

Our Mission

The Cal Farley organization provides professional services, in a Christ-centered atmosphere, to strengthen families and support the overall development of children.



Our Results

We are pleased with the results of our work, and we are fortunate to see kids turning their lives around every day. A recent survey of the parents of Cal Farley's residents found more than 90% were satisfied with the program for their children. Those who have left the program report an 85% satisfaction rate with their experience at Cal Farley's.

Frequently Asked Questions

How is Cal Farley's managed?

Cal Farley's is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas. An active, volunteer Board of Directors oversees our operations.

Who can make application?

Any interested person or agency can recommend a child for placement, but actual placement can only be made by the parents, managing conservator and/or legal guardian.

Where do the children come from?

Boys and girls from across the nation are accepted at Cal Farley's. The number of states represented varies from year to year.

What are the living arrangements?

Individual boys' and girls' homes are comprised of 10 to 12 children, with house parent couples in each home. Generally, two children share a bedroom.



You are invited to tour Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. anytime. Feel free to call us at 800-687-3722 to arrange a tour.



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Strengthening Children and Families Since 1939



CAL FARLEY'S



A place where kids get a second chance for success

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch
Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A.
Cal Farley's Family Resource Centers



Community-Based Services

Cal Farley's receives inquiries each year regarding thousands of kids who, for whatever reason, are not eligible for or ready for campus-based living. Whether a child is qualified or not for residential care, we do everything we can to ensure all children are referred to organizations or institutions better suited to meet their needs, or that they are helped through our Family Resource Centers until they are ready to come to one of our two campuses.

Services for Families. We operate Cal Farley's Family Resource Centers in Amarillo, Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston. The professional staff at our Family Resource Centers provides an important bridge between children living on our campuses and their families. We offer services such as life-skills coaching, goal-setting and case management, family and parenting programs and other support services directly to our residents' families and other families who request help. These community-based services allow us to provide needed care to kids so they don't have to be away from their family, friends and neighbors.

Services Following On-Campus Living. Alumni Support is just one more example of our lifetime commitment to those in our care. Alumni Support helps youth make the transition from campus life to living as functioning members of their communities. Many services are available to our alumni, including transitional housing, case management and scholarships for college or vocational training.

Cal Farley's offers residential care for children and youth at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. In addition, Cal Farley's Family Resource Centers provide community-based services to residents' families and other families who request help.

Our History

America's first Boys Ranch was founded in 1939 by Cal Farley, a man known to many as America's Greatest Foster Father. His love of sports took him into the world of professional baseball and professional wrestling where he gained fame as a world welterweight champion.

Retiring as a wrestler in the early 1930s, Cal purchased a defunct tire shop in Amarillo, turning it into a success with the help of his wife, Mimi. But more than a successful athlete and businessman, Cal was a humanitarian.

All his adult life, Cal wanted to help boys, especially those from impoverished circumstances who, in most cases, had no parental guidance. His dream of finding a place in the country for these boys became reality when Julian Bivins donated 120 acres and the stone courthouse in the ghost town of Old Tascosa. The first nine boys found a "home" at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in March 1939.

In 1987, Boys Ranch assumed operation of Girlstown, U.S.A., founded in 1949 by Amelia Anthony. A co-educational program followed in 1992 at Boys Ranch when eight girls were welcomed into the first girls' home at the Ranch. This allowed the Ranch to keep brothers and sisters together whenever possible. Cal Farley's has been "home" for more than 8,000 children since its founding.

Residential Care

Cal Farley's offers residential care for children and youth at two locations. Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, which is 36 miles northwest of Amarillo, Texas, includes both boys and girls ages 5 to 18. Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A., which is 45 miles west of Lubbock, Texas, is a girls-only facility for ages 10 to 18.

Residential care at our two facilities provides our residents with an atmosphere of nurturing support, consistent expectations and structure, which in turn creates a healthy environment where personal growth can occur. Cal Farley saw a champion in every child. Every day, we provide opportunities for boys and girls to become champions by developing the six "senses" they need – a sense of safety, a sense of belonging, a sense of achievement, a sense of power, a sense of purpose and a sense of adventure.

Christian Education. The children are offered nondenominational Christian education to promote awareness and respect for individual spirituality and religious conviction. This is accomplished through church services, weekly Bible studies, choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, retreats and summer camps.

Academics. Residents at Boys Ranch are educated through Boys Ranch Independent School District and Girlstown's residents attend Whiteface Consolidated Independent School District. Various programs ensure each child's academic success, including special education, gifted and talented, career and technology, and advanced placement/dual credit courses. School-related activities include athletics, cheerleading, drama, music and student organizations, such as FFA, Skills USA-VICA, and Family Careers and Community Leaders of America.



How is Cal Farley's supported?

Cal Farley's is supported by voluntary contributions from people who believe in our cause and mission. This support allows us to provide homes, educational opportunities and spiritual guidance for the children in our care. We do not charge any fees to parents or family members of our residents, nor do we seek any assistance from government agencies.

