



Building a foundation for life. VALLEY TEEN RANCH NEWSLETTER

"Valley Teen Ranch Celebrates Love this Valentine's Day: Fostering Hearts, Building Futures"

Dear Valley Teen Ranch Community,

As we embrace the spirit of love and connection this February, we are delighted to share the heartbeat of Valley Teen Ranch - "Fostering Hearts, Building Futures." This phrase encompasses the heart of our mission and vision for VTR.

In the spirit of love and unity, we invite you to contribute to our "Fostering Hearts, Building Futures" campaign for our Welcome Home project. Your support can make a significant impact on the lives of the young individuals we serve, fostering a sense of belonging, a home, and all the help they need on their journey towards independence.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Andrea Evans

Andrea Evans, CEO

Assistance League Busy Hands Senior Group



The Busy Hands group at San Joaquin Memorial Gardens, under the umbrella of the Assistance League, has been a steadfast and generous supporter of VTR.

Each year, and sometimes even more frequently, they present us with a heartwarming donation of handmade fleece blankets. These cozy creations serve as not just material comforts but as tangible symbols of care and compassion for our boys. Valley Teen Ranch (VTR) is so grateful for all you do for us!



VTR Rapid Re-housing Serving our First Female Resident!

In the heart of Fresno, where stories of resilience and hope unfold, one woman's journey stands as a testament to the transformative power of Rapid Re-housing. Deanna, a newcomer to the city, found herself facing the daunting challenge of securing stable housing with her friend after relocating from San Diego.

Their initial living situation, a trailer without electricity or running water, highlighted the urgent need for assistance. Deanna, recognizing the importance of a helping hand, reached out to Golden State Triage, a shelter in town. However, with a considerable number of residents facing various life difficulties, the resources at Golden State Triage were limited.

It was at this crucial juncture in Deanna's path that Golden State Triage connected Deanna with Valley Teen Ranch (VTR) and their Transitional Living Home Director, Joseph Evans. Understanding the pressing need for swift intervention, Joseph, through the Rapid Re-Housing program, played a pivotal role in placing Deanna in an apartment.

The unique aspect of the Rapid Re-Housing program is its approach—offering assistance without preconditions such as employment, income, criminal record, or sobriety. The resources and services provided are tailored to the specific needs of each individual, ensuring a holistic and personalized support system.

Deanna's journey didn't stop at securing housing; she also found employment that she loves, marking a significant step towards increased self-sufficiency. The success of this program is not limited to young men; after 37 years VTR extends our services to young women like Deanna, offering a lifeline to those in need.

VTR's commitment to expanding its impact is evident with the forthcoming opening of a new campus, "Welcome Home", in August.

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This expansion will enable VTR to provide housing and services to 95 individuals, both females and males, further solidifying its role in helping homeless youth ages 18-24.

Deanna, now settled and content, shares her gratitude and words of encouragement, saying, "I want to let other people like me, never give up, and always look to the light! There is a pot of gold at the end of the Rainbow!"



Deanna's story is a shining example of the positive outcomes that can be achieved through compassionate and tailored support. As Valley Teen Ranch continues its mission, many more individuals will have the opportunity to find their pot of gold at the end of life's challenges.

IN TRIBUTE AND IN MEMORY

All Tribute and Memorial Gifts will be acknowledged through a letter we send to the person or family of those honored. Find the form online at valleyteenranch.org, Ways to Give

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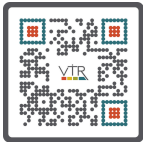
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