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VALLEY TEEN RANCH

NEWSLETTER

Dear Community Partners and Friends,

Last month was so fun for us. Our auction every year produces a wonderful additional income for us to provide resources for our children and youth. It is that extra funding that can make the biggest difference in how we have to provide for the children and youth and fulfill needs they have that grants do not cover. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

It's important for foster care organizations to diversify their resource pool and build strong relationships with community partners, volunteers, and donors to meet the comprehensive needs of children and families in the foster care system. These combined resources can help create a more supportive and stable environment for those involved. Please see the article to the right. Also, **WE NEED MORE RESOURCE FAMILIES** willing to provide safe and loving homes for children. If you have ever considered opening your home to foster care, please contact us at ffa@valleyteenranch.org or 559-437-1144.

Andrea Evans

CEO

Thank You for Your Support!

Our Annual Online Auction raised approximately \$23,000 and had community donors who contributed to our event through in-kind donations! Please see who donated to us on the back page!

This success is a testament to the generosity of the community and the dedication of those involved in organizing and participating in the auction. A special thank you to, **Carolyn Kutka, Jeannie Flores, Gloria Craig, Devonne Etcheverry, Cherie Darby, Dianne Weber, Miriam Delfin, Lucy Martinez, Debbie Clark, and Charise Hansen.**

It's heartwarming to see the community come together to make a positive impact on the lives of young people. It's a reminder of the power of collective effort. Positive change happens when individuals and communities unite for a common cause milestone. Thank you for your commitment to creating a brighter future for the youth in the Valley Teen Ranch.

If you are interested in joining our committee for next year, please contact charise.hansen@valleyteenranch.org.

Annual Celebration Online Auction

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Foster Care Needs

VTR Foster care often requires additional resources beyond grants to effectively support children and families in need. These resources can come from a variety of sources and can be critical for providing comprehensive care. Here are some key resources provided by VTR and Resources in the community:

- Emergency Shelter and Housing Resources are necessary for immediate placement when children are removed from unsafe homes.
- Many foster children have experienced trauma and require specialized therapeutic services, including access to counseling and mental health support.
- Educational support is often necessary as Foster children may struggle academically due to disruptions. Resources such as tutors, after-school programs, and educational advocates are essential to help them succeed in school.
- Respite care provides care for foster families and can help prevent burnout and ensure the stability of foster placements.
- Legal representation is often needed to advocate for foster children's rights and best interests.
- Foster families and foster youth benefit from support groups that provide a sense of community, information sharing, and emotional support.
- Many foster children require transportation to school, appointments, and visitations. Access to reliable transportation resources is essential.
- VTR may ask for funding for expenses not covered by grants, including clothing, school supplies, extracurricular activities, and special needs.
- Training resources that promote cultural competence and diversity are essential for foster families and professionals to understand better and meet the unique needs of each child.
- VTR often advocates for local, state, and national policy changes to improve the foster care system. Resources for advocacy efforts are crucial.
- Building partnerships with other community organizations, schools, healthcare providers, and government agencies can help share resources and support the holistic needs of foster children and families.

Thank you For the Donations to the VTR Auction!

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Ode to Our Donors

Dear partners and friends,
lend us your ear,

For a tale of hope, for
those you hold dear.

An auction we held, a
joyous affair,

Bringing resources to the
young, showing them care.

We thank those who gave,
and those who still do,

From Denise Aguilar to
Sugar Pine Railroad too,

Each gift, each donation,
each helping hand,

Makes a world of
difference to foster youth,
in giving what you can.

Can We Speak to Your Group?

VTR loves to have the opportunity to come and speak to your group and share about the services we provide to foster children and youth.

Please contact us at 559-288-1003 or charise.hansen@valleyteenranch.org



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