

Connie's Corner/Annual Report



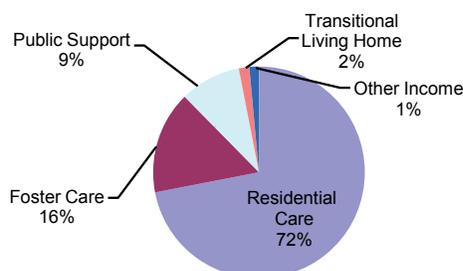
Once upon a time, we had a dream of building young lives in an organization called *Valley Teen Ranch*. That dream started in 1980. It became reality in 1987 when we opened our first therapeutic residential group home on 80 acres in rural Madera County. 2011 begins our twenty-fourth year of *Building Young Lives* in Residential Care, Foster Care, Adoption and Transitional Living. As you can see from the statistics listed below, we have received 1,479 children and youth in our licensed facilities and participated in 104 adoptions. It is an amazing accomplishment. When I stop and look back in our photo albums and hear from the kids, I know that we are bearing fruit and accomplishing our mission. Last week I was at home on Facebook about 9:00 PM and had 5 of our former kids instant messaging me at the same time! They are having a great time finding each other, too. They are growing up, having children, working and so thankful for the many changes they made in their lives while being part of our *Valley Teen Ranch* family. When we talk, they always ask about the staff, the other residents, their foster parents and activities we shared together.

This year, again we have ended the year in the black, passed our annual independent financial audit and internal controls were found to have no deficiencies. The *State Community Care Licensing Division* has found us to be in compliance in all of our programs. We have passed about 6 different inspections this year alone. Everyone who comes to check us out is always impressed with every part of our organization, especially the kids, the staff and our facilities. To God Be the Glory!

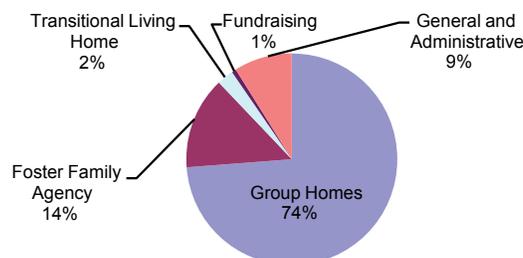
My word for 2011 is *wonder*; which according to *Webster*, means a state of astonished admiration; a fact or circumstance causing surprise; to ask oneself questions; to be in a state of complexity about or to feel curiosity about. As I *wonder* about our future, I have 100% confidence (which means with faith) in God who leads us along every day. I have hope that we face a bright future as we work to accomplish our mission which is *To assist vulnerable young people and their families in rebuilding their lives through caring relationships and opportunities to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually by living in a healthy and safe family*. We do this by applying our core values of People, Truth, Integrity and Excellence.

Thank you for continuing to pray for us, believe in our ministry and support us financially. We depend on you as we go forward for another year of growth and development.

2010 Revenues



2010 Expenses



This year we had the following children and youth outcomes in our agency:

2010 Totals

Group Home Admissions	46
Group Home Graduates	21
Foster Family Agency Admissions	36
Adoptions	17
Total Admissions	82

23 Year Totals

Group Home Admissions	987
Group Home Graduates	290
Foster Family Agency Admissions	492
Adoptions	104
Total Admissions	1479

Our accomplishments include:

- Boys' Academics Improved by 85%
- Increased Counties Placing by 3
- All 4 State Licenses are Excellent
- Met our Budget and had a Clean Audit
- 30% Successful Completion at the Group Home

Goals for the future:

- More HS Graduations, Honor Roll & College Admits
- Recruit & Train More Foster & Adoption Parents
- Expand Vocational Training Program at the Ranch
- Expand Donor Base by 200
- Continue Development of Organic Farming & other projects