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VALLEY TEEN RANCH

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safety,
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Dear Friends and Community Partners,

We are excited to share the latest progress on our Welcome Home Project! Currently, the project is 30% complete, and we are on track for an anticipated completion the end of December. Thanks to the dedicated work of one of our many partners, Quiring General, we receive weekly updates, and it's thrilling to see the project taking shape. You can see the project progress below, along with updated renderings below.

To help us bring this project to life, we invite you to participate in our online auction. The support from community businesses has been incredible, and we are so thankful for their generosity. Every bid helps us move closer to completing this vital project, which will provide a safe and supportive environment for those in need.

We have raised 23 million and have 5 million more to go. We hope if you or your organization, club, or corporation can support us in any way to reach our goal, we would appreciate your help! Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of this important journey with us. Helping unhoused youth and foster youth in our community!

Thank you,

Andrea Evans, CEO

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Exciting Developments at Valley Teen Ranch: New Partnerships and Expanded Opportunities

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news! Recently, Dr. Mahoney and Mr. Langford, chairmen of the Department of Recreation Administration at Fresno State University, visited us at the Ranch. We had a productive meeting, and we're excited about the potential partnerships that could arise from this collaboration.

New Internship Opportunities

We're exploring potential internships in both the ropes course and recreation therapy areas. These opportunities could provide invaluable hands-on experience for students while further enriching our programs. This partnership promises to enhance our therapeutic offerings and provide professional growth for the next generation of recreation professionals.

Impact of the Ropes Course

Our ropes course is a vital part of the adventure therapy we offer at the Ranch. This form of therapy is instrumental in helping our young people develop essential coping skills in a controlled and supportive environment. The ropes course addresses various mental health challenges, including anxiety and addiction, and is a powerful tool for fostering teamwork, communication, problem-solving, trust, and self-esteem. It also aids in building a positive outlook and strengthens personal development.

Expanding Our Reach

The collaboration with Fresno State University will also help us extend our services to other youth service organizations, businesses, educational centers, and corporate firms. Our ropes course can support professional development and stress reduction for key staff members in these organizations, creating a broader impact on our community.

A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our deepest gratitude to the:

**In-N-Out Burger Foundation,
The Fansler Foundation,
and the Kaiser Permanente Foundation**

for their generous support in resurrecting our ropes course. Your contributions have made it possible for us to continue offering transformative experiences to the youth at Valley Teen Ranch.

Thank you to all those who have supported the Ranch for being a part of our journey and helping us make a lasting difference in the lives of young people.

Exciting News: Grant Received from Kaiser Permanente

We are thrilled to announce that Valley Teen Ranch has received a generous grant from Kaiser Permanente! This grant will provide crucial operational support for our Welcome Home program, ensuring that we can continue to offer stable housing and essential services to our youth.

In addition, the grant will enable us to hire a Supportive Services Director for the Welcome Home program. This new role is key to ensuring high-quality service delivery, allowing us to better meet the needs of the young people we serve as they transition into independent living.

Furthermore, this grant will help us strengthen community partnerships, enhancing both the mental and physical health of our youth. By working closely with our community, we can create a more comprehensive support system that empowers our young people to thrive. The Welcome Home program, along with the Transitional Living Home, plays a vital role in empowering our youth to build a brighter future. With Kaiser Permanente's support, we are better equipped than ever to make a lasting impact on their lives.

We are deeply grateful for Kaiser Permanente's commitment to our mission and their dedication to improving the well-being of our community.

Thank you, Kaiser Permanente, for helping us take another important step toward creating a brighter future for our youth!



Thank you to Our Back to School donors; Diane Weber, John Heffernan, Mary Cook, Non-Profits' United, and Amy Berry for the school supplies!

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We extend our deepest gratitude to all the generous community donors who contributed items for our online auction. Your support plays a crucial role in sustaining our services and making a significant impact.

This year, proceeds from the auction will help support our "Welcome Home" program. We're proud to share that over 95% of the auction proceeds directly benefit our agency, allowing us to continue providing essential services and support.

Thank you for your invaluable contributions and for helping us make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Your generosity is truly appreciated!



THANK YOU!

Celebrating Success: Graduations and New Beginnings at Valley Teen Ranch

At Valley Teen Ranch, we are proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our youth at the Ranch. The last few months have been particularly special, as we witnessed three high school graduations and two program graduations. Additionally, for the first time, one of our young men took a significant step toward his future by attending a vocational college. These milestones are personal victories for our youth and highlight the importance of the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) at the Ranch.

The Impact of Education, Graduation, and Therapeutic Care
Education is a cornerstone of personal development and future success. For many of the young people at Valley Teen Ranch, achieving a high school diploma represents overcoming significant challenges and barriers. It's a testament to their resilience, determination, and the support they've received through our therapeutic programs. Graduating from high school opens doors to new opportunities, whether that be higher education, vocational training, or entering the workforce.

In addition to high school graduations, we are proud to have two program graduations this year. Completing a program at Valley Teen Ranch signifies that our youth have acquired essential life skills, emotional regulation techniques, and coping strategies that will serve them well as they transition into adulthood. These program graduates have worked hard to address the challenges they've faced and are now equipped with the tools they need to lead healthier, more independent lives.

These successes highlight the vital role that the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program plays at Valley Teen Ranch. The STRTP is designed to provide comprehensive therapeutic care in a structured and supportive environment. This program addresses the emotional, behavioral, and educational needs of our youth, helping them overcome past traumas and build a foundation for life.

Celebrating Two Decades of Dedication:

Congratulations to Our Long-Service Staff!

We are thrilled to congratulate our incredible staff members who have reached a remarkable milestone of 20 years or more of service at Valley Teen Ranch. Your unwavering commitment, passion, and dedication have been the cornerstone of our success and the heart of our mission.

Your years of service have shaped our organization and profoundly impacted countless young people's lives. Your tireless efforts and compassion are deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for everything you do to support and uplift our community.

**John Addington
David Carrera
Joseph Evans
Bayon Harris
Michael Hidalgo
Shelley Huntsman
Denielle Kier
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Thank you for your exceptional service and for being a vital part of the Valley Teen Ranch family. Here's to many more years of making a difference together!



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