



**Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch
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YBGR Youth Deliver Hats to Pediatric Patients

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BILLINGS — Youth at Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch aren't just thinking about presents under the tree this holiday season. They're working hard to create handmade hats for the patients on the pediatric floor of St. Vincent Healthcare.

"Our girls have been knitting hats for the kids every day after school," said Mitch Burns, the interim program manager of Shumaker Lodge at Yellowstone. "They came up with it all on their own, and they've been having a lot of fun with it."

The seven girls who live in Shumaker Lodge have created about 20 hats using knitting looms. They will deliver the gifts to the pediatric patients on Sunday.



A YBGR youth works on a hat to give to a young patient at St. Vincent Healthcare.

"It's always a treat to have young people reach out to the youth who are being treated in our pediatric unit," said Angela Douglas, the public relations specialist for St. Vincent Healthcare.

About 70 children between the ages of 10 and 18 currently live on Yellowstone's 410-acre working ranch west of Billings. The youth, who come to the ranch from throughout Montana and other parts of the U.S., live on campus year-round to receive mental health treatment.

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, a nonprofit organization, is trusted locally and nationally as a leader in the field of mental health care for children and their families. Our organization has impacted more than 10,000 youth and their families since 1957 through Residential Services in Billings, Community Based Services throughout Montana, and the Yellowstone Academy in Billings. Learn more at www.ybgr.org.

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