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Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch Celebrates Opening of New Therapeutic Group Home in Boulder

BOULDER, Mont. — Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch (YBGR) is celebrating the opening of a new therapeutic group home at its Boulder Campus with a community housewarming and open house on Wednesday, October 14th.

The new home replaces an older facility, providing a modern, welcoming environment designed to better support kids receiving behavioral health care. The project represents a continued investment in YBGR's existing facilities rather than an expansion of service capacity.

"Our mission has always been about preparing kids for life, and the environments where they receive care are an important part of that work," said Mike Chavers, CEO of Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch. "This new home reflects our commitment to providing quality care while continuing to invest in the Boulder community."

YBGR's Boulder Campus serves up to 24 kids, ages 10–18, from communities across Montana. The organization employs approximately 40 people in Boulder and expects to welcome kids into the new home later this month.

The opening marks the completion of a multi-year project first announced in 2021 to modernize residential facilities at the Boulder Campus.

The project was made possible through a combination of public funding and private contributions, including a \$525,000 Community Development Block Grant administered in partnership with Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC) and a \$750,000 Behavioral Health Services for Future Generations grant through House Bill 872.

An additional \$575,000 was contributed by private donors, including The Wall Family-Power Townsend Foundation and Valley Bank of Helena. Golden Eagle Construction and A&E + SMA Design were instrumental in bringing the project to completion.

"This project is a reflection of what can happen when a community comes together around a shared commitment to kids," said Chavers. "We're grateful to the many partners and supporters who helped make this new home possible."

As YBGR celebrates 70 years of serving Montana kids and families, the organization continues to provide a full continuum of behavioral health care through approximately 17 community offices, partnerships with 25 school districts, six therapeutic group homes, and psychiatric residential treatment at the Ranch in Billings. The organization also recently acquired its Gallatin Campus near Belgrade, where additional services are planned. YBGR serves more than 3,000 kids across Montana annually.

With continued demand for children's behavioral health services, YBGR is also recruiting caring, qualified professionals to join its Boulder team. Current career opportunities are available at ybgr.org.

You're Invited: Join Us for Our Housewarming Celebration

Join us in Boulder on Wednesday, October 14th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as we celebrate the opening of our new therapeutic group home! YBGR CEO Mike Chavers will kick off the event with brief remarks, followed by an opportunity to tour the new home and enjoy snacks and refreshments.

When: Wednesday, October 14th | 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: YBGR Boulder Campus | 105 Venture Way, Boulder, Montana

About Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch

Founded in 1956, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch is one of Montana's leading providers of children's mental health services. Headquartered on a 410-acre ranch west of Billings, the nonprofit serves thousands of kids and families each year through a statewide continuum of residential and community-based care. To learn more about Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, visit www.ybgr.org.