,000
4. Animal feeds:		
Horse pasture grass seed, mowing, log removal...	100	200
Horse/equine Hay	500	1,000
Horse/equine feeds, grains, supplements	1,000	1,500
Dogs	500	600
Cats	350	350
Pig	30	30
Goat	30	30
Duck/s	30	30
Wildlife	0	30
5. Animal Care:		
Students cleaning troughs, bowls, stalls/spaces	1,200	2,000
Vets and vet tech: med, trim, groom...	200	400
Shelters--Building, Repair	800	2,000
Pastures, Land, Fences, Storm damage--Hand	200	500
Assist caregivers to keep animals at home	50	500
6. Operating: fuel, materials, supplies, tools...	400	2,000
7. Other/misc.		
Monthly operating	4,000+	10,000+
Plus capital improvements to build/acquire		

Partners & Friends who have Donated Funds to Compassion Ranch

Since 2020; 2025 Donors marked blue. Contributors from 13 states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin.

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[Caring Foundation of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama](#); WalMart Foundation; Poarch Creek Indians Foundation; Roman Street Band; Simon Cyrene Group; Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt; [Triple D Ranch & Farm](#).

Prior donors to Life Leadership or Patriotism programs: Alabama Power Foundation, Daniel Foundation, Goodrich Foundation...Prior sponsors: Alabama Power, BellSouth, Parisian, Regions Bank, Southern Company Services...

Donors of Goods or Services since 2020

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Contributions to Community and Country Since Founding Summary

1991--We started monthly seminars focused on *Personal Leadership and Planning* for the 7 Areas of Life, incorporated as a nonprofit in 1992, and presented public seminars monthly for 25 years (250+).

1993--We presented Dr. Stephen Covey, author of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, for 1,000 attending from 9 states at Birmingham-Southern College with sponsors Alabama Power Company, BellSouth, Parisian, Southern Company Services...in 1993. We presented Dr. Ken Blanchard in 1994 and Dr. Denis Waitley plus Hyrum Smith in 1995.

2001--After the "September 11" attacks we added *Patriotism in Action*. Books and seminars for students and community: Professionalism Under Stress: Lessons for Professionalism, Stress, and Gunfighting in Military and Civilian Life. We also published Patriotism in Action, a patriotic guide that shows how *America's Veterans Day started in Alabama*.

2012 – Veterans told us Alabama had lost the national distinction for starting Veterans Day. We led the campaign to the US Senate that successfully clarified the national commemoration started in Alabama in 1947 and Kansas sponsored legislation for the federal holiday 7 years after in 1954.

Personal leadership training and coaching continued, including *Master Your Goliaths: Best practices for how to set achievable resolutions. Earning Empowerment*. At invitation of a veterans home, we offered seminars for 50 weeks at two locations--*Veterans Making Comebacks*: previously homeless veterans assess themselves and write plans for life to inspire and guide them to self-reliance. They learned of "post traumatic growth" and how to develop positive habits, respond better to stresses, developing and sharing plans with family and others involved their recovery.

2020--Compassion Ranch grew and was added to the nonprofit. Public service includes care of animals and character traits education mandated to teach in schools. We show students and support teaching character traits *courage, compassion, cooperation*. Provide resources printed and online.

We host ranch experiences with rescued and adopted horses. We have helped and cooperated with the US Army adopting retired Military Working Equines Hank and Lincoln. Hank was the riderless horse for the funeral of Gen. Colin Powell and he walked in the National Veterans Day Parade two years, the first from Arlington National Cemetery. We adopted Lancelot and Braveheart after their rescue by the Chilton County Sheriff's Department. We work on root causes for abandonment of animals by former students through experiences here and teaching.

Employ and coach 6 teen home school students 4-5 hours weekly.

2025 – advised the Governor's Council on Curriculum in cooperation with Alabama Social Studies. They adopted our proposal to teach *America's Veterans Day Started in Alabama* connected to the Civil Rights Movement advancing in Alabama. *Freedom lives* at a higher level because of these movements and students have *freedom to flourish*. We provide a web site and free resources for teachers, students, veterans: www.VeteransDayFoundingEducation.us.

Adopted a senior horse retired from the Mounted Patrol of Mobile County.

Adopted four senior Arabian horses from WildOaks Arabians in Mobile County.

We have a wait list for two more retired horses from Arlington. We have been approached by a caregiver in Texas wanting to put in her will options for her animals coming here. And, a young single mom has asked if we can adopt her two beloved horses. We get calls or messages most days asking if we can help...to say yes more requires funding for feeds and care, building shelters, people.

Animals of Compassion Ranch

Name: year joining us (year of birth known or estimated)

Equines = 20

Horses = 17 wait list to add 2

Patriot (Anakus Flynn): 2007 (2001)
Star of the Bar: 2007 (2003)
Indy (Indian Legend): 2008 (2008)
Princess (Katie Bryant): 2017 (2007)
Spirit: 2019 (2017)
Storm: 2019 (2018)
Scarlett (Baye): 2019 (2014)
Lancelot: 2020 (2008)
Braveheart: 2020 (2015)
Wounded: 2022 (2012)

Shetland Pony=1

July: 2020 (1997)

Donkeys=2

June (Granny): 2010 (1995)
Jill: 2010 (2009)

Goat=1

Bendi: 2022 (2018)

Pig=1

Wilbur: 2024 (2020)

Duck=1

Daisy: 2025 (2024)

Chief: 2018 (2015)

Annie Oakley: 2020 (2015)

Cowboy: 2020 (2015)

Charlie (Sir Charles): 2023 (2018)

Gipper: 2023 (2018)

Beau (Snow Man): 2024 (2020)

Hank the Tank: 2023 (2007)

Lincoln: 2023 (2010)

Cinnamon: 2025 (1997)

Lanny: 2025 (2004)

Pip: 2025 (2004)

Hyla: 2025 (2000)

Tatriz: 2025 (2001)

RIP: Cocoa, Cody, Crockett

RIP Apache: circa 1965

RIP: Jenny, Horik since 2010



Farm Animals = 3

RIP: Johnny, Billy



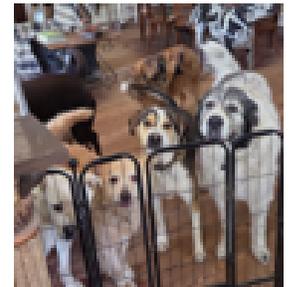
Dogs = 9

Teddy: 2024 (2014)

Snow: 2024 (2023)

Ripley: 2025 (2025)

We miss since 2007: Samson, Sarah, Sheba, Buck, Rambo, Cowgirl, Ladybug, Triple D



Cats = 15+ (15 in residence plus strays/homeless fed at barns)

Diamond 2012 (2012)

Angel: 2012 (2012)

Tux: 2012 (2012)

Panther 2012 (2012)

Stormy Magic: 2021 (2021)

Tabitha Socks: 2021 (2021)

Tessee Chaton: 2022 (2021)

Daggers: 2023 (2012)

Nat: 2023 (2012)

Scarlet 2023 (2015)

Frankie Feline: 2023 (2019)

Snowflake: 2024 (2024)

Tiger: 2024 (2020)

Garfield: 2025 (2023)

Domino: 2025 (2024)

Homeless at Barns

RIP: Starcat, Bella, Midnight, Night, Hazel



Compassion



Ranch

CompassionRanch.org

Partnered with Triple D Ranch & Farm

We believe, stating plans, actions, and results guides us to focus on priorities, report to partners on how we honored investments, plus helps potential sponsors and advocates of animals, students, and programs to assess better and faster if your callings match ours. We seek people and resources to help us increase capacity now and for the next generation. I hope to earn your trust that we add value with our mission, actions, and stewardship of resources.

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