

Building a foundation for life.

NEWSLETTER

Dear Community Partners and Friends,

Valley Teen Ranch has a very important mission in caring for foster children and youth. Our work is crucial and an impactful endeavor that can have a lasting positive influence on the young lives we serve.

Valley Teen Ranch is deeply committed to making the wellbeing and growth of foster children and youth the center of everything we do. Our dedication to providing them with a supportive and nurturing environment is our priority.

Foster care can be a challenging experience for children and teens who have faced difficult circumstances. Valley Teen Ranch plays a vital role in offering them stability, care, and opportunities for personal development. It is the "heart and focus" of our work and commitment to creating a safe and loving space for these young individuals to thrive.

Please read our story about Juan, "You Helped Me Save My Life", and about our need for more Resource Families on the second page. If you have ever considered Foster Care, please contact us.

Also, we hope you will enjoy our Online Auction this year. Information is below!



CEO



You Helped Me Save My Life

Juan had been on a positive journey of personal growth and recovery at the Ranch before leaving this month to a Transitional Living Home.

Over the past year and a half, Juan was placed with VTR for recovery from his struggles with drug use and lack of school attendance. The staff recognized his inherent goodness though, and as the months passed. Juan demonstrated his character even further.

Jesse Banuelos, a house supervisor said, Juan showed commitment to his healing process and was always positive in his behavior and attitude. He immersed himself in school becoming a top student, learned life skills at the Ranch so he could be a productive member of society, and worked hard on his chores at the Ranch. The boys are given responsibilities like feeding the animals, doing yardwork, and cleaning the house.

Jesse said, "Juan would even help his peers and became a very positive role model. He would always do the right thing, even when no one was watching. He never expected anything back for what he would give to the Ranch or others, and that spoke to his integrity.

When Juan left, he thanked the staff for helping him to remain sober, and helping him mature. He told them, "You helped me save my life."











VALLEY TEEN RANCH

SEPTEMBER 15-23, 2023

For Our Annual Celebration Online Auction vtr.rallyup.com/vtr2023auction



JOIN the **Auction Site** By supporting the auction, 95% of the funds raised goes directly to services and needed resources.

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Resource Families Needed

Resource families are essential in helping to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children who are in need of out-of-home care. Resource families are individuals or couples who have opened their homes and hearts to children and youth in need of a temporary or permanent home.

These children may be in foster care or may have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Resource families provide a stable and supportive environment for these children, helping them to heal and arow.

Becoming a resource family is a big decision, but it can also be a rewarding one. Resource families receive training and support to help them provide the best possible care for the children in their home. Resource families can be single or married, own or rent their home, and have children of their own or not

If you are interested in becoming a resource family, reach out to Valley Teen Ranch! We are a licensed Foster Family Agency. You can make a difference in the life of a child in need. Email ffa@valleyteenranch.org or call 559-437-1144.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO BACK-T0-SCHOOL FOR OUR FOSTER CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We are so grateful for the outpouring of resources from our friends. We were able to get enough to provide for all the children and youth who needed one. You have made Back-to-School very special for all our kids.

Individual and Group Tours

Tours of the Ranch are available to individuals, groups, and clubs. We also are available to speak to your club or group. Please contact Charise Hansen at 559-437-1144 or charise.hansen@valleyteenranch.org



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Foster Care

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