

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known and worked closely with Circle C Ranch and the entire Aarum Family for nearly thirty years. I met Wes and Connie Aarum when I was a high school student attending the church they served. I attended several years of Snow Camp in the 90's as a student. It was at Snow Camp at Circle C Ranch that I met Mr. Wes, Marge, Wayne and Julie Aarum. I owe my faith journey in large part to the Aarum Family. I had never encountered people who had such a deep love for Jesus, Scripture and the Gospel. It was during those formative years that God used the Aarum Family and Circle C Ranch to really give me confidence to grow in my faith and prepare me for life ahead. After graduation I attended a Christian College studying student ministry. I served on staff at Circle C Ranch during the summer of my college years. I even drove several hours each way during the winter months to volunteer during Snow Camp weekends. As a staff member of the ranch we received top notch training in leadership and student ministry. Wayne Aarum was the camp director during my time on staff in the 90's. His creativity, love for God and leadership inspired our team to invest in our students during their time at the Ranch. The staff was energized daily behind a simple common goal to love Jesus and share the Gospel. Mr. Wes and Marge and Julie were on site at the camp daily. Wes and Connie had moved back to Buffalo and were often on site as well. I consider it an honor to have been part of a team, led by the Aarums, to have had the life changing blessing to watch daily as they led the ministry at the Ranch together. Hundreds of students met Jesus. My own faith journey was transformed as I learned more about spiritual disciplines like prayer, journaling, fasting, and Scripture memory. Those days serving on staff were some of the best times of my life. God allowed me to be part of countless students making life changing decisions for Jesus. Some of those students I remain in contact with today and they have gone on to change their world for Jesus in some amazing ways. After college graduation, I began my career in full time student ministry. I have led groups from numerous churches to Circle C Ranch for both summer and Snow Camps. Every time our groups visited the Ranch there was excitement and a feeling of "going home." Circle C Ranch becomes such a special place when you spend time there. Every aspect of the ministry of Circle C Ranch is well thought out to challenge students and adults to encounter Jesus and experience life change. The staff is well trained. The facilities blend the rustic elements with modern technology. The Aarum Family has dedicated their lives to serving students and helping them meet Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him. Every encounter I have ever had at the Ranch and with the Aarum family has been godly and encouraging. Mr. Wes and Marge poured their hearts and souls into that ministry. They have given all they had to provide a unique environment where students meet Jesus for salvation and disciple them to live full lives for Him. They loved students and encouraged them to truly live for Jesus. The legacy of their faith spilled over into their sons, Wes and Wayne, and their wives, Connie and Julie. That legacy is continuing now in the lives of their grandchildren and next generations. I can say that I am forever thankful that from the day I met the Aarums, I have been able to walk closely with the entire Aarum Family and support Circle C Ranch. From a student, to a staff member, to a youth pastor leading teams, and even to a parent dropping off my own children and their friends to experience the God driven ministry of Circle C Ranch for themselves - I am one of many who would not walk with Jesus as I do had it not been for Circle C Ranch and every member of the Aarum Family loving me and pointing me to Christ. I have every confidence moving forward that God will continue to use the Aarum Family, Circle C Ranch, and its leadership to transform our world for God.

