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As I pulled into a parking spot in front of the admissions office, I was greeted by one of the house parents because the office was closed due to my evening arrival. She instructed me how to get across campus to the on-site apartment where I settled in for the evening.

Early the next morning, as I got ready to begin my tour of the campus, I heard boys' voices in the yard and looked out the window to see them doing exercises. Then they all huddled up in a group for what appeared to be a pep talk of sorts as I prepared to walk across the yard to the office.

As I waited in the office and talked with various staff members, I began to realize that there are several family connections at West Ridge. Many staff members had chosen to return to the school either after attending the program themselves or having had sons who attended. West Ridge is a religious program with on-staff spiritual advisors, many of whom reported renewing their terms repeatedly. A few had entire families working there, which I felt indicated a high level of dedication and gratitude toward this school and its mission.

West Ridge Academy is a non-profit, non-denominational residential treatment center for boys or girls "who face challenges ranging from significant psychiatric issues to severe emotional and behavioral acting out." The program is appropriate for students with aggressive/ assaultive behavior, persistent disregard for parental authority, lengthy outpatient history without improvement, cutting or self-destructive behaviors, running away, suicidal ideation, substance use, sexual promiscuity, lack of enthusiasm/ motivation, and those typically slacking in or truant from school. The school is accredited through NAAS, and the clinical program is licensed by the State of Utah as a residential treatment center. All the therapists are Masters or Doctorate level. Perhaps the following: Each residence has at least one married couple (plus their young children if they have any) living in the cottages that function as primary mentors to the students. Each residence also

