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A Note From Andrea Evans, CEO

It's A Journey

Anytime we use the word "journey" when we are embarking on a change in our lives, we know that it involves heading to a new place of personal growth. This place can include a new adventure or be something entirely unknown to us.

The journey can be met with challenges, but it gives us a chance to overcome whatever we struggle with, something we are afraid of or have even run from in the past. Once we enter the end of our journey we are changed. We have conquered either the internal or external challenges we have had. This causes a meaningful shift in us as part of us dies so that the best parts of us can live more fully.

At the Ranch, our goal is to help our boys in their journey. Our Mental Health staff are able to assess their needs, provide resources, and therapeutic treatment, our Direct Care Staff help to build trust through healthy relationship building and care 24 hours a day. We provide Life Skill classes, so they can conceptualize a new way of thinking, of being, and living. We are also there when they act out or fall down because change is hard. We are there when they are able to celebrate positive changes in their life too.

And then there is you. You are a part of all of this through your prayers and gifts. Thank you for helping us, help them, on their journey.

Thank You for Your Support of Our Annual Online Fundraiser!

Thank you to our community, our Sponsors, and all of you who provided in-kind donations! Because of you, we raised \$26,000!

We love the online auction! We discovered the first year that there was little overhead and approximately 95% of your donations go directly to services and care for children, youth, and the young adults we serve!

Please see our wonderful Sponsors for this year below. Our in-kind donors for the auction are listed on the back page.

We are also grateful to our VTR Annual Celebration Committee for their hard work, donations, and dedication to the event! Amanda Whitman (Intern), Carolyn Kutka, Cherie Darby, Claudia Soria-Delgado, Debbie Clark, Devonne Etcheverry, Diane Weber, Gloria Craig, Lucy Martinez, Miriam Delfin and Charise Hansen.



Journey to Yosemite

A Ranch Field Trip

-by Maura Solis, Supervisor

In August Ranch staff took a few of the boys to Yosemite National Park. Most of them had only imagined what the mountains would be like. As we approached the famous Yosemite tunnel, followed by the over look view point, they were amazed and overwhelmed by the beauty.

One of the boys said he had only seen views like that in the movies and on social media. He was brought up in Oakland and never traveled or did any sight seeing. He mentioned feeling at ease and relaxed. He also said that he felt like no one knew who he was or what he had gone through. Today he was like everyone else, just one of the tourists soaking it all up!

Another boy was beyond excited to see a bear and a baby cub. He has been in the United States for 3 years from Honduras. His family is still there. So he asked me to take pictures throughout the trip so that he will always have something to look back on. We also recorded a video so he could share his experience with his family.

The boys' day consisted of hiking Vernal Falls, they had lunch near the waterfall, and experienced the enjoyment of tourists from other countries. The boys were especially delighted in seeing the flags of other countries and hearing the different languages along the way.

Because of your donations, these boys had the privilege to experience something new, something memorable, something life-changing.



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Thank you so much for your Sponsorship!



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Binky Patrol Blanket Donation!

VTR was blessed with beautiful large blankets for our boys at the ranch. It is so important to them as each is unique, and made with love. Thank you!!



Thank You Whole Foods!

VTR recently recieved a grant for \$1,642 from Whole Foods in support of activities, trips, and educational experiences for foster children and Youth!



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