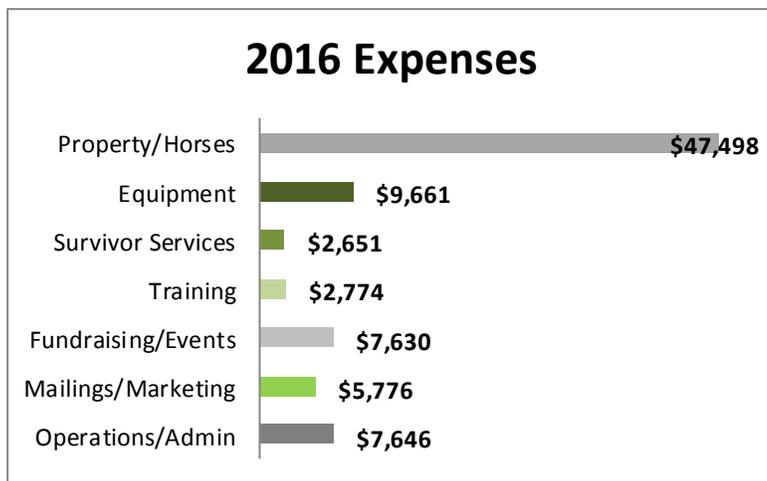
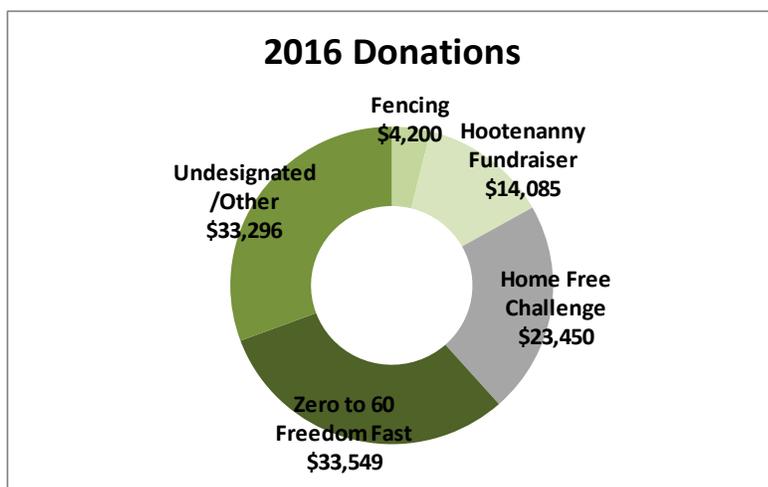


# Trail BLAZING

## HOPE REPORT 2016

God has provided in a miraculous way over the past year through generous donors like you. We experienced an overwhelming level of support from nearly **200 different individuals or families donating a total of \$108,580 in 2016** to move the ranch toward operational status. This does not even include the donated land use from Mile Straight Baptist Church or the two 4-bedroom survivor homes from Vanderbilt Mortgage. Your contribution went to fully fund the placement of the operations and survivor homes and pay for development and maintenance of our new property.



The ranch spent **\$83,636** in 2016. Here is where your gifts were used:

- ★ Ranch property, buildings and horse care (57%)
- ★ Equipment purchase and maintenance (11.5%)
- ★ Survivor counseling, necessities and gifts (3%)
- ★ Training, development and travel expenses (3.5%)
- ★ Annual events and fundraising costs (9%)
- ★ Website, mailings, marketing and supplies (7%)
- ★ Administration, fees and insurance (9%)

2016 was most certainly a year of building and development for the ranch. Therefore an unusually large portion of our expenses were for moving the operations and survivor homes and site prep, electric and water for the operations home as well. As of 12/31/2016 the ranch has **\$38,211 in liquid assets**. A significant portion of these funds will go to cover the bill for land excavation for the survivor homes and the necessary electric, water and septic. Survivor care, the focus of our ministry, will grow from 3% of our budget in 2016 to over 60% in 2017 as we anticipate opening the ranch to house women in our transitional living program. We attempt to be as transparent with your donations as possible. We strive to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to us. If you have any questions or concerns about how your funds are being used please contact us at 423-667-3820 or email us at [blazinghopetn@gmail.com](mailto:blazinghopetn@gmail.com).



# Become a **FREEDOM** Wrangler

FREEDOM WRANGLERS are unique and amazing individuals and families that **partner with us in offering hope to survivors of human trafficking through regular monthly support for the work of Blazing Hope Ranch**. As explained below, regular giving is essential to ensuring that the ranch fulfills its mission of restoring wholeness to female survivors of human trafficking and weakening the sex trade through the power of Christ.

**Please prayerfully consider partnering with us at \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1000 or any other amount**

## THE ISSUE

Many female survivors of human trafficking are rescued from the immediate control of a sex trafficker but often need counseling and skill development, including social, educational, and employment, to survive and thrive outside of the world of trade. These resources and opportunities are scarce. In the State of Tennessee alone there is an estimated need for 200 spots/beds to provide long-term assistance to those being rescued.

We desire Blazing Hope Ranch to be a solid Christ-centered organization that will provide a safe and peaceful environment that utilizes a variety of therapies, primarily equine-assisted, to restore these exploited women to wholeness and enable them to transition into independent living.

## THE NEED

The model of Blazing Hope Ranch includes providing transitional housing for six survivors of sex trafficking in a home-style environment with the assistance of one 24 hour and one relief live-in coach/mentor. We will operate in two 1250 sf homes providing for all of the residents needs including utilities, food, hygiene, medical, education, mental health, spiritual health and transportation.

The ranch will utilize approximately 15 horses and ponies in the work of providing therapeutic experiences and sessions for the residents of the ranch as well as for visiting trafficking survivors and for the prevention efforts of Camp Run Free.

All of the main activities of the ranch will take place on the 100+ acre property above Graysville, Tennessee with all applicable taxes and grounds and facilities that will require constant care, maintenance and repair.

Additionally we must cover all expenses related to operational activities, fundraising and insurance.

## THE COST

We estimate that at a minimum it will annually cost \$160,000 (approximately \$13,330/month) to fully operate the ranch. Our operations described above can be broken down into the following expenses:

<b>Trafficking Survivor Care:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	(mentor salaries, food, hygiene, physical & mental health, utilities, etc.)
<b>Therapy Horse Care:</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	(hay, feed, supplies & equipment, vet & farrier services, etc.)
<b>Grounds Maintenance:</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	(equipment purchase & care, fuel, tools, supplies, utilities, etc.)
<b>Operations:</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	(mailings, fundraising, insurance & fees, equipment & supplies, etc.)

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**Annual Cost:     \$160,000**

## THE PROMISE

We are humbled and honored by everyone who chooses to support the work of Blazing Hope Ranch. We do not take your gift lightly and recognize that there are many worthy charities you could support. We promise to be wise stewards of your hard-earned money and to utilize what has been entrusted to us to effectively accomplish our mission and bring glory to God.

