



Valley Teen Ranch

SPRING ISSUE 2015



Graduation Prayer



House 1 Christmas Play



House 1 Christmas



Olympics

Our Theme for 2015 Evolution Not A Revolution



House 2 Christmas



Color Run



**Fashion
Show/Luncheon**



Prom



House 3 Christmas



Color Run



California Alliance Recognition



Transitional Living Christmas



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

The generosity/support this year has been overwhelming and invaluable to the children and youth we serve, as well as to our Board and staff. The things we have been able to accomplish with your giving include camp sponsorships, transportation for our kids and/or their parents for their monthly home visits, all of the equestrian, recreational and vocational program costs and all the trips our group home kids have taken. We have provided activities for our foster children

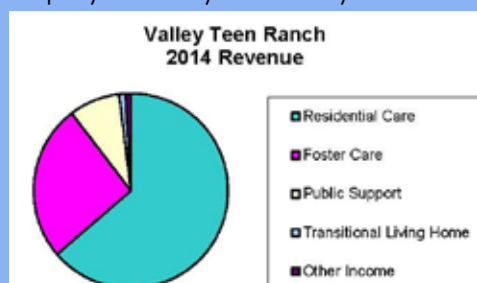
as well. Wonderful provisions for the Holidays including Easter, July 4th, Birthdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas were all extraordinary. We purchased back to school supplies, sports equipment, remodeling all 3 of our group home kitchens and bathrooms, San Joaquin River Parkway day trips, fishing trips, trips to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, our boys playing on a local soccer team, hay, veterinarian and horse shoes for our 4 horses, 4 outdoor exercise stations, paying for bottled water as we wait patiently to get out of the water business at the ranch, replacing the motor on our well pump and repairing other parts of the well structure and many in-kind gifts, too. All of these costs are not allowable costs from the money we receive from the government to care for our kids. Therefore, private giving is extremely important for us to be able to go the extra mile with our kids.

I am glad to tell you that we have been able to operate within our budget again this year and have a clean audit. Another major milestone we accomplished this year was becoming Nationally Accredited by CARF in all 3 of our licensed programs: group homes, foster care and adoption. As we grow forward this year, we have several exciting goals to accomplish. We are exploring a collaboration which would include eventually becoming Medi-Cal certified, expanding our Foster Family License to include Intensive Treatment Foster Care, enhancing our Safe Families for Children in Central California Program in collaboration with Bethany Christian Services and City Without Orphans. We also took a giant leap forward with our succession planning process by promoting 7 of our current qualified, long-term employees and doing some restructuring of our entire organizational chart. I am still the CEO but will be focusing on the Development aspect of VTR and passing the baton of the day to day operations to the new leadership team. These goals are helping us create a more diverse, sustainable and effective organization for the future years of operation. We are calling this year "An evolution, not a revolution!" We have designed a new strategic plan with the Board and Leadership Team. Now we will implement and evaluate quarterly and then see where we are by December.

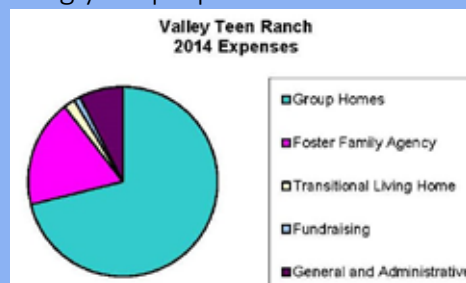
Below you can see how we did with our finances as well as our achieved operational goals.

We depend on your continued giving, praying, sharing, and caring for us as we forge ahead with our mission; "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 healthy and safe homes."

I hope you and your family are reaching your goals and fulfilling your purpose as well.



Revenue		
Residential Care	\$ 2,620,785	64%
Foster Care	1,065,544	26%
Public Support	348,166	8%
Transitional Living Home	43,546	1%
Other Income	36,515	1%
	<u>\$ 4,114,556</u>	<u>100%</u>
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Expenses		
Group Homes	\$ 2,814,766	71%
Foster Family Agency	725,832	18%
Transitional Living Home	76,281	2%
Fundraising	44,337	1%
General and Administrative	296,121	7%
	<u>\$ 3,957,337</u>	<u>100%</u>
Total Revenue	4,114,556	
Total Expenses	<u>3,957,337</u>	
Net Income	157,219	

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

2014 Totals

Group Home Admissions	43
Group Home Graduates	14
Foster Family Agency Admissions	40
Adoptions	29
High School Diplomas	6
Transitional Living Home Admissions	8

27 Years Totals

Group Home Admissions	1129
Group Home Graduates	345
Foster Family Agency Admissions	626
Adoptions	191
High School Diplomas (since 2006)	42
Transitional Living Home Admissions	112

Our Accomplishments Include:

- Boys Academics Improved
- Increased Counties Placing
- All Four State Licenses are in Excellent Standing
- Met Our Budget & Have a Clean Audit
- 30% Successful Completion at the Group Home
- Became Nationally Accredited by CARF

Goals for the Future:

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



The Z Team



Assistance League Fresno &
Mountain Bear Fan Club Stuff
Animal Donations



4x4 Wheeling



DMIG Hosting Prom



Lunch with Dorcus Group

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 Williams-Sonoma



Rayburn Elementary



Safeco Award



Sugar Pine Fishing



Binky Patrol Blankets



Igal Sharing Water

Foster Family and Adoption Agency

The past months have been busy! We went to Wild Water Adventure Park for a family picnic, celebrated graduations, traveled to Monterey Bay Aquarium, celebrated many adoptions and ended the year with a visit from Santa! We look forward to what the future brings. Here are some highlights:

Meet Our ...



Social Worker, Foster Family and Adoption Agency:

Frances Echeverria earned her Bachelor's Degree in Communication from California State University, Fresno in 2002 and returned back to earn her Master's in Marriage & Family Therapy in 2011. In December 2014 she received her LMFT. Most recently, she has worked as a school based clinician with

Merced County Mental Health. When she is not working with VTR, she is a DJ. Frances enjoys time with her husband and two daughters, music, traveling and participating in athletic activities. "Every child deserves a loving, stable family and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of making that happen."



FFA & Adoption Agency Staff



Monterey Bay Aquarium



FFA & Adoption Agency Christmas Party: December 14, 2014



Elijah, Micah & Ava



DJ: Class of 2014



The Cooks finalized their adoption in Riverside County on August 22, 2014



The Bouchers at Fresno County Adoption Day: November 13, 2014



The Knapps at Fresno County Adoption Day: November 13, 2014



L-R: Cameron, Justin, Amanda & Jessica

Foster Family and Adoption Agency Story

I am a foster, later turned adoptive momma to four little souls.

My exposure to Valley Teen Ranch began a long time ago, over twenty years to be a bit more specific. Unlike most of the families I have met through VTR, my vision came through the lens of the "ranch boys" themselves. I went to Madera High School and often rode the very bus they were on. You see, at that time VTR did not have an on-campus school at the ranch as they now do. At any rate, reflecting on how much was shared on that bus I am awe-struck. Honestly as I sit here trying to articulate the conversations from so long ago I am humbled because these boys did talk a lot. I mean, they were typical teenagers who bemoaned their responsibilities and the expectations placed on them. However there was more. Sometimes lots was said. Sometimes very few words were spoken, yet powerful emotions were expressed. Truth be told, this is what has stuck with me all these years later. These boys depicted life at the ranch in a positive light. Well, as positive as their situation gave room for. The bottom line is that they felt cared for. They felt pushed to be the best version of themselves. They felt like they mattered to the staff.

That matters to me.

This was a life lesson (opportunity) I chose to expose my biological children to. You know, the one where momma repeats herself over and over each time we passed the ranch. Yep, my kids would gladly share that with you! Therefore, it was a natural choice when my husband, our two biological sons and I made the collective decision to expand our family through foster-adoption. VTR is who we chose to work with.

They have not been a disappointment.

The staff at VTR has been present. They are reliable. They are always ready to tend to each of our foster-adopt children individually, as people with specific stories. They are attentively aware of our biological children and the journey they are being exposed to as well. The VTR ladies have been diligent in confirming that our responsibilities are as they should be. This is something I have been grateful for especially where paperwork is concerned. As I am busy being momma to my children, sometimes paperwork isn't the first thing on my mind. All this is to say the Valley Teen Ranch team has shown consistent integrity and thoughtfulness as we collectively navigate this turbulent journey. This all has been, and continues to be incredibly reassuring to all our children as well as my husband and me. We look forward to our continued journey with VTR as we wait with eager anticipation for what God has in store for us.

Charity V.



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 also a way to recognize special memories with living gifts to help build a better life.

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