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Executive Director

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children is not your typical residential child caring agency. The Children's Home is like a boarding school and a 4-H camp combined. Please, permit me to explain.

Children live on our beautiful 80-acre campus; they attend public school and have tutors available during evening hours; and they participate in a 4-H club that offers almost any kind of 4-H project imaginable.

During the school year, tutors are available to assist children with their homework and study skills. Generally, grades increase after moving to the Children's Home. For some, grades dramatically increase.

Extracurricular activities are offered through school, the YMCA, church, and/or the Rawhide Wrangler 4-H Club.

Livestock used to be the primary project for members in the Rawhide Wrangler 4-H Club. Now, the



4-H Club is balanced so that children learn livestock, life skills, hobbies, and vocational skills.

Another change at the Children's Home is funding. Funding used to come from government entities and/or families. Now, no funding comes from government entities or families – room and board are free!

Helping families that are trying to resolve their problems is an expensive endeavor. Donations are always welcome.

The Children's Home offers a unique service to children looking for a home away from home – a boarding school and a 4-H camp rolled into one.



Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

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When you are ready to make such a gift, please consult your financial advisor and attorney and then contact Ron Giesselmann

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Providing Quality Child Care for over 100 Years

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Home of the

Rawhide Wranglers



4-H Club



A Home away from Home for children in need



Services

The Children's Home offers five cottages for children to live in—three for girls and two for boys.

The children are taught basic living skills in the cottage. The cottages are spacious with ample room for the children to have some space to themselves. Each child is provided their own bedroom. Each cottage has a kitchen. Meals are served family style.



No child is ever excluded because of inadequate funds.

The Children's Home seeks to provide an environment of love, security and acceptance where a child can grow and develop as an individual.



Education

Many of the children come to the Children's Home with below average grades in school.

During the school year tutors, computers, and a library are available to the children at the Education Center.

Having these tools available to the children has generated amazing results. Children's school grades usually increase dramatically while living at the Children's Home.

4-H Program

The Children's Home has its own 4-H club called the Rawhide Wranglers.

The children raise calves and lambs and participate in many other 4-H projects.

Gardening, baking, and sewing are some of the more popular 4-H projects. The children participate in the local 4-H Fair and the Dodge County Fair.



Tech Center

4-H technology projects include welding, electrical, robotics, and wind generation.

In 2019, aquaponics, carpentry, wood working, and mechanics were added to the 4-H'ers choices.

Currently, 4-H technology projects are completed in a vacant office building and two garages.

We would like to build a new building that would bring all of the technology 4-H shops under one roof.



Support

It is through the generosity of the Masons and Stars who have consistently and continually provided their interest and support that the Children's Home has been able to help these children. Perhaps you too wish to share in our benevolent endeavor.

Mission

The purpose of the Children's Home is to provide quality care for children who have been separated from their homes due to Death, Divorce, Separation, Neglect, Abuse or Inability to adjust to their present living situation.

