

HOW DID DOWN HOME RANCH COME TO BE?

The Ranch was founded by Judy and Jerry Horton following the birth of their fourth daughter Kelly, who has Down syndrome.



The Hortons knew they could provide for Kelly's basic needs during childhood, but observed that the lives of too many adults with intellectual disabilities experienced isolation, boredom and lack of opportunity. After visiting communities around the USA, they decided to build Down Home Ranch in 1989.

Almost 30 years later, DHR is now located on 410 acres east of Austin, Texas! The Ranch offers homes, training, jobs and, most importantly, a community of opportunity!

You are always welcome at Down Home Ranch! Come. Visit. Take a tour. **Get involved.**

**Monthly Tour of *SER*vice
offered the first wednesday
of every month from
1:00pm-3:00pm!**

Join us for an insiders look into everything from who lives on the Ranch (animals included!) to how (and why) we operate 24-7, 365 days a year.

**To sign up today or learn more visit
www.downhomeranch.org/tours**

WAYS TO GIVE

- Become a *Voice for Choice* monthly donor
- Donate your vehicle to *Vehicles for Charity* in support of DHR
- Gift an item from our Amazon wish list
- Honor a loved one through the purchase of a monogrammed brick in our Memorial Garden
- Participate in your employers matching gift program
- Join us for one of our DHR events
- Remember DHR with a bequest from your estate

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

- Individual, group or corporate opportunities
- One-time or ongoing possibilities
- Project options in horticulture, janitorial, groundskeeping, day program, transportation and much more!
- Host a fundraising event or wish list donation drive
- Organize a workshop or sports game on or off the Ranch
- Craft something to give to the Ranchers
- Sponsor and attend an outing with Ranchers




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EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS WITH
INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES THROUGH SOCIAL,
EDUCATIONAL, RESIDENTIAL AND
VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



*Founded in 1989, Down Home Ranch (DHR) is a 410
acre working farm community for adults with
intellectual and developmental disabilities*



DOWN HOME RANCH IN BRIEF

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- Diverse housing options to fit the need of the Rancher
- Most Rancher homes built in a communal village setting (three located in town of Elgin, TX)
- Three micro homes for three independent living Ranchers
- Four shared homes, housing six individuals each, with a live-in staff member
- Two 2-person homes for our independent living individuals with no staff living in home
- One independent living home with two individuals and one staff member living in home
- Full time access to onsite counseling, RN and/or LVN, case management and food services
- Newly constructed community center with outdoor and indoor facilities for communal fun and relaxation



ENTERPRISE

- Onsite gift shop featuring handmade items crafted by Ranchers, including embroidered flour sack towels, coasters/trivets, potholders, tote bags, original artwork and more
- Online store: downhomeranch.etsy.com
- 11 greenhouses annually supplying 10,000 poinsettias, 26,000 spring color baskets/pots, Easter lilies, Xeriscape plants, hydroponic lettuce, herbs and other vegetables
- Free range chicken eggs
- Blackberry picking
- DHR Homemade blackberry and mustang grape jelly
- Naturally raised Wagyu-Angus beef



RANCH CAMP & RESPITE SERVICES

- Traditional Summer Camp for adults 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities offered, as well as short term assistance for caretakers
- Programs are designed to help build confidence by encouraging social connections with peers
- Activities include kayaking, making crafts, archery, animal care, swimming and so much more

DAY PROGRAM

- Weekday programming aimed at creating a stronger sense of self for all attendees
- New personalized schedules every quarter
- Vocational training and job opportunities
 - Horticulture, animal husbandry, culinary, janitorial, groundskeeping, administrative and off the Ranch options
- Weekly volunteerism activities at local nursing homes, animal shelters, food banks, etc.
- Continuing Education
 - Over 50 different courses to choose from including Astronomy, Mixed Media Arts, Yoga and Golf Cart Driving Lessons
- Community Engagement
 - Weekly "Explore the Community" day trips
 - Collaborating with other day programs to encourage social connections with peers

