



Building a foundation for life.

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A Note From Andrea Evans, CEO

From Transition to New Life

We hope you had a wonderful time with family and friends this month for Independence Day!

It is the perfect month to talk about Independence. We are focusing on our Transitional Living Home this month which provides a home for young men 18-24 years old who have experienced homelessness.

We just received a grant that will help us provide a home for even more youth who are homeless and in need of care. VTR will assist youth move into private market apartments and lease them in their own name. Our grant will help them with rental assistance, on average 9-12 months, and up to 24 months, reducing the amount gradually in order to help the youth towards their ultimate goal of independence. Our staff will continue services such as building life skills, connecting them to other resources and mentor them into their dreams of a better future...

We continue to pray for our young people, and for the ability to help more youth.

Transitional Living Home Success Story

After 5 Months, From Homelessness to Independence!

The Transitional Living Home (TLH) for young men ages 18-24 come to us homeless, but with different needs. Through our mentorship, support, and education, they can get their feet on the ground to move forward in life.

Before coming to VTR, one of our young men had been homeless for several years. He had difficulty holding on to a job or pursuing any educational opportunities. He had never known his father and had recently lost his mother, who was also homeless.

One month after being with us, he was able to enroll at Fresno City College and received financial aid. He was able to apply and receive his healthcare and food subsidy. Within two months he obtained part-time employment. Within three months he found full-time employment with paid benefits with a worldwide corporation.

Staying at our Transitional Living Home gave him the opportunity to save all of his work earnings, financial aid and stimulus distributions. He also reconnected with a family member and eventually exited the program.

This young man was able to find stable housing and employment with five months of placement with us! If you can help TLH, please give today.

One in 10 young adults ages 18-25 experienced homelessness over a 12-month period.



That's approximately 3.5 million young adults

One in 30 youth ages 13-17 experienced homelessness over a 12-month period.

Homeless Youth

Help us, help them

These young men who are experiencing homelessness are in unstable or inadequate living situations. Such living situations include sleeping on friends' couches, staying in shelters, living under bridges, in abandoned buildings, and on the streets.

VTR has a new grant from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide help for even more young men who need housing and services in our Transitional living program. The funding however does not cover all our expenses we incur to get them off the streets and bring stability to their lives.

It has been on our heart and in our plans to not only maintain the residence we have, but to grow this much needed program.

Since 2002 donors like you have helped us meet this need. We have been able to help hundreds of young men through providing them shelter, life skills education, mentoring and more. Our hope, our mission, is wrapped up in their precious lives and in the hope for their future.

We want you to know that we have developed a very successful program and there is none like ours. Young men are given time to navigate their way from homelessness to achieving stability and independence.

Can you help us help them?

We are in current need beds, mattresses, dressers, sheets, dining sets, couches and household items to furnish their new residences. For an In-kind donation, please call 559-437-1144.

You can make a one-time or monthly donation to our TLH program. Please donate to us and specify TLH for your gift at valleyteenranch.org. You can support one youth for \$100 a month for food and needs.

Summer Activities

Summer always is a time where our staff at the Ranch need assistance with summer activities. We take them on day trips mostly which helps them form relationships while helping them experience some things for the first time in their lives. We also appreciate any group that could provide a pizza party or barbecue. If you can help contact us at 559-437-1144.

Quilt Raffle

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR PURCHASE!

Raffle tickets are now on sale for a drawing to be held on September 24th for this handmade Christmas Quilt by Holly Adame.

It is called "Christmas Gifts" and each block is a colorful gift package. The colorful accents are the ribbons. It can be a wall decoration, laid over a chair/sofa, or could be used as a bed topper.

The fabrics were gathered over a period of time. They are deep rich hues of red, gold & green with gold touches.

Many hours were spent making it. It's a labor of love! It won a first place ribbon in the home arts division of the Big Fresno Fair.

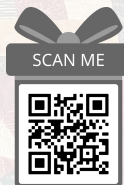
Can your group or business consider selling tickets for us?
Contact: charise.hansen@valleyteenranch.org

To Purchase Tickets

Raffle ticket prices:
2 for \$5 / 6 for \$10/ 15 for \$20

Contact our office at
559-437-1144

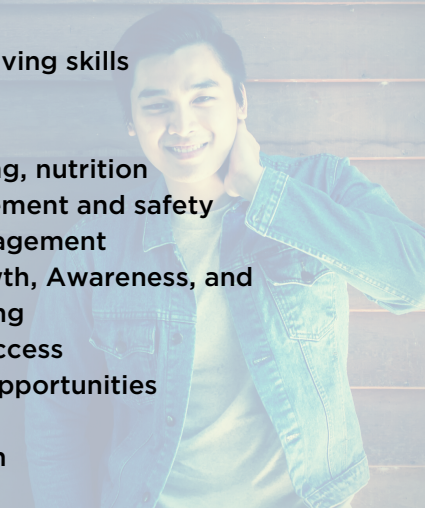
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the quilt!



The VTR Transitional Living Home

VTR Provides

- Independent living skills
- Personal care
- Health care
- Cooking, eating, nutrition
- Home management and safety
- Financial Management
- Personal Growth, Awareness, and problem solving
- Community Access
- Educational Opportunities
- Employment
- Transportation



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