



Harvest for Hope

On August 24th, the Sogn Family Foundation, along with Kevin Krahn and local area farmers, hosted the Harvest for Hope crop fundraiser. Nine combines, many farmers, and their families came out and harvested 96 bushels of barley per acre which will be sold and the proceeds used to support teens with life-controlling issues.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in this event!

Thank you, also, to the many businesses that came along side this effort and donated seed, spray, and a multitude of other things that made this crop an incredible success!



Two summer Graduates

This summer saw the graduation of two students from the Rock Solid Refuge program: Fraser and Josh

Fraser graduated on August 20th and Josh on August 27th. Be in prayer for these two young men, as well as the others who finished up their time with us this summer, as they move on from Rock Solid Refuge and pursue a brighter, more hopeful future!

You can watch a short video of their time at RSR by visiting www.RockSolidRefuge.com/Aug22Grads



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1 Cor 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

What an incredible summer! As might be true for you, we have had many challenges, surprises, and blessings all wrapped up in one summer.

One BIG blessing this summer has been our new Maintenance/Project Manager, Wendell Patzer, as well as volunteers who have tirelessly worked on critical projects. In May, a team of volunteers laid a new concrete floor for the students' workout gym and insulated the building with spray foam. Not long after that, a barn donated by the Waldeck Colony was moved on site for our equine program.

In June, the foundation and basement was dug for the duplex living unit. In the blazing summer heat, Wendell, the students, and several volunteers placed Styrofoam forms, poured concrete, and backfilled the foundation in time for the building to be moved in mid-September.

As we look to the fall and winter, we would love practical volunteer help to wrap up some of these

projects. When the duplex arrives, there will still be plumbing, electrical, and basic carpentry and cleaning to be done before freeze-up. The workout gym still needs the end walls framed, the exterior tinned, electrical done, heater installed, and the interior covered. Groups with basic carpentry or trades skills would be of great assistance with this and a few smaller projects.

We very much value the practical gifts of God's people who volunteer. It also gives these volunteers an opportunity to see up close the work God is doing in the lives of the students and to be a part of that ministry. Please contact us if you or a group from your church would be available to help with some of these projects.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support, and may we all glorify our great God with the gifts He has given us for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

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Family Camp, 2022

Once a year, for five days, the Rock Solid Refuge Family Camp brings together students and their families. This is a critical time for us. Through guest speakers, purposeful activity time, and nightly chapels, parents are directly challenged to intentionally pursue their sons with direct input and encouragement from the staff.

The students are challenged to put aside their reflexive defensiveness and examine with their parents the difficult issues and questions that still need to be resolved. This is a critical step in restoring relationships and restoring the young men to their homes.

No two people's experiences of Family Camp are identical, but every single person, student, parent, or staff is impacted.

For some students, it's a wake-up call for what thoughts or predispositions they haven't been addressing. Others are surprised at their ability to talk candidly and compassionately with their parents.

Some parents realize how their body language changes around the son who wounded them deeply. Other parents find their hearts put at ease by their son's change or by the additional tools they learn at camp and the realization that other parents are struggling with similar issues.

Continue to pray for these families as they take what they have learned during family camp and integrate it into their lives.



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EDITION #6

One Year Later - Tim

In August of 2021, Tim Graduated from Rock Solid Refuge. Since then, he has been continuing his high school education at the Briercrest Christian Academy in Caronport.

Tim spent the month of August 2022 at Rock Solid Refuge, helping the staff and students. We sat down with Tim to talk about his experience since Graduating from Rock Solid Refuge.

My first year after graduating from Rock Solid didn't go the way I thought it would. I basically just played video games and did schoolwork. I wasn't terribly productive, and I didn't really engage with school the way I should have.

I got a job in the third term at an OK Tire in Caronport where I'd mow the lawn, do basic repairs around the shop, wash cars, and take care of other small tasks. At the beginning of summer, I went home but didn't get a part-time job or have a way to productively fill my time, so I asked to come and spend the last month of summer at Rock Solid Refuge.

Being back at RSR has reminded me of a lot of the things I learned during my year at RSR. I'm seeing things in a bit of a different way. Some things that didn't make sense at first are a lot clearer now. During my year at Rock Solid Refuge, the most important lesson I had learned was to talk through my problems. I used to just push my thoughts and feelings down until they would boil up, and I'd burst out in anger.

My relationship with my mom is much better now than it was when I first came to RSR. We're able to actually talk about things rather than having conflicts turn into shouting matches.

This place made a big difference in my life, and though it wasn't a perfect year after I graduated, I know that it's better than it otherwise would have been.



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