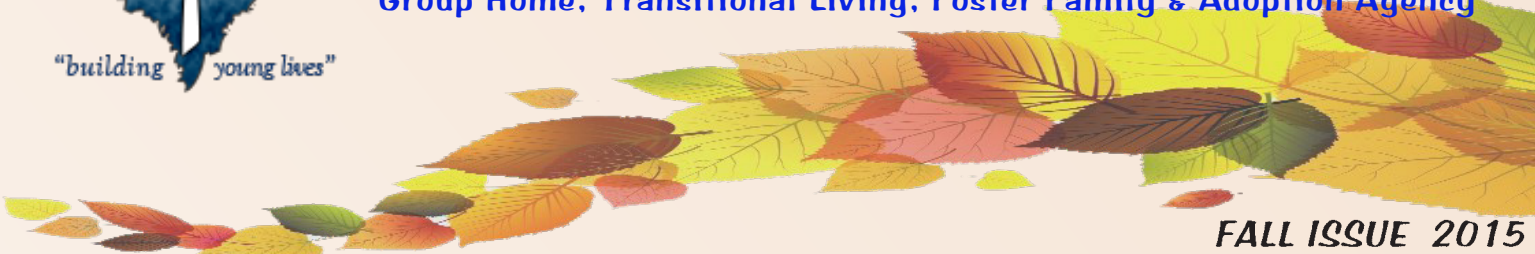




Valley Teen Ranch

Group Home, Transitional Living, Foster Family & Adoption Agency



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Time for Trivial Pursuit



Tug Of War



Basketball Game



2015 Summer Olympics



Art Contest



Valley Teen Ranch
CEO Connie Clendenan
KYJO Executive Director Kevin Jordan
&
Special Guest Jervis Cole



Football Game



Push Up Time



Swim Time

CEO Message



Connie Clendenan, CEO

Oh Happy Day...the Fall-Harvest and Back to School Season has arrived! I hope that you and your family have had a safe, fun and happy Summer together. At Valley Teen Ranch we have accomplished all of our goals and are now set to end the year stronger than ever. Our kids participated in Summer School, Summer Camp at Calvin Crest, trips to the coast, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Magic Mountain, Home Passes, and wrapped it up with our 6th annual Summer Olympics. Our summer remodeling project of our kitchens, dining rooms and bathrooms is going well and should be totally complete by the end of October. We are

completing more adoptions every month as well. Therefore our goal of "Building Young Lives" is growing right on schedule. As you can see from the pictures, we are seeing the changes in our kids every day. Our week of Summer Olympics is a partnership with KYJO Group Home and took place at the ranch. We had over 50 young men who participated with us. It included Academics as well as athletics. Each day from 8-noon we held our activities which included, flag football, basketball, soccer, kick ball, track and field, swimming, bench press, sit ups, pushups, tug of war, Spelling Bee, Trivial Pursuit, Billiards, Dominos, Checkers, art work, essay on where you see yourself in the next 5 years and Poetry. These kids have skills, talents, and abilities. They learn how to work together on a team, sportsmanship, patience, practice, and overcoming obstacles, especially when you don't win and then naturally, the thrill of victory. Each young man receives a medal, a certificate and a team photo. We also have trophies for the MVP and Most Inspirational on each of the 4 teams as well as an overall MVP and Most Inspirational. They are ALL winners and I cheer them on every day!

Reading their essays and poetry and understanding the stories in their art work is quite telling. They talk about their past, their families, friends and their futures. They share their pain and their dreams. Their expressions are raw! From our youngest who just finished the 8th grade and wants to become a veterinarian, to many who want to become professional athletes, fathers and productive citizens. They do NOT want to be locked up, poor, misunderstood or uneducated.

One new young man told me, "Miss, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but you remind me of my Grandmother!" Oh that makes me feel just like an old person, I thought. But then he said, "it's because she is nice, pretty and fun...just like you!" So I asked him if he would like a "Grandma hug" which of course he did! Watching these kids play hard, work together and do their best was very rewarding for all of us.

Our first day back to school was August 13 and we had a big pep rally and BBQ to celebrate as we all start with a 4.0 GPA, perfect attendance, school uniforms, clean and safe classrooms and optimism. We have qualified teachers and staff who are ready to teach them every day. **I only ask them to "Show UP (on time), Do their Best, Tell the Truth and Ask for Help."** We promise them success as we work together with these goals for our school year.....and the rest of our lives!

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, prayers and trust. You can still get a ticket to our Fashion Show/Luncheon on September 26 by calling our office or going to our website, www.valleyteenranch.org. Come and meet our kids, do some Christmas shopping at our silent & live Auctions, have a delicious lunch and have fun at the Golden Palace, in Fresno. Our theme is "It's a Tea Party". Pictures will be on our website, too. We are raising money to replace our appliances in our newly decorated kitchen and laundry rooms.

Stay strong and have Courage,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Clendenan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Connie Clendenan, CEO

Valley Teen Ranch

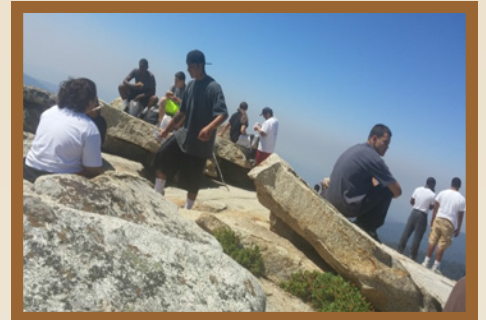
A Look Back on The Ranch.....



Magic Mountain Fun



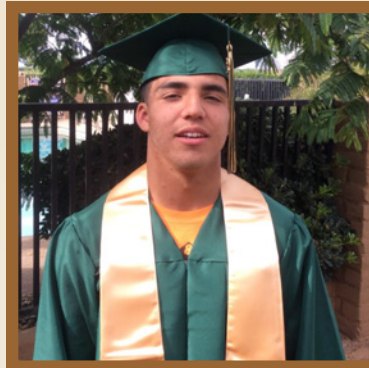
Magic Mountain Ride



Just Thinking...



Magic Mountain



Liberty High School Graduate



Calvin Crest Camp



Golden Valley Unified Graduates



Calvin Crest Camp Hiking



Playing Games in Nature



Congrats Grads!



VTR Awards



Fresno County Banquet

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.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of
John C. Moore

Given by
Robert & Linda Taylor

In Loving Memory of
Dr. Bill Owen

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Beverly Guinn

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Marlene Long

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Thomas Brown

Given by
Ron & Yvonne Rudolf

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Susan J. Trotter

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Ruth Stockdale

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Truman Campbell

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Susan Millard

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Donald Rose

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Jack & Joy Clark

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Ray Berkenbile

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Margaret McCarroll

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Patricia Sandburg

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Bob Thune

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Trudy Lindau

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Gay Shield

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Richard & Joellen Warner

In Loving Memory of
Jinny Lyng

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In Loving Memory of
John Keoshian

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Keith Strain

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Frances Bible Study

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Northwest Church

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Harold & Dianne

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Given by
Rodney Melikian

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Restroom

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Candlelight Guild

Roberta Karraker Memorials

Larry & Rodney Melikian Memorials

Foster Family and Adoption Agency

The past months have been busy! We went to Wild Water Adventure Park for a family picnic, celebrated graduations, had our Appreciation Dinner, and celebrated many adoptions. We look forward to what the future brings. Here are some highlights:



The Geesey Family



The Ham Family



The Venegas Family



*Bullard High School Graduates
Justin & Jessica Martinez with the
Moore Family*



FFA Appreciation Dinner



Wild Water Adventures



*Bullard High School Graduate
Ja'kara Powell with Shelly Cook*

Foster Family and Adoption Agency Story

Dear Valley Teen Ranch,

We would like to thank you for all you do. We were blessed to have you assigned to us when we decided to adopt our foster child over 3 years ago. Many things stood out to us about your agency. First of all, your friendly staff, but during our process of adopting Zackery we learned more about your agency. I found out that if I had a question, all I had to do was contact your office. I would speak to a live person (the receptionist). Not only did I speak to a live person, but our social worker contacted us within minutes; now that was a very pleasant surprise. This is something our previous agency could not and did not do. When we were ready to move forward with another adoption we had no doubts on which agency we would contract with. We have been with Valley Teen Ranch for a year. We are pleased to say not only did we quickly get placed with an adorable little boy, but that we are now very close to our adoption date (August 21st). Valley Teen Ranch has been there when we need you. You have generously given us the tools we need that have enhanced our lives. Don't even get me started on your foster and adoption appreciation banquet – now that was fabulous!

Our social worker, Jennifer Moore, has been a dream to work with. When we had questions regarding a particular child placement she always answered our calls quickly and thoroughly. She has kept us up-to-date on all the legal aspects of our case. Her visits are pleasant. They are not rushed: It's as if we are having a close friend over to the house and that in itself means a lot to us.

We have attended a few trainings and events conducted by Valley Teen Ranch. We have been respite providers for other foster families. All in all everyone we have met feel like family. We have seen that they also share a common goal; to love, foster and provide a safe haven for children of our Central Valley counties. This does not happen on its own. It stems from the top. We have seen firsthand that it originates from Connie Clendenan. She is a blessing to the organization, but mostly for the children. Our boys are beautiful! Our adoptions have been very positive. When others express a desire to adopt we will always refer them to Valley Teen Ranch. With all that said, we would like to say, "Thank you, Valley Teen Ranch."

The Jonas Family





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