



50th Anniversary

FOUNDERS'

— ASSOCIATION IMPACT REPORT —



Dear Friend,

As you turn the pages of this booklet, I hope you'll see just how much of a difference your generosity has made in the lives of the boys and girls at Happy Hill Farm.

Because of you, children from difficult and sometimes heartbreaking circumstances now have the opportunity to thrive. They live in a place where faith, family, and education are the foundation for transformation — where their potential is nurtured, and their future is not defined by their past.

Happy Hill Farm has always been more than a school. It's a home where children find stability, structure, and the values that shape godly leaders. With the guidance of their residence parents and teachers, boys and girls learn responsibility, hard work, integrity, and the importance of serving others. They experience the joy of working on a farm, the discipline of academics, and the strength of a close-knit Christian community.

This year, as we reflect on 50 years of ministry, I'm reminded of the faith-filled decision my grandparents made so long ago—and the faithful generosity of donors like you who continue to make this mission possible. Thousands of lives have been changed because of the love, prayers, and support of people who believe in giving children from low-opportunity circumstances a future filled with hope.

And this legacy is far from over. **On page 15**, you'll find an opportunity to learn how you can be part of ensuring the next 50 years of life-changing impact at Happy Hill Farm.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your kindness is shaping the next generation, and I'm so grateful to walk alongside you in this important work.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lucas'.



A LEGACY OF FAITH, EDUCATION, AND OPPORTUNITY

Fifty years ago, a single phone call set a remarkable journey in motion. Two teenage girls, desperate for a safe place, found refuge with Ed and Gloria Shipman. That act of kindness became the foundation of Happy Hill Farm—where faith, education, and opportunity intersect to shape young lives.

Happy Hill Farm is more than a school. It's a place where high-potential children from low-opportunity backgrounds find stability, support, and the chance to build a future. Through a Christ-centered education at North Central Texas Academy (NCTA), a nurturing home life with dedicated house parents, and experiences that develop strong character, these boys and girls discover their God-given potential.

Over the past five decades, Happy Hill Farm has welcomed children from across Texas, the U.S., and around the world—providing a safe refuge, a world-class education, and a loving community. Here, students grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally, preparing to become leaders in their communities and beyond.

As we celebrate this milestone, we recognize that none of this would have been possible without the generosity of faithful friends like you. Your support has helped change the trajectory of countless lives, and together, we can continue this life-transforming mission for generations to come.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: **KATIE**

Katie is in her fifth year at Happy Hill Farm, and her time here has been filled with growth, faith, and unforgettable experiences. A talented athlete and musician, Katie enjoys playing volleyball and is an active member of the choir.

Beyond the classroom and sports, Katie cherishes the simple yet meaningful moments—cooking with the girls, Saturday night dinners, and devotionals with her resident family. Leading worship for Wednesday and Sunday Chapel has been a defining part of her journey, pushing her beyond her comfort zone and strengthening her relationship with God.

Through it all, Katie feels like she has grown spiritually and personally. "Being at Happy Hill Farm has helped me grow in my faith," she shares. "Leading worship has been a big part of that." Katie is a shining example of the impact of a Christ-centered education and a supportive community, and we can't wait to see where her journey takes her next!



LAYING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR LIFE

At Happy Hill Farm, faith is at the heart of everything we do. It is the foundation on which we build character, confidence, and a future filled with hope for the boys and girls who come here.

The children live in small group homes with loving house parents who provide the stability and guidance of a family. In the classroom, a low student-to-teacher ratio ensures each child receives the individual attention they need to thrive in their college-preparatory Christian education.

But learning doesn't stop in the classroom. The 500-acre working farm is an extension of that education, where students develop responsibility and perseverance by caring for animals—including chickens, rabbits, donkeys, cattle, and horses. Through 4-H and FFA, they gain leadership skills and confidence as they raise and showcase their animals, often opening doors to college scholarships.

Sports and extracurricular activities instill discipline, teamwork, and resilience, helping students build self-confidence and lifelong healthy habits. Weekly chapel services, Bible studies, and mission trips strengthen their faith, giving them a moral and spiritual foundation that will guide them throughout their lives.

This holistic approach—faith-centered education, hands-on responsibility, and a nurturing community—transforms lives. Our boys and girls leave Happy Hill Farm prepared for college and careers, but more importantly, they leave with strong values and the belief that their past does not define their future.

RESIDENT PARENT

"Happy Hill Farm has been here for 50 years, and I believe that's because of the blessing on this place—caring for kids, preaching the Gospel, and sowing into their lives. There's no government funding; it's all through the generosity of donors, which allows this ministry to continue discipling the next generation. The impact isn't just for today—you're giving into the Kingdom and that's an eternal investment."
— Keith Yarbrough



KRISTIN'S STORY: A FUTURE IN MEDICINE ROOTED IN FAITH

Kristin is a dedicated student at Happy Hill Farm who has spent nearly half her life on campus. Thanks to your generous support and prayers, she has had the opportunity to grow academically, strengthen her faith, and prepare for a future in medicine.

As a senior set to graduate in May 2025, Kristin has thrived during her nine years at Happy Hill Farm. Her time here has not only shaped her academic goals but has also provided the faith-centered environment she needed to build confidence and succeed.

Before joining Happy Hill Farm, Kristin attended a public school where her parents worried about the negative influences and lack of opportunities. Happy Hill Farm offered a strong education, positive role models and Christian values — an opportunity for Kristin to grow in both knowledge and faith.

Throughout her years at the Farm, Kristin has taken full advantage of the academic opportunities available, including dual-credit courses in biology, chemistry, and physics. She has also been actively involved in extracurriculars like Youth & Government and FFA, which have helped her develop leadership skills and confidence.

However, the most significant impact has been on her faith. Through chapel services, prayer, and the guidance of teachers and her resident parents, Kristin has deepened her relationship with God. "Last year I went through a lot of struggles and my resident parents helped me get through that, talking with me, having Bible studies and prayer. They really helped me become a better person. I think this year I've become a lot stronger and my identity with the Lord has also grown."

Looking ahead, Kristin plans to attend Texas Tech University to study medicine, with the goal of becoming a cardiovascular surgeon. Inspired by her family's work in the medical field, she is determined to make a difference, particularly as the need for doctors continues to grow.

Kristin's journey at Happy Hill Farm is a testament to the life-changing impact of your support. Because of you, she has been given the opportunity to thrive, pursue her dreams, and step into a future filled with faith and purpose.



2024 ANNUAL OVERVIEW

Happy Hill Farm receives no government support. We rely solely on the support of private donors like you. This enables us to teach from a Christian worldview.

Thank you!

FUEL: \$28,000

Buses, Vans, Cars, Tractors, Machinery

TEXTBOOKS &

LIBRARY BOOKS: \$45,000

TECHNOLOGY: \$57,000

Computers, software, and other equipment to support online learning opportunities.

CAMPUS REPAIRS &

MAINTENANCE: \$400,000

UTILITIES: \$245,000



ADMINISTRATION | **3.94%**

FUNDRAISING | **4.32%**

NCTA FACULTY, FACILITIES, AND OPERATING EXPENSES | **36.2%**

ROOM, BOARD, STAFF, AND OTHER STUDENT EXPENSES | **50.76%**

FARMING, ANIMALS, FEED, SEED, FERTILIZER, STAFF | **3.9%**

HOW YOUR 2024 GIFTS CHANGED LIVES



100%

of our boarding students come from underprivileged situations where opportunities for education and life advancement are not available. Your support provides a safe haven where a child can be nurtured and given the opportunity to realize their amazing potential. **Thank you!**



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STUDENTS graduated in 2024 and are now attending college or have joined the military. 23 students will graduate this year.

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COUNTRIES were represented by the 2024 graduates. **Your impact is global!**

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students we're inducted into the National Honor Society.

SPECIAL MOMENTS YOU MADE POSSIBLE



Students gain confidence and responsibility through horseback riding, a beloved part of life at Happy Hill Farm.



Hard work and dedication on display—FFA students proudly present their prize-winning sheep, showcasing their skills in agriculture and animal care.

IN DECEMBER, Our students shared the spirit of Christmas while giving back to the community on their Choir Tour.



Students in photography class learn the art of lighting, composition, and storytelling through the lens.



Excited young learners gather around as their teacher reads to them in the library.



Students make memories together as they sign each other's yearbooks.



Boys soccer saw much success and brought home the championship!



Youth Conferences inspired hearts and minds to lift their voices in worship.

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Nine classifications of membership include individuals, corporations, businesses, or other organizations that indicate their intent to contribute in a one-time gift or in segments throughout the year at the following levels:

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For 50 years, Happy Hill Farm has been a place where children from low-opportunity backgrounds discover their God-given potential. Ed and Gloria Shipman dedicated their lives to creating a Christ-centered home and school where young people could grow into leaders—breaking generational cycles of hardship and building a brighter future.

Now, as we celebrate this milestone, we are looking ahead. We want to ensure that the next 50 years bring the same life-changing opportunities to children who need it. One of the most powerful ways to make this happen is through estate giving.

This year, we're asking 100 of our friends and supporters to raise their hands and say, "I've included Happy Hill Farm in my estate plans." This isn't just for the ultra-wealthy .05%—anyone can leave a legacy. Estate gifts of any size help ensure that the boys and girls who come to Happy Hill Farm will continue to thrive for generations to come.

There's a section on the reply card included with this year's Founders' Association Impact Report where you can request more information about the Ed Shipman Legacy Society. We'd love to share more about how you can build godly leaders for years to come.

Will you be one of the 100? Let us know on your reply card if you'd like more information!



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MEET PAUL



Paul is an inspiring young man at Happy Hill Farm who has been given the opportunity to grow academically, spiritually, and personally, thanks to your generous support and prayers.

Now 16, Paul has called Happy Hill Farm home for the past eight years. His family is originally from Kenya, but he was born in Texas. His time at the Farm has provided him with the structure, support, and encouragement he needed to thrive—not just in school, but in his faith and leadership as well.

Before coming to Happy Hill Farm, Paul attended a public school in an area where he did not have a lot of opportunity. His family wanted more for him—a place where he could develop his full potential in a Christ-centered environment. After seeing the impact Happy Hill Farm had on other students, they knew it was the right place for him.

Paul has embraced every opportunity available to him. He has been actively involved in athletics as the soccer team

manager, participated in choir, and engaged in various campus activities. Through these experiences, he has built friendships, traveled, and grown into a confident and responsible young man.

One of the most meaningful aspects of Paul's journey has been the way his faith has deepened. "I don't think I would be as close to God as I am today if I hadn't come to Happy Hill Farm," he shares. "Here, I'm surrounded by people who encourage my faith and help me grow."

Looking ahead, Paul is preparing for college and plans to stay in Texas for his studies. His time at Happy Hill Farm has given him the foundation to pursue his future with confidence.

Paul's story is a testament to the incredible impact of your support. Your generosity provides students like Paul with the opportunities they need to grow, learn, and discover the bright future ahead of them.



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