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NEW YEAR – NEW NEEDS – NEW PROJECTS

As many of you know, The Cooper Home was licensed for 44 beds in four dorms in two cottages, and for many years we stayed full with a long waiting list! That changed on January 1, 2023, when the State of California decided that children would do better in foster care rather than congregate care, a view we do not share, considering the significant needs of the children who are referred to our program. As a result of this decision, we were limited to a maximum of 16 boys. To simplify management, we combined the boys into two dorms in one cottage and closed the second cottage.

This year, we plan to convert one half of the unused cottage into a supervised **Game/Movie Room** where the boys can relax, socialize, and build teamwork skills in a healthy environment. The estimated cost for this area is **\$14,150** which includes Play Station 5 gaming systems, games, controllers, televisions, chairs, tables, and couches.

The other half of the unused cottage will be turned into an indoor **Workout and Fitness Room**, giving the boys an opportunity to release stress, improve physical health, and develop discipline through exercise. The estimated cost for this area is **\$21,095** which includes treadmills, weight benches, weights, power towers, stair climbers, ellipticals, rowing machines, stationary bikes, and more!

The total price for these two important projects is **\$35,245**.

The Happy Trails Children's Foundation is proud to continue the vital work with children-in-crisis who were so important to Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. However, **it seems that no matter how successful our fund-raising efforts have been, we are never able to raise enough money to meet all the needs of the abused children in our care. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THESE PROJECTS A REALITY!!!**

Please look at the back of this letter. We have included two photos of the existing empty dorms. With your generous and thoughtful support, we will see it come to fruition as shown in the two photos created by AI (Artificial Intelligence) design.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE! PLEASE KNOW WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Happy Trails!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Metcalf".

Operations Manager