

First Annual CPF Run4Chance 5k Run/Walk

This year for the concert weekend of events we added a CPF First Annual Run4Chance 5K Run /Walk. It was a huge success, with 49 runners, from locals to Californians and Texans.

From this event we raised more funds to support our mission and to help spread the word about CPF as well. Next year we may add a 10K to the event!



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*Honoring our warriors' sacrifice...
restoring hope to their families*

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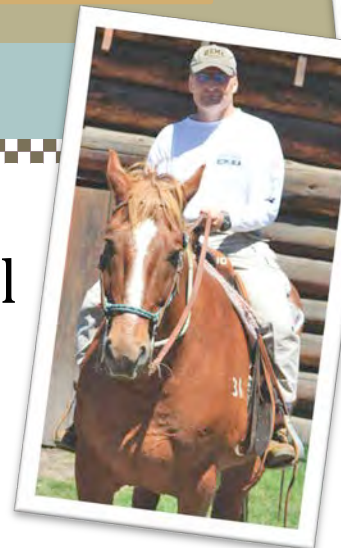
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The Maxwell Family

Dear Gretchen,
Jeff, Derek,
Holly, Sandy,
and all at The Chance
Phelps Foundation,

Thank you for an incredible trip to Wyoming. Our family has many wonderful, lifetime memories from that week, which we will cherish. Everything was perfect! It is obvious, the extraordinary lengths you took to ensure that everyone was comfortable and content. It has been a very long time since we have been able to successfully have a vacation as a whole family. For that, and so much more, I am eternally grateful.

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ABOVE: HOMECOMING WITH
WHITNEY & DAUGHTER MIA
RIGHT: MATT HASTINGS, CW4,

The Hastings Family

FROM WHITNEY HASTINGS: It's almost impossible in two to three sentences to describe what it was like for us to attend the CPF Warrior Week at the Absaroka Ranch! Going to the ranch with CPF provided our family with a once in a lifetime opportunity for family focused entertainment without the influence of hectic real world pressures. The week also raised our awareness of multitudes of other individual's and families' continued sacrifices from duties to our nation and the agencies and foundations that are in place to support them. We will always remember our time at the ranch spent with Gretchen, Jeff and the Absaroka Ranch staff fondly and will continue to share our experience with others. What an amazing week!

High Country Gathering Concert

The High Country Gathering benefit concert has been our major annual fund raiser for the past 2 years. This year, on August 19, the country rock group Western Underground performed in an outdoor venue to an enthusiastic audience enjoying perfect evening weather.

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L TO R: SHANNON & CASSIDY MAXWELL; COLBY STECKLEIN AGE 5; CASSIDY & ERIC MAXWELL

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There is a spirituality to the breathtaking beauty you allowed us all to experience. It has a calming and relaxing effect. I personally have not felt relief from all of the tension of our lives like that in years.

It would be difficult to share our gratitude to a degree equivalent to your impact & gift. So, I hope that the simple words, *thank you*, will carry our appreciation, our love, and our deepest respect so that you feel the enormity of the blessing you are in our's and other's lives.

You have only to say the word if we can ever be of service to you!
Love,
The Maxwells—Tim, Shannon, Alexis, Eric & Cassidy



LEFT, TOP, ALXEIS MAXWELL; BOTTOM, ERIC MAXWELL

Ranch Week 2011 *continued*

"...this was as relaxed as I have seen my husband in some time."

The Browns

LCPL DAVID BROWN and his wife, Brooke, said they "didn't want to go home!"

During the Ranch Week, the couple celebrated a wedding anniversary and the CPF and ranch staff surprised them with a cake!



ABOVE, BROOKE BROWN; LEFT, DAVID BROWN

High Country Gathering

The new group carries on the LeDoux style and is made up of great singers and musicians, including Chris' brother, Ned, and several of his original band members. Their show for High Country Gathering was non-stop and energetic—an excellent performance.

Although the crown turn out, and therefore our revenue, was far less than we anticipated, we did raise enough money to assure the continuance of our mission of helping our military and their families enjoy some R&R here in Wyoming next summer!



Ned Ledoux, drums and lead singer
Lane Turner



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Western Underground is a Wyoming-rooted group; the former lead singer was Chris LeDoux, world champion bareback rider and singer from Kaycee. (Chris passed away in March 2005.) Chris and the band became nationally known after partnering up with Garth Brooks.

Yellowstone Harley Fundraiser

Belgrade, Montana
August 27, 2011



Belgrade Montana Poker Run, sponsored and put on by Yellowstone Harley Davidson. Below: YHD surprised Jeff & Gretchen with custom primary covers for their bikes. Some of the participants of the Poker Run.

TAKING CHANCE was filmed in this area of Montana, in 2007. Chance was actually flown to Billings in 2004 from Dover Port Mortuary. LtCol Mike Strobl was with Chance the entire trip across the US.

People from this area have a connection because Chance was one of the first casualties from the area of Wyoming and Montana who was flown to Billings. So folks in the Belgrade area have a "relationship" with the story and Chance.

We met the Yellowstone Harley Davidson crew when we purchased our motorcycles from them in the spring. They found



out who we were, and about CPF wanted to help.

Yellowstone Harley Davidson arranged and sponsored this Poker Run. The route covered many of the movie locations of *Taking Chance*. After the bike run, YHD transformed their showroom, to a "theatre" to show *Taking Chance*. Before the movie participants were treated to pizza, sodas, coffee, popcorn, and cookies. The events included a raffle of donated Harley gear and a beautiful bench made and donated by Joe Deason.

And it looks like we will be having another fundraiser there next year as well!

Check the CPF website for 2012 dates.

CPF...Fundraising and financial

Dubois, Wyoming is a great place to live, but it is difficult to fund-raise here, given our geographic location and the demographics of our community. To date, most of our outreach for information and fundraising has been through computer contact, via email and the foundation website www.chancehelps.org.

Other opportunities for information and direct or indirect fundraising have come from several sources including the *Taking Chance* movie, speaking engagements by the founder, Gretchen Mack, in

communities within Wyoming and other states, word of mouth, and Chance's buddies in the Marine Corps.

Several dedicated folks have sponsored Run4Chance or other fundraising events to benefit CPF around the country—and even a couple of them overseas.

Our plan is to continue to grow this organization and to be able to help as many vets and their families as possible. We thank you for your continued financial support and encourage you to include CPF in your end-of-the-year giving. You can donate by mail or online at www.chancehelps.org

2010 Income and expenses for the Chance Phelps Foundation

