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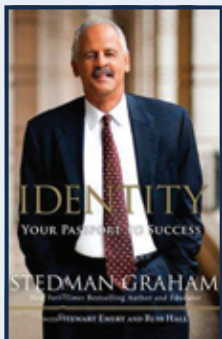
# VALLEY TEEN RANCH

GROUP HOME, TRANSITIONAL LIVING, FOSTER FAMILY & ADOPTION AGENCY

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

## Stedman Graham

Mr. Stedman Graham, from Chicago, is a *New York Times* Best Selling author, speaker, businessman, educator and



friend to our kinds of kids. He presents to corporations and nonprofits on the topics of maximizing leadership, achieving success and embracing diversity. He taught *The Dynamics of Leadership* at Northwestern University. He has shown a lifelong commitment to youth and community. His talk will be both inspirational and informational.

We will be hosting a VIP reception with Stedman prior to the dinner for our special partners/sponsors. For information on how you, your church, service club or business can become a Partner for this event, please contact Connie at [connie.clendenan@valleyteenranch.org](mailto:connie.clendenan@valleyteenranch.org) or call her at the Valley Teen Ranch office.

Stedman will also be speaking to our boys at the ranch, as well as some students from Fresno Unified High Schools during the day.

The Board of Valley Teen Ranch look forward to seeing you there and sharing the victories of our 25-year history, as well as what we are looking forward to in our future.



Stedman Graham



## You Are Invited



## 25th Anniversary Celebration

### May 17, 2012

6:30 p.m. at the Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall

### AN INVITATION FROM CONNIE

I want to personally invite you and your friends to attend our Valley Teen Ranch 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We will have dinner, hear from former and current children, youth, foster and adoptive parents, see the new video of our programs, and listen to an inspirational speech by our special guest speaker, Mr. Stedman Graham. There will not be a live or silent auction, raffle or other related activities. Just come and enjoy a beautiful and enjoyable evening with us. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased online at [www.valleyteenranch.org](http://www.valleyteenranch.org) or by calling Gina at the Valley Teen Ranch office, 559.437.1144.

Connie

Spring 2012

## Upcoming Events

- Mar 15: Fost/Adopt Parent Appreciation Banquet
- Mar 27: Fost/Adopt Orientation
- Mar 27: Board Meeting
- Apr 2-9: Spring Break
- Apr 24: Fost/Adopt Orientation
- Apr 24: Board Meeting
- May 10: Foster Parent Training
- May 17: 25th Anniversary
- May 22: Fost/Adopt Orientation
- May 22: Board Meeting
- Jun 1: Last Day of School
- Jun 26: Board Meeting
- Oct 27: Annual Luncheon



▲ Wood puzzles crafted by group home residents for foster children as Christmas gifts.

## Needs List

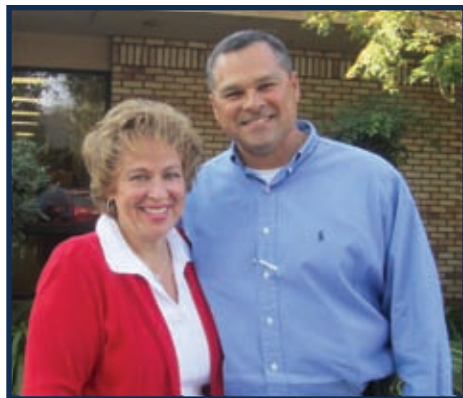
- Silverware
- Non-Metal Cooking Utensils
- Wooden Spoons
- Metal Tongs
- Metal Turners/Spatulas
- 12-16 oz Plastic Drinkware
- Juice Pitchers with Lids
- Large Salad Bowls
- Metal Mixing Bowls
- Large Pots/Pans
- Cast Iron Skillet
- Tortilla Skillet
- Blenders (ice-crushing)
- 4-Slice Toasters
- Pot Holders
- Twin-Size Sheets

**Please, No BLUE or RED Items**

## Thank You . . .

Armev Harvey Foundation  
Beneto Foundation  
Fresno Regional Foundation  
In N Out Burger Foundation  
New Covenant Church  
New Harvest Church  
Northwest Church  
Buy Buy Baby  
Great Harvest Bread Co  
Pottery Barn  
Williams-Sonoma

## Meet Our ...



▲ Connie Clendenan, CEO & Carlos Gonzales, COO

**Chief Operation Officer**, Carlos Gonzales. Carlos graduated from Fresno State, with a BS in Business Management. He earned a Master Degree in Leadership and Organizational Studies from Fresno Pacific University.

Carlos and his wife, Marcie, have three children. They reside in the Rolling Hills community of Madera, and are active parishioners of St. Anthony's of Padua in Fresno.

Carlos says his role at Valley Teen Ranch, "is to honor the past, encourage the present, and foster a future based on hard work, mutual respect, and a Christian perspective."

## Board of Directors

From left: (back row) Diana Mock, Jonica Starr, Bonnie Brock, Carlos Gonzales (COO), Phil Setrakian, Wayne Cox, (front row) Donna Callahan, Deborah McHenry, Mike Zachry, Don Warkentine



## 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 Memoriam

*In Loving Memory of*

Harry Shirinian  
Alice Bedrosian  
Gladys Poochigian  
Paul Melikian

*Given by*

Marion Melikian

*In Loving Memory of*

Dr. Wm. H. Wade  
Marcie L. Rogers

*Given by*

Milly Wade

*In Loving Memory of*

Dewey Johnson

*Given by*

Carl & Marlene Evers

*In Loving Memory of*

Naida Dostal

*Given by*

Elizabeth Balakian

Patricia Hennings

John & Susan Balk

*In Loving Memory of*

Peter Hagenzieker

*Given by*

Marilyn Zuercher

Nalchajian Family

Trevor, Taylor & Isabelle

*In Loving Memory of*

Louise Kinney

Victor Takeuchi

Floyd Willis

Ray Clendenan

*Given by*

Tessa Cavalletto

*In Loving Memory of*

Mabel Roderick

*Given by*

Connie Clendenan

Windham Residents' Assoc.

Duane & Valerie Hendrickson

Anonymous

Audrey & Murl Wescott

Edwin & Barbara Beam

*In Loving Memory of*

Scott Powell

*Given by*

Wendy Honeycutt

*In Loving Memory of*

Shellie Bering

*Given by*

Jack & Joy Clark

*In Loving Memory of*

Eldora Zielke

*Given by*

Bob & Marge Ebel

*In Loving Memory of*

Bob Timpano

Joe Schiotis

*Given by*

Ruth Schiotis

*In Loving Memory of*

Julie Schlichting

*Given by*

Bill & Shirley Schlichting

*In Loving Memory of*

John Trask

*Given by*

Sharon Karraker

*In Loving Memory of*

Terry Huntsman

*Given by*

Nicholas & Kim Smaldino

*In Loving Memory of*

Leona Lake

*Given by*

Leaman & Rebecca Wells

John, Sandy, & John Ross

Peelman

Phil & Lorraine Rusconi

Mary Borges

### In Honorarium

*In Honor of*

Wanda Aaron

*Given by*

Connie Clendenan

*In Honor of*

Dorothy Bentley

*Given by*

Trudy Lindau

*In Honor of*

Holly Adame

Monica Balch

*Given by*

Kathleen Papenhausen

*In Honor of*

Pablo & Adeaide Chavez

*Given by*

Rebecca Phene

*In Honor of*

Larry Melikian

*Given by*

Marion Melikian

# Connie's Corner

*“God has not called me to be successful. He called me to be faithful.”* Mother Teresa

Webster's Dictionary defines faithful as loyal, steadfast, accurate, true to one another. At our Valley Teen Ranch Board meetings we reflect how we are doing on being faithful to our mission, which is: *“To assist vulnerable young people and their families in rebuilding their lives through caring relationships and opportunities to grow mentally, socially, physically and spiritually by living in a safe and healthy home where faith in God is lived.”*



As we look forward to celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of operation on May 17, 2012, we can honestly and humbly say that we ARE staying faithful to our mission, budget, policies and procedures, the State of CA Community Care Licensing, and what God has called us to do with the children and youth we serve. God's faithfulness to us is evident in the fruit that we see in our kids' lives.

Valley Teen Ranch was actually founded by David Purvis and we were officially incorporated June 1, 1983. It took four years to raise the money, purchase the 80 acre property, and build our first residential group home. Therefore, we call May 1987, when we were able to admit our first young man into our home, as our beginning date. Since that time, we have been able to build and pay for two more homes on that property, retire the mortgage, open our Foster Family Agency, Adoption Agency, and Transitional Living Home, as well as purchase our office building. As of December 31, 2011, we have admitted 1543 children and youth into all of our homes and facilitated 123 adoptions. Our oldest kids are now in their early forties. As you can see from the fiscal pie charts and statistics below, we are continuing to make solid progress in all of our programs.

The most significant part of our work is the relationships we have with our kids. We hear from many of them on a regular basis. They call, write letters, or find us on Facebook to “check in” with us to let us know how they are doing and to find out what's going on with us, too. Their comments are always about people they connected with while with us, whether that is staff or other residents they lived with. They remember the places we went, their achievements in school, lessons they learned, how healthy they were, and the fun times we shared together. They felt significant AND successful while they were with us and attribute their current success to their time with us, whether that was in our group homes or in a foster home. People make the difference in our lives. Yes, we are a program, but really it is the people who really count!

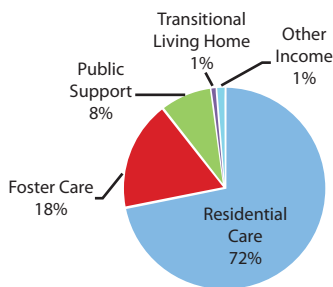
As the lyrics of *Great is Thy Faithfulness* say, “Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand has provided. Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me!”

I hope to see you at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 17. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.valleyteenranch.org](http://www.valleyteenranch.org) or by calling our office at 559.437.1144. We are also seeking Corporate Sponsors to help us underwrite the event.

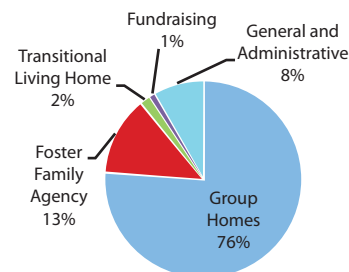
Keep the Faith,

*Connie Clendenan*  
Connie Clendenan, CEO

## 2011 Revenues



## 2011 Expenses



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

### 2011 Totals

Group Home Admissions	60
Group Home Graduates	13
Foster Family Agency Admissions	22
Adoptions	19
<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>114</b>

### 24 Year Totals

Group Home Admissions	1029
Group Home Graduates	303
Foster Family Agency Admissions	514
Adoptions	123
<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>1969</b>

### Our Accomplishments Include:

- Boys' Academics Improved
- Increased Counties 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, Honor Roll, & College Admits
- Recruit & Train More Foster & Adoptive Parents
- Expand the Vocational Training Program at the Ranch
- Expand Donor Base by 200
- Continue Development of Organic Farming & Other Projects



*Congratulations*  
TO THE  
*Olsen Family*

ON THE ADOPTION FINALIZATION OF ANNIBELLE. STAY TUNED FOR THE ADOPTION OF HER BIOLOGICAL SISTER. (PARTIALLY CONCEALED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY REASONS)

Thank you to the MANY Christmas Angels who made Christmas for the children and youth in our care so very

*Merry &  
Bright!*

We couldn't do it without  
**YOU!**

