

# A RAY OF HOPE

*A Christian home and a ray of hope for children needing a chance*

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# Thank You from our Executive Director



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I have a birthday approaching, and as I ponder the passing of another year, a question keeps coming to mind, "What is my legacy?" God has granted me many advantages, occupations, experiences and opportunities to leave my personal mark on the world. My wife, Debbie, and I see our greatest legacy to our world in the faces of our two sons, Michael and Seth. Both have grown into compassionate, caring, Christian men, who we believe, will truly change their community and our world for the better.

Next to our own children, the greatest legacy we can leave on our world is to positively impact the lives of other children along the way. I am privileged to be a part of the ministry of Seamark Ranch and its mission to transform the lives of children in desperate situations. In the short year that we have had children living at the Ranch, I can see God working to transform their lives and heal their hurts, and I am humbled to be a part of that transformation.

You don't need to be on staff at Seamark Ranch to leave a legacy in the lives of our children. Countless individuals, families, businesses, civic organizations and churches positively impact the lives of Seamark children every day. Some provide faithful financial support, some give in honor or memory of loved ones, others pray daily for Seamark Ranch, others volunteer regularly, and still others donate their time, talents and treasures in creative and selfless ways. Each, in their own way and according to their own abilities, is giving a special gift to our children that will neither wither nor die, but will live in the hearts of our children forever. As you look through this special tribute issue, we have tried to highlight a few of the many ways that friends and neighbors are leaving a legacy at Seamark Ranch. In doing so, we cannot fail to acknowledge the countless others not mentioned who, through their generosity, are leaving a legacy at Seamark Ranch as well. We are forever grateful for each and every one of these gifts.

I challenge you to ponder with me... "A hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of house we lived in, what kind of car we drove, or what our bank account balance was. But the world may be different because we made a difference in the life of a child." –Author Unknown

At your service in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Meiners'.

Fred Meiners, Executive Director



*Our friends at Salon 2000, Fleming Island, have done wonders to boost the self-esteem of the children of Seamark Ranch. Salon owner, Lorraine Lillis, and the staff of Salon 2000 regularly donate their time and talent to keep our children, houseparents and Ranch staff looking their best with fresh haircuts and styles. Our thanks to Lorraine and all the staff for all you do!*

*Our Middleburg neighbors, the Gibson family, prepare and deliver a delicious home-cooked dinner meal each month for one of our homes. Mom, Angie, is pictured here delivering to our Girls' Home. Thanks Gibsons for providing wonderful meals for Seamark homes!*



*A Bar Mitzvah is a special coming-of-age time where responsibility, celebration and often, gifts are bestowed on a young man. For 13-year old Josh Shapiro, his Bar Mitzvah was a time to selflessly bestow gifts on the children of Seamark Ranch. Josh, a student and sports enthusiast, was burdened that Seamark children had very little team-sports equipment. In lieu of Bar Mitzvah gifts for himself, Josh asked his friends and family to donate softball and baseball equipment to the children of Seamark Ranch. The outpouring of gifts received from Josh and his friends and family was overwhelming – enough bats, balls, gloves, mitts, safety equipment and bases to outfit two teams and our future softball field. Seamark Ranch cannot thank Josh and his family enough for caring for the needs of our children.*



*Douglas Scales, DMD, and the staff of Island Dentistry bring big, bright smiles to the faces of Seamark children.*

## Island Dentistry

Dr. Scales and the staff of Island Dentistry joined Seamark last August in our mission to care for neglected and abandoned children by arranging and providing comprehensive dental healthcare for our children. Often, due to neglect, children come to the Ranch with extensive dental problems. The gentle care of Dr. Scales and his staff has become an important piece of our nurturing environment. To support the needs of Seamark children, Island Dentistry is taking time on Fridays to treat them. Previously, Dr. Scales and his staff did not see patients on Fridays. Dr. Scales is also helping us build a provider network that will enable us to meet all of the dental needs of our children, now and in the future.

The contribution of Island Dentistry goes beyond teeth. The staff is bringing healing to hearts and emotions as well. Last Christmas, the staff made stockings for Seamark children and delivered them to the ranch with treats. Dr. Scales and his staff are helping us to provide the highest quality childcare at Seamark Ranch by offering their professional services on a volunteer basis. We deeply appreciate their support, encouragement and partnership to provide a better life and a hopeful future for our children.

# Tribute Gifts Build a Legacy for Seamark Ranch

*"Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial,  
O LORD, throughout all generations."*

*Psalm 135:12-14*

**W**e are grateful to so many of you who have invested in the children of Seamark Ranch through our Honor and Memorial program. Many donors make a contribution to Seamark Ranch in honor of a friend or loved one, or in lieu of flowers at a funeral or memorial. Each year the number of gifts to this program grows. As you help spread the word about Seamark Ranch, many new friends are introduced to our mission and ministry. In turn, these new friends often become contributors themselves. Please know that we are very grateful for your faithful support of the Ranch children and our mission and ministry in this very important way.

Tribute forms may be printed from the Seamark Ranch website, or we will gladly take your information over the phone and make sure an acknowledgement card is mailed to your designated recipient that same day. Please call the Seamark office at (904) 288-8885 if we can assist you in this way. The supporters on the following page have made contributions to Seamark Ranch in honor or memory of their family members, friends and loved ones. Names are listed alphabetically by the person being honored or memorialized. Supporters are listed following the person they are honoring or memorializing. These contributions were received between June 1, 2008 and September 30, 2008. We regret the unintentional omission or misspelling of names.

*All gifts are tax deductible and are used towards general Ranch operations.  
Thank you for your support of Seamark Ranch.*

## Seamark Now Offers On-Line Donation Option and Email Updates

**S**eamark Ranch's website now offers an on-line donation option for friends wishing to make a gift using a credit card. Donors can now contribute by mailing a check, calling the Seamark Ranch office to donate by credit card, or by entering a donation on-line through our secure website at [www.seamarkranch.com](http://www.seamarkranch.com). Seamark can also share current updates and information with you via email. If you would like to receive email updates and monthly priority prayer needs, please contact us at (904) 288-8885 or [mail@seamarkranch.com](mailto:mail@seamarkranch.com).

## Please Make a Note...

Our post office address for contributions has changed. The new post office address is

*Seamark Ranch  
P.O. Box 24032 • Jacksonville,  
FL 32244-4032*

**In Honor of:**

- Todd Adkison  
*Lanny and Mary Ann Adkison*
- Briana Bynum, Madison Lanuis,  
Trent Lanuis  
*Harry and Annette Bynum*
- Kelsey Rebecca and Kimberly  
Grace Crews  
*Guy and Gail Zorn*
- Keith and April Denton  
*Robert A. Isaac, Jr.*
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Keener  
*Pamela Bean*  
*Nicholas and Christine Borko*  
*Betty Jane Galloway*  
*Clark and Carol Hamilton*  
*David and Susan Page*  
*Cynthia Russell*  
*Ryman and Susan Shoaf*  
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- Tommy Nusz  
*Mr. and Mrs. Dave Nusz*
- Elly Steinback  
*Roger and Lyn King*
- Yvonne Vinkemulder  
*Betty R. Larimer*
- Abigail and Benjamin Weiss  
*Michael and Susan Hall*



*For the past two years, the Bland family has donated to Seamark Ranch in honor of their mother, Evelyn Wager Bland, and in memory of their father, Willard Bland. Evelyn Bland (front) is pictured here with her children on her 92nd birthday. Her family and friends chose to memorialize Mrs. Bland's passing in spring 2008 with gifts to the children of Seamark Ranch.*

**In Memory of:**

- Larry Barnes  
*David Archer and Susan Meiners*
- Evelyn Wager Bland  
*Eddie Blackburn*  
*David and Eleanor Bland*  
*Eva Mae Bland and Family*  
*Irma Clark*  
*Clay Co. School Board- Maintance Shop*  
*Dee and Paul Fathbauer*  
*Jean Hines*  
*Marguerite Irwin*  
*Clifford & Helen Lamson*  
*Mary Lou Penn*  
*Bob and Betty Weese*
- Eleanor Davis  
*Fred Davis*  
*Solon J. Ellmaker*
- Fred Davis  
*Solon J. Ellmaker*
- Ellis Fondren  
*Susan McInarnay*
- Elizabeth T. Gattis  
*David Archer and Susan Meiners*  
*Scott and Linda Gay*

**Hugh Griffith**

- Mary Cannon*  
*Rose Hudson Dan and Betty McGowan*  
*Mack and Janelle Sheeban*  
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- J.C. Page  
*John and Alma Pruitt*
- Michael Stoner  
*Ed and Gloria Anderson*
- Carl H. Sundstrom  
*Elizabeth C. Sundstrom*
- Estelle Jones Williams  
*Jim and JoAnn Burke*



*In honor of their marriage, Jackie and Gary Keener chose to honor Seamark Ranch. The couple's website offered friends and loved ones the option of making a donation to Seamark Ranch in lieu of a wedding gift. The couple was married May 31, 2008 at Pinewood Presbyterian Church in Middleburg. Our thanks to the Keeners for selflessly thinking of Seamark during this joyous time in their lives.*

# Season of Prayer is a Season of Blessing for Seamark Ranch

This spring, friends of Seamark Ranch joined in a Season of Prayer and prayed daily, from Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, through Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, for the children of Seamark Ranch. We cannot thank you enough for all your prayers on behalf of Seamark Ranch. And God is answering our prayers. Today, Seamark Ranch resounds with the joyful voices of the boys and girls who now call Seamark their home. More children will be joining us soon. Our children are growing healthy and strong physically, spiritually and emotionally.



Many also took this opportunity to make a special love offering in honor or in memory of a parent or special person in their life. Over \$11,500 was donated to help meet the daily expenses of providing a loving home. An extra measure of gratitude goes to the following friends who participated in our Season of Prayer emphasis. Names of supporters and persons being honored or memorialized are listed alphabetically. We regret the unintentional omission or misspelling of names.

## **Season of Prayer Participants:**

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Allen  
Mr. and Mrs. Terroll J. Anderson  
Mr. and Mrs. David Bland  
Reverend James R. Boddie, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Brune  
Mr. Hollis Bryant  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Dano Davis  
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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor

Ms. Barbara Walker  
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin L. Watson  
Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Webb  
Mr. Charles Wrona  
Coastal Therapy & Learning Center, Inc.  
Medical Development International

## **In Honor of:**

Brenda Davis  
*Elsie R. Griffin*  
Dr. Paul Dillahunt, Sr.  
*Dr. Paul Dillahunt, Jr.*  
Carolyn H. Garnto  
*Lance and Carleen Haney*  
Evelyn Girard  
*Dave Celuch*  
Marion Hall  
*Betty R. Larimer*  
Adam Hollingsworth  
*Amy and Hugh Michael Hollingsworth*  
Florence Kaufman  
*Kirk and Mandi Landau*  
James and Brenda Moore  
*Jim and Kim Moore*  
Denise Warren  
*Brooks and Susie Collier*

## **In Memory of:**

Willard Bland  
*Clifford and Helen Lamson*  
Delle Campbell  
*Susan Heuler*

Craig Deitschmann  
*Rosemary Deitschmann*  
*Steven C. Jorgensen*  
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*Mrs. Ransom Griffin*  
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Janet Griswold Hooten  
*Lanny and Mary Ann Adkison*  
Louis Huntley  
*Betty Escandell*  
Marjie Jackson  
*Ron and Natalie Jackson*  
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*Dorothy S. Lassiter*  
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*Russell Megonegal*  
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*Terrance and Julie Schmidt*  
Randal Lee Ringhaver, Jr.  
*Paula Ringhaver*  
Dr. and Mrs. William G. Mason, Sr.  
*Marilyn M. Kerr*  
In Honor and Memory of our Parents  
*Dr. and Mrs. Perry Carlos*

# Seamark Ranch's Financial Stewardship

A look at the year ended December 31, 2007

## Support and Revenue

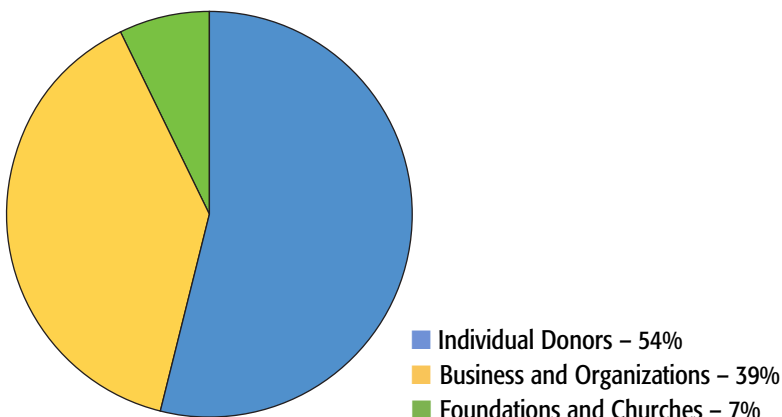
Contributions & Special Events	\$884,258
Restricted Contributions	\$731,505
Endowment	\$500,000
Grants	\$217,091
Non-cash Contributions	\$1,348,608
Investment Income/Other	<u>\$98,359</u>
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$3,779,821</u></b>

## Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$499,826
Administrative & Fund Raising	<u>\$348,319</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$848,145</u>
<b>Change In Net Assets</b>	<b><u><u>\$2,931,676</u></u></b>

*First children arrived in August 2007*

## Sources of Public Support



*Our 2007 financial statements were audited by James Knutzen and Associates, P.A., Certified Public Accountants. Copies are available upon request. Please contact the Seamark Office at (904) 288-8885.*

Seamark Ranch maintains a "no-debt" policy. This means that funding must be secured before new capital projects can begin. None of our contributions go toward interest payment on debt.

Seamark Ranch accepts no federal or state money and relies solely on private contributions from individuals, businesses, civic organizations, foundations and churches. We are forever grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Some companies manufacture goods, and some engineer biomedical supplies for a living.

Others design high-end cars; still others operate national TV networks.

Not many, though, offer a full range of opportunities for the poor, lost and hurting.

Fewer still give homeless children a "Home".

Or abused kids a "Mom and Dad".

Or a 6-year old his or her first ice-cream cone.

Or an 18-year old the opportunity to be the first in his or her family to attend college.

One organization – one family- delivers on all these things.

Seamark Ranch.

from Seamark Ranch  
2002-2003 Annual Report

# Ways You Can Help Seamark Ranch

- ✦ Pray for our children and staff. We rely upon the power of prayer. Every day we witness the results of prayer throughout this ministry.
- ✦ Give. Provide financial support for our children. Your faithful financial support allows our children to be raised in a loving, Christ-centered home. Also, consider funding a specific need. The Ranch office can provide a current wish list of specific items and projects outside our operational budget.
- ✦ Leave a legacy and continue to support our children by including Seamark Ranch as a beneficiary in your will. Gifts and bequests of all sizes are welcome and appreciated.



- ✦ Offer hands-on support to our houseparents and children. Individuals and groups can provide meals, help with cleaning and assist with home and landscaping projects on a regular basis. The Ranch office can assist in scheduling a volunteer opportunity for individuals, families and groups.
- ✦ Call the Ranch to set up a speaking engagement at your church or civic organization.
- ✦ Ask your local church staff if your church supports Seamark Ranch. We depend on giving from individuals like you from churches like yours.
- ✦ Share the story of Seamark Ranch with someone you know. You can help us tell others about the special work God is doing for children through this ministry.



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