



Building a foundation for life.

WELCOME HOME!

Unlocking Brighter Futures for Foster and Homeless Youth

For over 20 years, Valley Teen Ranch has served homeless youth, ages 18-24 through our Transitional Living Program. This successful program has helped over 150 young men.

In 2023 we added a Rapid Rehousing Program which helps young women and men by providing short-term rental assistance and services. The goals are to help young adults obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed.

In 2024, VTR will have a new campus in Fresno. “Welcome Home”, will house over 95 residents for youth who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. This includes foster youth, former foster youth, and youth who have gone through the foster care system and are at risk of homelessness. The Welcome Home Campus will also provide single-family housing for those who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.



Our Hope

We dream of a world where every young person, regardless of their circumstances, has a safe place to call home, the chance to realize their full potential, and a future filled with hope.

Our mission, our HOPE is unwavering—to provide homeless youth with shelter, support, and a pathway to a brighter future. We work tirelessly to create a nurturing environment that offers not only a safe roof over their heads but also opportunities for education, counseling, experiences, and a sense of belonging.

Our vision, is a society in which homelessness among youth is eradicated. We envision a community where these young souls are not merely surviving but thriving, where they are empowered to break the cycle of homelessness and become confident, self-reliant individuals.

PROPERTY FEATURES

The VTR “Welcome Home” Campus will open for housing in August 2024. The project will include three (3) 2-story modular buildings. A modular home is prefabricated built in a factory and delivered as a compact unit. The Welcome Home Campus will be comprised of units that are specified for housing, community and services.

Youth Housing: 60 Units

Our primary focus is on providing 60 dedicated housing units for youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. This inclusive approach encompasses foster youth, former foster youth, and individuals who have navigated the foster care system. Our commitment is to create a supportive community that empowers these young individuals, fostering independence and breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Single-Family Housing: 35 Units

In addition to the youth-specific units, we are developing 35 units of single-family housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk. This broader housing initiative aims to cater to the diverse needs of those facing housing insecurity, offering a range of housing options to suit individual circumstances.

Community Buildings: 2 Buildings

Two community buildings will serve as central hubs for various support services, community activities, and programs. These spaces will be versatile, providing a platform for educational workshops, counseling services, and social events that contribute to the holistic well-being of the residents.

On-Site Manager Unit: 1 Unit

To ensure the smooth functioning and safety of the community, one unit will be designated for an on-site manager. This individual will play a pivotal role in fostering a sense of community, addressing immediate needs, and coordinating support services.

HOMEKEY

Homekey is a grant from the California Department of Housing and Community Development that was awarded to VTR.

By collaborating with Homekey, Valley Teen Ranch can achieve the following key outcomes:

Expand the number of available housing units for homeless youth in our community. Strengthen the array of support services provided to homeless youth, addressing their unique challenges. Foster community integration and understanding, reducing the stigma associated with homelessness. Contribute to long-term housing stability for homeless youth through ongoing support programs.

By leveraging Homekey funding, Valley Teen Ranch has the potential to significantly amplify its impact and contribute to the broader effort to address homelessness among youth in California.



ABOUT US

VTR Builds a Foundation for Life through our support services that provide for the basic needs of vulnerable children, youth, and young adults who are victims of abuse, abandonment, neglect, trauma, homelessness, or have a history of delinquent behavior. Through our four programs, the Foster Family Agency, Adoption Agency, Transitional Living Program, and the Residential Therapeutic Program, VTR provides interventions, advocacy, mentorship, education, and personalized care.

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