

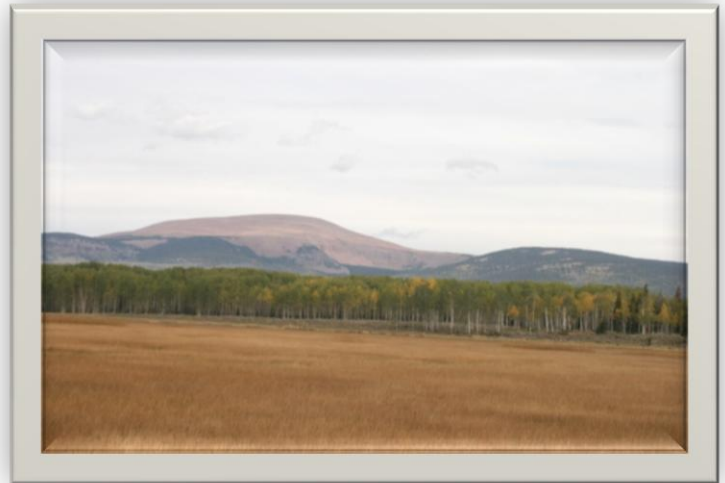
Children's Justice Center Ride (CJC)

(Pictures from past rides)



CJC Ride

The weather was absolutely perfect for our ride. You can see Marsh Peak in the background and the trees are starting to turn into their fall colors. The ride begins at the Lake Mtn Trailhead. We ride north to Gull Lake and have lunch just northwest of the lake. We return by heading west, making a loop and down a steep ridge and back to camp. It is a great ride and we enjoy the beautiful Uintah Mountains and peaks that surround us.





Each year there is a poker ride, an auction and a fantastic BBQ with beef, pork and chicken. And to top it off – dutch oven cobblers.

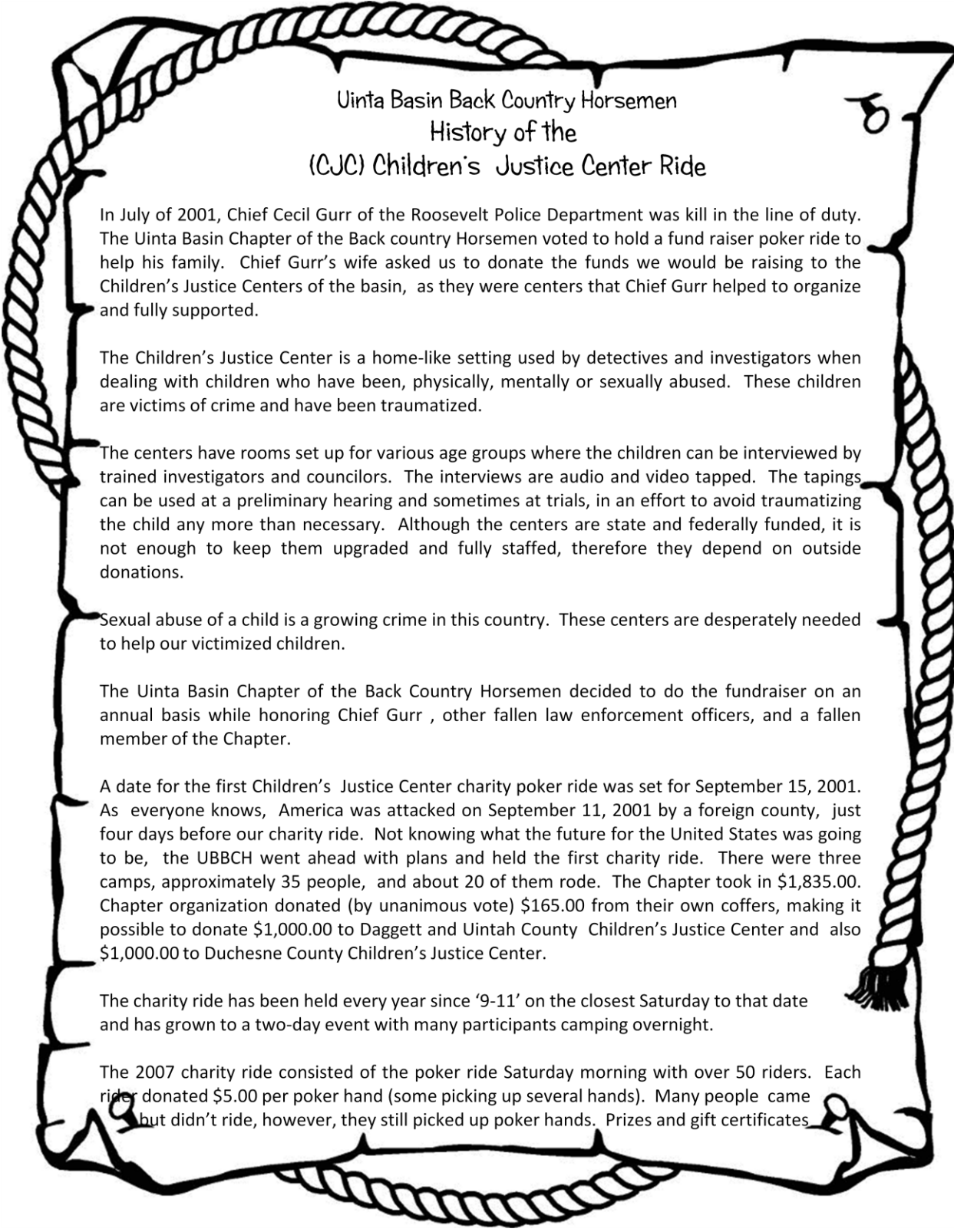
The community is very supportive and VERY generous.

All proceeds from the ride, the action, dinner and a raffle are donated to the Children's Justice Center's in Duchesne and Uintah Counties.

Special people are honored in this picture.

The history of the CJC Charity Rides is on the next two pages.





Uinta Basin Back Country Horsemen
History of the
(CJC) Children's Justice Center Ride

In July of 2001, Chief Cecil Gurr of the Roosevelt Police Department was killed in the line of duty. The Uinta Basin Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen voted to hold a fund raiser poker ride to help his family. Chief Gurr's wife asked us to donate the funds we would be raising to the Children's Justice Centers of the basin, as they were centers that Chief Gurr helped to organize and fully supported.

The Children's Justice Center is a home-like setting used by detectives and investigators when dealing with children who have been, physically, mentally or sexually abused. These children are victims of crime and have been traumatized.

The centers have rooms set up for various age groups where the children can be interviewed by trained investigators and counselors. The interviews are audio and video taped. The tapings can be used at a preliminary hearing and sometimes at trials, in an effort to avoid traumatizing the child any more than necessary. Although the centers are state and federally funded, it is not enough to keep them upgraded and fully staffed, therefore they depend on outside donations.

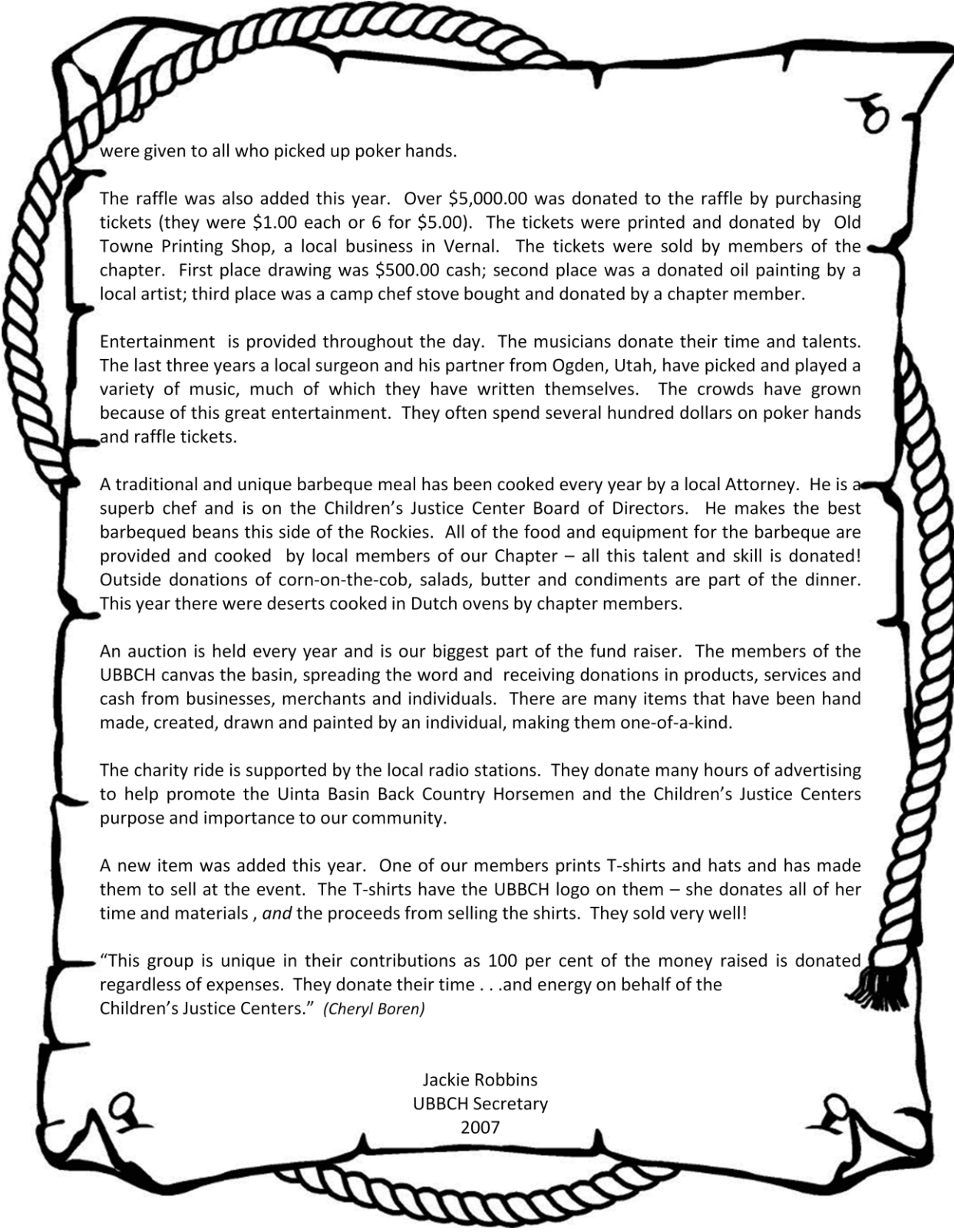
Sexual abuse of a child is a growing crime in this country. These centers are desperately needed to help our victimized children.

The Uinta Basin Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen decided to do the fundraiser on an annual basis while honoring Chief Gurr, other fallen law enforcement officers, and a fallen member of the Chapter.

A date for the first Children's Justice Center charity poker ride was set for September 15, 2001. As everyone knows, America was attacked on September 11, 2001 by a foreign country, just four days before our charity ride. Not knowing what the future for the United States was going to be, the UB BCH went ahead with plans and held the first charity ride. There were three camps, approximately 35 people, and about 20 of them rode. The Chapter took in \$1,835.00. Chapter organization donated (by unanimous vote) \$165.00 from their own coffers, making it possible to donate \$1,000.00 to Daggett and Uintah County Children's Justice Center and also \$1,000.00 to Duchesne County Children's Justice Center.

The charity ride has been held every year since '9-11' on the closest Saturday to that date and has grown to a two-day event with many participants camping overnight.

The 2007 charity ride consisted of the poker ride Saturday morning with over 50 riders. Each rider donated \$5.00 per poker hand (some picking up several hands). Many people came but didn't ride, however, they still picked up poker hands. Prizes and gift certificates



were given to all who picked up poker hands.

The raffle was also added this year. Over \$5,000.00 was donated to the raffle by purchasing tickets (they were \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00). The tickets were printed and donated by Old Towne Printing Shop, a local business in Vernal. The tickets were sold by members of the chapter. First place drawing was \$500.00 cash; second place was a donated oil painting by a local artist; third place was a camp chef stove bought and donated by a chapter member.

Entertainment is provided throughout the day. The musicians donate their time and talents. The last three years a local surgeon and his partner from Ogden, Utah, have picked and played a variety of music, much of which they have written themselves. The crowds have grown because of this great entertainment. They often spend several hundred dollars on poker hands and raffle tickets.

A traditional and unique barbeque meal has been cooked every year by a local Attorney. He is a superb chef and is on the Children's Justice Center Board of Directors. He makes the best barbequed beans this side of the Rockies. All of the food and equipment for the barbeque are provided and cooked by local members of our Chapter – all this talent and skill is donated! Outside donations of corn-on-the-cob, salads, butter and condiments are part of the dinner. This year there were deserts cooked in Dutch ovens by chapter members.

An auction is held every year and is our biggest part of the fund raiser. The members of the UBBCH canvas the basin, spreading the word and receiving donations in products, services and cash from businesses, merchants and individuals. There are many items that have been hand made, created, drawn and painted by an individual, making them one-of-a-kind.

The charity ride is supported by the local radio stations. They donate many hours of advertising to help promote the Uinta Basin Back Country Horsemen and the Children's Justice Centers purpose and importance to our community.

A new item was added this year. One of our members prints T-shirts and hats and has made them to sell at the event. The T-shirts have the UBBCH logo on them – she donates all of her time and materials, *and* the proceeds from selling the shirts. They sold very well!

"This group is unique in their contributions as 100 per cent of the money raised is donated regardless of expenses. They donate their time . . .and energy on behalf of the Children's Justice Centers." *(Cheryl Boren)*

Jackie Robbins
UBBCH Secretary
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