

VTR ALUMNI



Our very first graduate from VTR is now a husband & father, living with his wife in Seattle, WA. They just let me know they are expecting their second child this year! So as you can see, the next generation is looking good & making good choices. Jerry came to visit me this summer & I got to play with his son too. We are so very proud of him. We stay in touch on a regular basis. Life changes were made while Jerry was with us back in 1978. He's growing older & wiser everyday. Being a husband & father are the joys of his life. Be encouraged ... our efforts are bearing fruit! Jerry has even become a donor to VTR & wants to challenge others to join him in helping us help the kids at VTR today.



▲ The Christmas Story acted out at House One. The Wise Men & Baby Jesus never looked so good!



▲ Boys at the Valley Teen Ranch Community Day School who attained perfect attendance &/ or 4.0 GPA's for the fall semester this year. Way to go scholars!



▲ Christmas at House Two. "Peace on earth, good will to men, women & children."



▲ "Joy to the World!" at VTR for Christmas.



▲ Christmas at House Three. "He rules the world with truth and grace."



▲ "Jingle Bells" by the VTR Christmas Band!

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◀ The 2009 Valley Teen Ranch Staff, Volunteers & 32 Boys. We're all growing forward in 2010!

Upcoming Events

- March 4 - FFA Training
- March 23 - Board Meeting
- March 25 - FFA Appreciation Dinner
- March 29 - April 5 - Spring Break
- April 8 - FFA Training
- April 27 - Board Meeting
- May TBA - 2nd Annual FFA & Adoption Family Picnic
- June 4 - Last Day of School
- October TBA - Fashion Show
- December 4 - Connie's 60th Birthday Fundraiser/Benefit for VTR



▲ Fashion Show Luncheon 2009

Needs List

- Guitars
- Picks
- Guitar Straps
- Guitar Capos
- Bath Towels
- Beach Towels
- Cereal Bowls
- Plastic Glasses
- One-Gallon Pitchers
- Electric Skillets
- Four-Slot Toasters
- Electric Pancake Griddle
- Microwave Ovens
- Dishwashers (built in)

Thank You . . .

Fresno Regional Foundation
 In-N-Out Burger
 Radin Foundation
 Fansler Foundation
 USDA Rural Development
 California Dairies
 Great Harvest Bread Co
 Williams-Sonoma
 Pottery Barn
 Office Depot
 Mor Furniture
 Quality Inn Suites

Plans for the Future



Gardening Project ▶



◀ Guarantee Real Estate Services, Goodwill Network, gave \$1000 to VTR seen here with Dick Williams, Realtor.

Ground breaking for a ▶ new swimming pool at Valley Teen Ranch being built by Emerald Pools with donations from In & Out Burger, Fansler Foundation and USDA Rural Development.



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

In Loving Memory of
 Bill Forath
 Charles Eason
 Connie Blanchard
 Marilyn Klippert
 Dr. William Brown
Given by
 Carl & Marlene Evers

In Loving Memory of
 Wayne Foster
 Ken Baustian
Given by
 Dick & Jody Warner

In Loving Memory of
 Gladys Ajootian
 Roxie Shamlan
 Doris Emerzian Fleming
 Patricia Melikian
 Alvina Seibert
 Dr. Puzant Krikorian
 Nona Rustigian
 Paul Melikian
 Louise Karagozian
 Gary Autry
 Tim Flores
Given by
 Marion Melikian

In Loving Memory of
 Matthew Boyajian
Given by
 Gregory & Kay Boyajian

Ken & Linda Boyajian
In Loving Memory of
 Jeannine Hilton Milner
Given by
 Dick & Jody Warner
 Dan & Vinci O'Neill
 East Shaw Optometric
 Harvey & Virginia Krager
 William & Frances Kramme
 Jean Gillhamer
 Connie Clendenan
 Arlyn Presley
 Randy & Terri Garabedian
 James & Harriet Harris
 Oscar & Janice Speace
 William & Hilda Forrest
 Kurt & Katy Madden
 Pam Hitechew
 Larry & Kristine Hawkins
 Ford Financial Group
 Mary Fifield
 Carl & Marlene Evers
 Bill & Shirley Schlichting
 Charles & Shirley Sailor
 Dean & Jeanette Hodgson
 Patricia Tremp
 Elizabeth Furmanek
 Fresno/Madera YFC
 Hilary Angelillo
 Dorman & Anna Turnipseed
 Charles & Joanne Koch

Ben & Sarah Hawkins
 Bill & Ann Thomas
 Katy Foster
 Jeff & Kathy Hilton
 Corbett & Juli Loving

In Loving Memory of
 Bryan Shaw
Given by
 Jon & Janet Shaw
 Joseph & Mary Shaw

In Loving Memory of
 Anthony Velvick
Given by
 Wayne & Doris Trutna

In Loving Memory of
 Bob Williams
Given by
 Robert & Dorothy Starr
 Carl & Marlene Evers

In Loving Memory of
 Donald & Clara Laub
 Scott Crow
Given by
 Leona Lake

In Loving Memory of
 Mary Keller
 Paul Keller
Given by
 Ron & Muriel Seay
 Mary Fifield

In Loving Memory of
 Don Miller
Given by
 Jack & Joy Clark

In Loving Memory of
 Robert Palmer
Given by
 Pam Palmer

In Loving Memory of
 Dean Beeman
Given by
 Bill & Susan Millard

In Loving Memory of
 Julie Schlichting
Given by
 Bill & Shirley Schlichting

In Loving Memory of
 Irma Nicholas Backer
Given by
 Barbara Lake

In Loving Memory of
 Robert Lispi
Given by
 Gary & Joyce Bedrosian

Honoraria

In Honor of
 Dorothy Bentley
Given by
 Trudy Lindau

Annual Report



This letter and the charts below will serve as our Annual Report for 2009. The economic times in our state during this year were the most severe in our 22 ½ year history. YET, we have been able to survive and our kids continue to THRIVE!

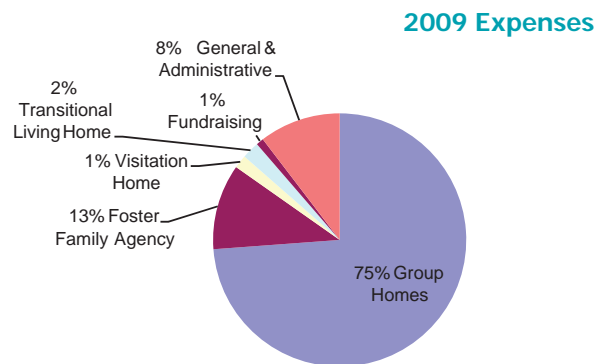
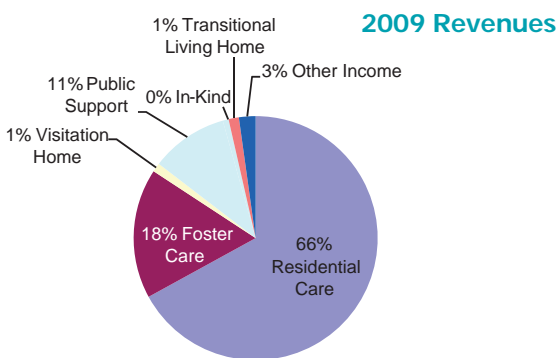
We stay committed to our mission, "To assist vulnerable young people and their families in rebuilding their lives through caring relationships and opportunities to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually by living in a healthy and safe home."

The goals we set at the beginning of 2009 have been met with incredible success as we continue to pour ourselves into the lives of our children and youth. The California Department of Social Services / Community Care Licensing has given us another annual report of excellence in the services we provide. Our Annual Independent Financial Report and internal controls for 2008 came back to our Board of Directors as clean, in compliance, and with no deficiencies. We ended our year operating in the black and have passed a balanced budget for 2010.

As you can tell from the information listed below, we have worked with an additional 81 children and youth in our 3 Group Homes and Foster Care, as well as participated in 15 adoptions. As we look to the future we continue to keep our standards, values, ethics, and morals high. The results come back positive, hopeful, and miraculous. My words for 2009 were, "Signs and Wonders." God has certainly given us lots of incredible *Signs and Wonders* in the changed lives of the kids we work with. My word for 2010 is, "Extraordinary!" I am anticipating God to bless us in ways that we can't even imagine possible.

I continue to hear back from our former residents and foster children. They are still growing and learning, but have implemented the values we instilled in them, with their children and families. Considering where they were when we met them, this is *Extraordinary* for sure!

Your continued support is very much appreciated as we chart new territory with every new child and teen that God brings us. Every day is an adventure and we depend on your prayers and support to make the best choices possible, in every move we make.



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

2009 Totals

Group Home Admissions	66
Group Home Graduates	23
Foster Family Agency Admissions	15
Adoptions	15
Total Admissions	81

22 Year Totals

Group Home Admissions	941
Group Home Graduates	269
Foster Family Agency Admissions	456
Adoptions	87
Total Admissions	1397

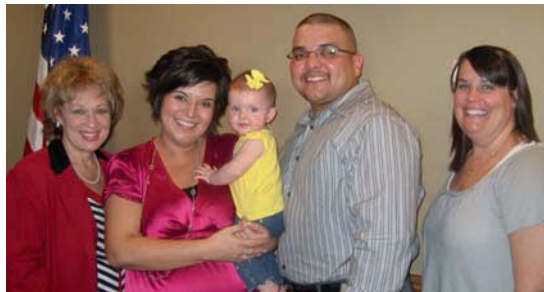
Our accomplishments include:

- Boys' Academics Improved by 80%
- Increased Counties Placing by 5
- All 4 State Licenses are Excellent
- Met our Budget and had a Clean Audit
- 33% Successful Completion at the Group Home

Goals for the future:

- More HS Graduations, Honor Roll & College Admits
- Recruit & Train More Foster & Adoption Parents
- Expand Vocational Training Program at the Ranch
- Expand Donor Base by 100
- Continue Development of Organic Farming Project
- Begin to Develop a Succession Plan for CEO Position

Adoptions and Foster Care at Valley Teen Ranch



Theologian and writer Frederick Buechner once said that, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." No statement could better embody our foster care and adoption services at Valley Teen Ranch. For example, foster and adoptive parents deeply want to care for



▲ Finalization of Adoption for the Garcia Family

▲ Foster Family / Adoption Staff at Christmas

and love vulnerable children - essentially kids who are yearning to be a part of a safe family. Each foster and adoptive parent firmly believes that this is a call that God has placed on their lives, and as they welcome children into their home (whether for a short time or for forever) they are indeed filled with a sense of satisfaction. That is not to say that there aren't times of challenge and frustration, or questions as to what God's plans are for the future (that happens in every area of life). It is simply the assurance that in the midst of good and sad times, there is always a constant hope which results in steadfast joy. And joy abounds here at Valley Teen Ranch!

Where is God directing you? Perhaps you are feeling called to care for children with us by being a foster and adoptive parent (did you know that we serve kids 0-17, male and female)? Maybe you are being called to serve in a ministry in your church, or a para-church organization? Whatever it is, God has designed you to serve in that unique and special way – and in the midst of the challenges you may endure, you will still receive a deep gladness from the Lord.



▲ Foster Family & Adoption Agency Christmas Party

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