



Ruth B Johnson, JD, is President & CEO, of Roundup River Ranch, an organization that provides free medically-supported camp programs to children with serious illnesses and their families. Roundup River Ranch is a member of the SeriousFun Children's Network, the largest family of medical camps and programs in the world, which was founded by Paul Newman.

Ruth practiced law in Denver, Colorado for more than 25 years prior to moving to the Vail Valley in 2005. She was an attorney for Amoco Corporation, General Counsel of ECOVA Corporation (an Amoco subsidiary), an attorney with Sohio Petroleum Company, and an attorney with Davis Graham & Stubbs. Her work as a real estate lawyer for Wear, Travers & Perkins law firm in Vail, Colorado aided in her transition to help Roundup River Ranch with pro-bono legal work. She was instrumental in securing the initial formation and structure of the non-profit with governmental approvals. In July 2006, she was hired full-time by Roundup River Ranch as the executive director and focused on fundraising, securing the site, obtaining required governmental and judicial approvals for construction, and orchestrating multiple resources from a team of architects, designers, developers, land planners and staff. Roundup River Ranch opened its camp in Gypsum in 2011 and, as of 2019, has provided over 9,000 camper experiences, all free of charge.



Ruth has been on the board of and active in many nonprofit, civic, and educational organizations in both Denver and the Vail Valley. Ruth received her law degree from University of Michigan and has a BA from Albion College with majors in Economics, Political Science, and Ruth was a member of the Professional Management Program. Ruth lives in Avon, Colorado with her husband, Kris Sabel, executive director of the Vail Symposium. Ruth has two children, Kristen Kenly and Brian Johnson. Kristen is married to James Kenly, and together they have two children, and are living in the Vail Valley. Brian and his wife Madeline Johnson live in Victor, Idaho.

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