Service Description – Chore Help

"Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ." (Col. 3:23-24 HCSB)

Service Title:
Chore Help

Ministry Purpose:
To serve the participants, families, and horses of Haven Acres through reliable care of the horses.

Position Qualifications:
- **Be a minimum of 14 years of age** (depending on ability level) or minimum of 9 or 10 if working alongside of a parent and able to scoop manure.
- **Have a desire to serve a ministry that supports at-risk kids and teens.** While chore helpers get to be around the horses and can have a great time learning about them while working, this is not free horse time where volunteers will get to groom or ride horses.
- **Be committed and reliable.**
    - Must be able to commit to a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly rotation.
    - Must show up at agreed upon time.
    - Must be able to help regardless of the weather, unless you have health condition affected by weather or there are unsafe roads.
    - Treat your commitment like a job as we rely on having a certain number of people helping each day.
- **Be hard working.** Doing chores is not the hardest work there could be on a farm. It is not back-breaking work or an 8-hour day outside. However, we need people who will be working their hardest during the time they are there!
- **Be able to lift.** We do not throw hay bales, but we spend nearly the whole time scooping manure with a metal rake from the ground to a four-wheeler trailer.
- *Being a Christian is not a requirement for this position!*

Serving Relationships:
Chore helpers are under the care of the President (Jason Heath), the Executive Program Director (Jenifer Heath), and the Assistant Program Director (Holly Janik). Any questions, comments, or issues are gladly received by the leaders and will be addressed in a prompt and caring manner.

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Chore Help Expectations/Responsibilities:

- Assist with **scooping horse manure** out of all of the paddocks.
- Occasionally help scoop manure out of the horse stalls (they are only occasionally kept in the stalls).
- As time allows, **help with other miscellaneous tasks** such as cleaning out the chicken coop, the goat shed, and automatic waterers.
- Chores begin at the agreed upon time and go until tasks are completed. This is usually *around* two hours. Chore help is expected to stay for the entire length of time it takes to complete all tasks that day, unless prior notice (preferably at least a day ahead of time) has been given about needing to leave at a certain time.
- Let us know ahead of time (as soon as you can) if you will not be able to help the day(s) that you have committed to. Since we rely on having a certain number of people to do chores each day, it can make them take a lot longer if we have someone cancel last minute or no-show.

Benefits for Chore Help:

- Satisfaction from serving in a ministry that helps hurting and at-risk youth.
- Enjoyment from being outside, enjoying the sunshine, and moving!
- Experience volunteering in a non-profit.
- Experience working with horses and people.