

# Connie's Corner



The 2013 annual fiscal audit has just been completed and therefore we are now able to give you our annual report as listed on this page. 2013 was our 26<sup>th</sup> year of successful operation.

We are pleased to report that all four of our licenses with the State of CA, our finances, personnel records, training documents, programs, property and assets are all in excellent condition for another year! We continue to remain faithful to our mission: *"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 safe and healthy family."*

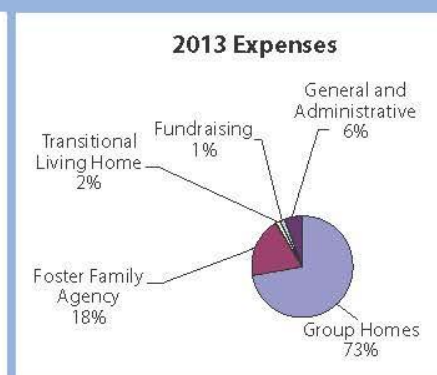
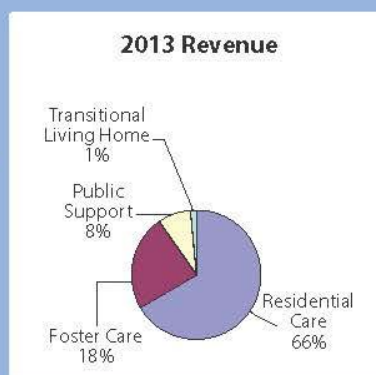
As you can see from the numbers below we have now worked with over 1700 children, youth & young adults in all of our programs since we started in May 1987. As a result of the internet, email, Facebook and cell phones we still hear from many of our former children and youth. They are spread all over the USA and as a result of the military, some are overseas, fighting for our country's freedom. Our oldest kids are now in their 40's (close to my age...haha)! Many of them are married, have their own children and are earning an honest living for themselves and their families. **THE CYCLE HAS BEEN BROKEN!** The seeds we have planted in their lives are in some ways still germinating and in other ways are blooming in the next generation!

There have been over 600 employees, 400 foster/adoption parents, 32 Board Members (including our current 8) and thousands of volunteers on our "TEAM VTR" 26 years.

This week I took one of our most recent Ranch graduates with me to do a presentation to the Leadership Fresno Class of 2014 for their Education Day. Jeffery is in his junior year and has been attending Liberty HS while at Valley Teen Ranch so he could play football.....that would be the Championship winning Liberty HS Football Team! He had never played football before except for flag football at VTR. He is a wide receiver! He has a 3.5 GPA and is enjoying his life, relationships and is now officially OFF OF PROBATION! As a result of being on that team he met another player whose family has invited him to be part of their family so he can finish High School and play football his Sr. year at Liberty. What an awesome Miracle we have seen, by "loving our neighbors!" Jeffery is also now running track for the first time in his life. He wants to go to college and become an architect or an engineer. He is headed in the right direction!

Thank you for your continued prayers, financial support and encouragement. United we stand together, as we "Build Young Lives."

Have a Happy Easter with your family and remember, "He Lives!"



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

2013 Totals	
Group Home Admissions	21
Group Home Graduates	19
Foster Family Agency Admissions	44
Adoptions	18
High School Diplomas	9
Transitional Living Home Admissions	6
<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>71</b>

26 Year Totals	
Group Home Admissions	1086
Group Home Graduates	331
Foster Family Agency Admissions	586
Adoptions	162
High School Diplomas (since 2006)	30
Transitional Living Home Admissions	88
<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>1760</b>

### Our Accomplishments Include:

- Boys' Academics Improved
- Increased Courties Placing
- All Four State Licenses are in Excellent Standing
- Met Our Budget & had a Clean Audit
- 30% Successful Completion at the Group Home

### Goals for the Future:

- More High School Graduations and Improved Reading and Math Skills
- Recruit & Train 15 New Foster & Adoptive Parents
- Expand the Vocational Training Program at the Ranch
- Expand Donor Base by 200
- Continue Development of Agriculture and Recreational Projects