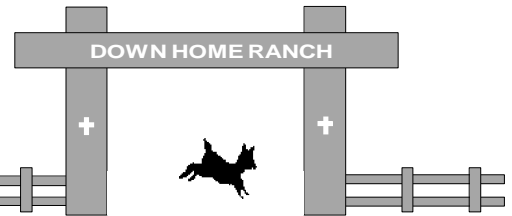


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Martha House to Open November 1st

Hundreds of volunteer hours are moving Martha House to completion. Powered especially by Mike Judice—father of soon-to-be-resident Kelly Judice—and many other families and friends, this second home for residents will open on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003.

Martha House was built with a grant from the Meadows Foundation, Dallas, along with in-kind gifts (flooring, fans, etc.), other grants, financial contributions and hundreds of volunteer hours.

Kelly J., Heidi and Hannah will call Martha House home, along with a Resident Assistant. We're now interviewing candidates for the RA position. Call for an information packet if you're interested.



A view of the back side of Martha House, looking southwest. Martha House will be the home for three women and will open on November 1st.

Yam Bake X, Sat., Oct. 4, 2003

Noon - 9:00 p.m.
Down Home Ranch
See insert for details.

"Grandpa" Charlie West

As this issue of *The Spirit* goes to press, we are mindful that our dear friend Charlie West has gone home to enter hospice care after being hospitalized for congestive heart failure.



"Official Camp Grandpa" has been Charlie's monicker since 1998, when he first came to camp. Over the years "Grandpa" has befriended many dozens of homesick campers.

Charlie turned 89 years old in August, but his mind and wit remain sharp as ever. In the hospital, Jerry asked "What time are you going home tomorrow?" "I'm not going 'home' yet. I'm going to my house!" he said pointedly. And then he led us all in a good laugh.

Down Home Ranch Gets Exciting Publicity

First it was the article in the *Texas Co-op Power Magazine*, then the Aug. 17 piece on News 8 Austin, followed by the Sept. 11 article in the *Round Rock Leader*, and next up is the Sept. 23rd morning show on Fox 7 (Austin), all events bringing the message and mission of Down Home Ranch to thousands of people across Texas.

The *Texas Co-op Power* article can be viewed on-line at <http://www.texas-ec.org/tcp/803ranch.html>. With a circulation of 950,000 we have received calls from all across Texas and beyond.

The News 8 Austin program can be viewed by clicking on www.news8austin.com/content/your_news/?SecID=278&ArID=80962.

Round Rock Leader's article is at www.rrleader.com/main.asp?SectionID=3.

The website for Fox 7 news is www.fox7news.com. Click on "News in the Morning."

You can also search each website with the words "Down Home Ranch" to view the articles.

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