

Animal Party Luncheon Highlights



A wonderful time was had by all 400 guests and volunteers at the 10th Annual Fashion Parade/Luncheon on October 29. The Animal Party theme was such fun. Thanks to our volunteers and excellent guests! Also, thanks to all the many businesses and individuals who donated items for our live and silent auction, raffle prizes, door prize, and homemade quilt. We all had a fabulous time.



See you next year at ...

Where did you get that Hat?

October 27, 2012

The Golden Palace Banquet Hall

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Class of
2011
GRADUATES



A Forever Family...

Adoption Finalization
Congratulations
to the
Turner & Allison
Families!



VTR/KYJO
Summer
Olympics



Upcoming Events

- November 23: Thanksgiving Feast at the Ranch
- December 12-16: FFA & Ranch Christmas Parties
- December 16: End of First Semester
- December 19-January 6: Christmas Vacation

Needs List

- 12-oz Plastic Drinking Glasses
- Blenders for Smoothies
- 4-Slice Toasters
- Electric Griddles
- Bath Towels (no red or blue)



▲ Deloitte & Touche Impact Day 2011

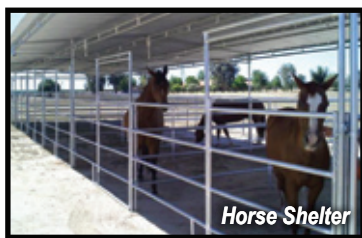
Thank You . . .

- Educational Employees Credit Union
- Woodmen of the World
- LARCS
- Madera Breakfast Lions Club
- North Fresno Lions Club
- Fresno Regional Foundation
- Arakelian Foundation
- Radin Foundation
- Madera Medical Pharmacy
- Wells Fargo Foundation
- Rotary Club of North Fresno
- Geil Enterprises
- Buy Buy Baby
- Great Harvest Bread Co
- Pottery Barn
- Williams-Sonoma
- New Harvest Church
- New Cov Community Church
- Northwest Church
- CART
- Deloitte & Touche
- Fresno Industrial Claims Assoc



▲ CART Advanced Communication Prgm.

Thank You ...



Horse Shelter

▲ In-N-Out Burger Fndn., \$11,000



Tractor

▲ Rabobank, \$20,000



Cognitive Change Program

▲ Fresno Regional Fndn., \$6,000

Memorials

A memorial gift is a very special way to express love and sympathy to bereaved families. It takes the memory of a friend or loved one and invests it in the future of a child at Valley Teen Ranch. Honorariums are a way to recognize special memories with living gifts to help build a better life.

In Loving Memory of

Peter Hagenzieker

Given by

Warren & Donna Robinson

Roy & Harriet Carlson

Mary Fifield

Paul & Starr Madsen

Guliana Giannoni

Jeanette Alburn

Doug & Sue Jackson

Jerry & Bev Guinn

Penny Beavers

Connie Clendenan

In Loving Memory of

Dale O'Neal

Given by

Warren & Donna Robinson

In Loving Memory of

Arline Howard

Given by

Wayne & Doris Trutna

In Loving Memory of

Chas Baierski

Given by

Tom & Ila Schoettler

In Loving Memory of

Matthew Boyajian

Given by

Ken & Linda Boyajian

Greg & Kay Boyajian

In Loving Memory of

Bill Millard

Given by

Jeannie Barker

Jessman Bingham

Jerry & Jo Ann Najarian

Effie Beeman

Ken & Linda Boyajian

Tom & Mary Kay Avent

Adrienne Haines

Fred & Arlene Carozian

Paul & Kathleen Mesple

Beatrice Bedrosian

Harry & Susan Mazgedian

Ron & Linda Grossman

Robert Emerzian

Randy & Margaret Bloom

Dennis Simonian Family

Paulette Steward

Lois Raco & Family

James & Patricia Duvall

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Shapazian

Lida Helman

Terry & Tamara Kuckenbaker

Robert & Barbara Myers

George Singleton

Joan Eaton

Steve & Bobbi Hanada

Dennis & Barbara Walsh

Leo & Evelyn Avedikian

Stanley Emerzian

Gerry Sarkisian

Jeanette Alburn

Reginald Caldwell

Gregory & Elysa Altounian

Roger & Bonnie Simonian

Roy Yeram

Adrienne Haines

Sylvia Kurrels

Connie Clendenan

In Loving Memory of

Merrill Oberg

Milton Costa

Starr Madsen

Donald Giacomazzi

Given by

Carl & Marlene Evers

In Loving Memory of

Rodney Threatt

Given by

Bill & Deanna Hunter

In Loving Memory of

Charles House

Given by

Jeanette Alburn

Shirley Keith

Roger Nuttall

Bill & Maxine Smith

Deborah Ohanesian

In Loving Memory of

Charles Horn

Given by

Wayne & Doris Trutna

In Loving Memory of

John Hawk

Randy Karraker

Jack Nebergall

Given by

Penny Beavers

In Loving Memory of

Julie Schlichting

Irma Markus

Given by

Bill & Shirley Schlichting

In Loving Memory of

Harvey Family

Hilton Family

Howell Family

Given by

Dick & Jody Warner

In Loving Memory of

Victor Ruh

Virginia Emerzian

Chester Melikian

Kenneth Seibert

Leo Shismanian

Given by

Marion Melikian

In Loving Memory of

Ray Clendenan

Given by

MaryAnn Baker

In Loving Memory of

Scott Powell

Given by

Rick & Marsha Palermo

Kenny & Bev King

Ken & Mike Hansen

Ronald & Charlene Cox

Wally's Tire & Wheel

Richard & Sharon Huber

Jerrold & Barbara Steffen

Ann & Ken Huey

Sharon Krikorian

George Campiotti Jr.

In Loving Memory of

Jack Guinn

Given by

Sheila Guinn

In Loving Memory of

Joe Schreiber

Emmett Webster

Given by

Margaret McCarroll

In Loving Memory of

Audrey

Given by

Ron & Muriel Seay

In Loving Memory of

Frank Jones

Given by

Randi Maroukian

In Loving Memory of

Vaughn Ananian

Given by

Bob & Marge Ebel

In Loving Memory of

Norman Huber

Given by

Jack & Joy Clark

In Loving Memory of

Tim Stubblefield

Given by

Ken & Adele Hopper

Ray & Hillary Angelillo

In Loving Memory of

Starr Madsen

Given by

Larry & Gayle Nix

In Loving Memory of

Richard Hancock

Given by

Fred & Danielle Filipponi

In Loving Memory of

William Cooksey

Given by

Janet Shaw

In Honorarium

In Honor of

Helen Reynolds' Birthday

Given by

Warren & Donna Robinson

Connie's Corner



"Count your blessings...name them Ton by Ton!" We have so many things to be thankful for: faith in God, relationships with family and friends, our jobs, homes, the fall season, football games, 3-day weekends, fresh fruits and veggies, our health, all of our senses, for some of you--a 3% increase in your Social Security benefits, health insurance, peace, joy, love, soft sheets, running water, electricity, purpose, significance, savings account, a grocery store down the street, and you! I am positive you can add much more to this short list.

Whenever I get discouraged or talk to someone who is, I try to change our focus to the *good news* list. When we begin to see what we can find to be thankful for, pretty soon our attitude changes. Really, our thoughts ultimately affect our behaviors.

As we begin to wind this 2011 year up, I am sure you are looking back at all the blessings and some of the challenges that have happened this year... and look forward to our hopes and goals for 2012.

Our kids are also being asked to focus on their blessings and make day-to-day goals, as well as monthly or 6-month goals. Two of our boys will be turning 18 soon; one the end of October and the other on December 25! "Albert" will also receive his HS diploma on his birthday and then go to live at our *Transitional Living Home*. "Jerry" will hopefully have his GED and go home for Christmas. They both have made significant changes in their thoughts, behaviors, attitudes, choices, and relationships. They know they CAN stay drug and alcohol free, get a job, and stay out of trouble. It will be challenging to stay on the same pathway they are now, since they won't have us as a 24/7 safety net. We give them the best we can, encourage them, pray for and with them, and then let them spread their wings and fly out of the nest. All of our kids, staff, foster families, and adoptive families are a huge blessing to each other as we do life together one day at a time.

As you can see from the photos in this newsletter, our kids and families have experienced many victories and fun activities. Several individuals and businesses have also shared in generous ways. We are truly counting our blessings!

I am asking you to join me as I look at what God has blessed me with this year and what I can do to share with Valley Teen Ranch before the end of the year. All financial gifts are 100% tax deductible and will be used to further our work with some of the most difficult and disturbed youth from our valley and state. They are blessings just waiting to happen. We will have many celebration activities between now and January 1. Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are a time of joy and also very difficult for our kids and their families. We do our best to fill in the blanks and make new memories for our kids. We are also right there beside them when their pain becomes unbearable.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing with us this year. I am forever grateful. You are a blessing to all of us at Valley Teen Ranch.

With a grateful heart,

Connie

Connie R. Clendenan, CEO
Valley Teen Ranch

PS: May 2012 will be our 25th Anniversary of operation. We will have a big celebration. More details coming. Lots to do before then!

and ... thank YOU!



Wells Fargo Foundation



Fresno Industrial Claims Assoc.



New Covenant Church



Geil Enterprises, Inc.

Ranch & FFA Activities ...



Monterey Bay Aquarium ...
Wild Water Adventures ...
Fresno Grizzlies ...



Woodworking ...



Camping ...
Snowboarding ...
Fishing ...



2011 Prom