



Building a foundation for life. VALLEY TEEN RANCH NEWSLETTER

"Celebrating National Foster Care Month and Easter Joy at Valley Teen Ranch"

Dear Donors, Community Partners, and Valley Teen Ranch Supporters,

The boys at Ranch had the opportunity to come together and celebrate Easter with a meal they helped prepare. They had a wonderful time together and all the boys received filled Easter bunny balloons (pictures of Easter on the next page). The staff at the Ranch work to create experiences and opportunities for youth who have challenges and adversity in their lives. Our boys are foster youth whom the courts send to us in the hope they will find healing and support as they navigate their difficulties.

As we mark National Foster Care Month, we find joy in celebrating the resilience, strength, and hope of the children and youth we serve at Valley Teen Ranch. Your unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in creating a nurturing environment where every child feels valued and supported.

Also during this month, Resource Parents are celebrated, and for all the children and youth brought into their homes and cared for, we are grateful! a special invitation to those who may be interested in becoming resource families. Your willingness to open your hearts and homes can make a profound difference in the lives of children in need, providing them with the love, stability, and support they deserve.

On behalf of everyone at Valley Teen Ranch, including our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of our kiddos, we extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our mission.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Andrea Evans, CEO

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Resource Parent?

Contact the Foster Family Agency 559.437.1144
or ffa@valleyteenranch.org

Our next Orientations are 5/21/24 and 6/18/24



The Collins' Foster Care Journey: A Story of Love, Safety, and Care

Holly and Chris Collins, are a remarkable couple whose journey into foster care and adoption began with a deep desire to invest in the next generation. Like many couples, they initially planned to have children of their own. However, when they learned that this wasn't possible, they felt called to open their hearts and home to foster and adoptive children.

After much prayer and consideration, the Collins decided to focus on adopting a child between the ages of one and ten. They knew they wanted to provide a loving and stable home for a child who needed it most. Holly, reflecting on the process, shared, "Reading the reports on these children can be daunting, given what they've endured or been exposed to. But what they truly need is love, safety, and care."

After much prayer and consideration, the Collins welcomed a six-year-old boy who had experienced multiple placements in the foster care system. Despite his challenges, including night terrors, anxiety, and skin issues. The Collins knew he belonged with them. Holly recalled, "After a few months, he began to heal from the inside out".

As their family continued to grow, the Collins experienced the joy of welcoming a baby boy into their lives through foster care. Despite facing the heartbreaking loss of a pregnancy, they chose to reactivate their license and remain committed to providing a loving home for children in need. In over a year they welcomed the baby boy into their family, and finalized his adoption.

For those considering becoming Resource Parents, the Collins offer valuable insights and considerations:

- Fostering is not always easy, and it requires a deep capacity to give fully of oneself.
- Many children need a safe and loving environment where they feel cared for and valued.
- You must be willing to accept that the foster youth you care for may leave your home, as part of the redemption process. Your role is to give them everything you can during their time with you.

The Collins' story is a testament to the transformative power of love and resilience. They have made a lasting impact on the lives of the children they have welcomed into their family, reminding us all of the difference we can make when we open our hearts and homes to those in need.



Easter at the Ranch

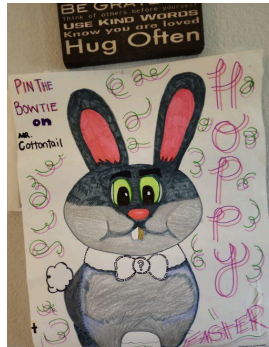
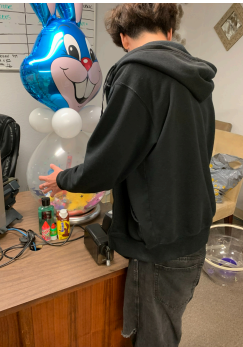
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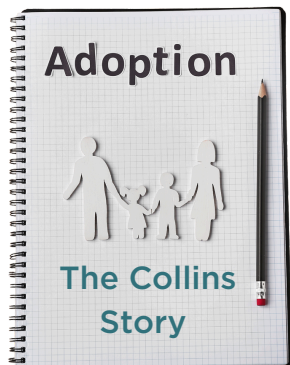
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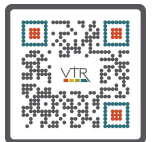


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