

Rawhide Boys Ranch ([www.rawhide.org](http://www.rawhide.org)), a trusted Wisconsin non-profit organization, recently reached out to MWFPFA to initiate a partnership between the organizations for members to access Rawhide's programs, and consider vehicle or cash donations to help sustain Rawhide's operations. Several members of MWFPFA have generously donated cars, trucks, and large equipment vehicles in the past. In fact, two are major cash donors. Rawhide is grateful for that, and invites other members to partner with them in changing lives throughout Wisconsin. Rawhide boys have an opportunity for work experience training in vehicle repair because of the generosity of those who give to this program.

Rawhide Boys Ranch ([www.rawhide.org](http://www.rawhide.org)), which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015, is located near New London along the scenic Wolf River, offers programs for at-risk youth through residential care (for boys only) and outpatient counseling services (for boys, girls and families). Through the boys attending school in a specialized education environment, receiving job training skills, therapeutic treatment and counseling, thousands of young men have turned their lives around through Rawhide's services.

Founded in 1965 by John and Jan Gillespie, the idea for Rawhide was to take care of at-risk young boys in a traditional family setting. Boys live in a youth home and are taken care of by live-in houseparents, a married couple who reside in the house with the boys. Many people in Wisconsin may be familiar with Rawhide due to Bart and Cherry Starr's involvement. John and Jan reached out to the Starrs in the first year of operation for support. Bart and Cherry were instantly attracted to the idea and are considered co-founders of Rawhide.

In recent years, Rawhide has expanded the services it offers by providing outpatient counseling. Both boys and girls, along with their families, receive counseling services in their communities. A variety of behavioral and mental health services are offered by licensed therapists in these clinics, which are located in the Milwaukee area, Appleton, Green Bay, and New London. It is Rawhide's desire to support as many families as possible in need of services to help them lead healthy, responsible lives.

Rawhide's vehicle donation experts can be reached by phone at 877-721-6069 or via email at [donorservices@rawhide.org](mailto:donorservices@rawhide.org). Rawhide welcomes cash donations as well. Rawhide thanks MWFPFA for partnering with it in support of troubled youth and families. Please also consider visiting the ranch for a personalized tour!