

VTR NEWSLETTER

 VALLEY TEEN RANCH



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Online Auction

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M.
TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M.



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Foundation for Life Fund

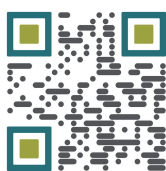
Building stability. Creating opportunity.

You can help meet the everyday needs of the young adults we serve as they move toward stable, independent living.

Your support—through donations, services, or time—creates stability and opportunity.

Give to:

- Foundation for Life General Fund
- Sierra Crossing
- Education and Opportunity



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Raise a glass and make a difference at A Toast to Hope at the Winemaker's Table, an elegant evening benefiting Valley Teen Ranch and Sierra Crossing.

Guests will enjoy an unforgettable evening featuring exceptional wines from Bovino Vineyards, delicious hors d'oeuvres, inspiring stories, and the opportunity to support youth and young adults as they build brighter futures.

Thursday, September 24
Fort Washington Country Club
5:30-8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 per person, or reserve a table for eight and enjoy the evening with family, friends, or colleagues.

Every ticket purchased helps provide housing, healing, and hope for the youth, young adults, and families we serve. We hope you'll join us for this special evening as we continue Building a Foundation for Life.

To register: Go to valleyteenranch.org

| Letter From the CEO

Dear Friends,

As summer gives way to a new season, there is a sense of anticipation throughout Valley Teen Ranch. For the youth we serve, back-to-school means more than new backpacks and school supplies—it represents new opportunities, fresh goals, and another step toward building a brighter future.

This season also reminds us that growth often happens in the everyday moments. Whether it's a young adult learning to prepare a meal in their own apartment, celebrating a personal milestone like baptism, or receiving encouragement

from a caring case manager, these moments may seem small, but together they create lasting change.

We are also grateful for the generosity of our community. Thanks to the recent support of the Fansler Foundation, we will be able to make important improvements at the Ranch that help preserve a safe and welcoming environment for the youth who call it home. Investments like these ensure we can continue providing quality care for years to come.

As we look ahead, we're excited to invite you to join us at our upcoming events, including A Toast to Hope at

the Winemaker's Table and our Online Auction.

Every ticket purchased, every auction item donated, and every bid placed helps provide housing, healing, and hope for the youth, young adults, and families we serve. Thank you for believing in our mission and for walking alongside us. Whether you're a donor, volunteer, community partner, or friend of Valley Teen Ranch, your support helps make every success story possible.

Together, we are Building a Foundation for Life.

With gratitude,

Andrea Evans

| Youth Supporting Youth

Confidence in the Kitchen



Life skills are an important part of building independence, and recently, Sierra Crossing residents had the opportunity to sharpen one of the most essential skills—cooking.

Marisol loves to cook and is part of our Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program.

She recently facilitated a cooking class for other youth residents, giving them a hands-on experience preparing a meal while learning how to safely and confidently use the appliances in their new homes. While attendance was small, those who participated enjoyed the class, gained practical skills, and had a great time learning together.

Marisol's enthusiasm and appreciation for the opportunity to serve made the afternoon especially meaningful.

As Sierra Crossing continues to grow, classes like these help residents build confidence, develop healthy habits, and feel more at home in their community.

Sometimes independence begins with something as simple as preparing your first meal in a place you can finally call home.



Do you have a truck or van and a little time to give?

We're seeking volunteers to help pick up and deliver donated items for our youth. Your help makes a real difference. Contact our office at 559-437-1144.

Because of You



Fansler Foundation Invests in the Ranch

Valley Teen Ranch is grateful to the Fansler Foundation for its generous support of important improvements at the Ranch.

The Foundation recently awarded funding to replace the roofs on the Ranch's maintenance building and tack shed—two facilities that play an essential role in the daily operations of our campus. While these buildings may not always be seen by those we serve, they help ensure our property remains safe, functional, and well-maintained for the youth who call the Ranch home.

The tack shed supports our equine program by protecting saddles, tack, and equipment used with our horses, while the maintenance building houses the tools and supplies needed to care for our homes and campus. Investing in these facilities helps preserve the environment where healing, growth, and learning take place every day.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Fansler Foundation for investing in the future of Valley Teen Ranch and the youth we serve. Partnerships like this help ensure our campus remains a safe, welcoming place where young people can continue Building a Foundation for Life.

THANK YOU TO EAST FRESNO ROTARY

Sierra Crossing residents and staff recently gathered for a community BBQ filled with good food, conversation, and fun!

A special thank you to East Fresno Rotary and Lee's Air for making the day even sweeter by bringing out the Lee's Air ice cream truck. We're grateful for community partners who show up for our residents and help create moments like these.



KAISER PERMANENTE® Invests in Our Youth

We are grateful to Kaiser Permanente for a generous \$25,000 grant to strengthen therapeutic recreation at Valley Teen Ranch. This support will help expand meaningful activities that build confidence, encourage healthy coping skills, strengthen relationships, and support the overall well-being of youth at the Ranch.

Investments like this remind us what is possible when community partners believe in our young people. Thank you, Kaiser Permanente, for helping us continue to build a foundation for life.

| Hope Forward

Celebrating New Beginnings



One of the greatest joys at Valley Teen Ranch is celebrating the milestones that mark a young person's journey toward hope and healing.

Recently, one of our young adults in the Transitional Housing Program (THP) was baptized—a significant step in his personal and spiritual journey. Angela Dostal, his case manager, was there to support him as he celebrated this meaningful milestone, reflecting the trusted

relationships our staff build with the youth they serve.

Angela also regularly takes youth to a local church food pantry, helping them access resources, build life skills, and develop connections within the community. Whether helping meet everyday needs or celebrating life's important moments, she exemplifies the relationship-driven approach that defines Valley Teen Ranch.

At Valley Teen Ranch, our staff are more than case managers. They are mentors, advocates, and caring adults who invest in the lives of the youth and young adults we serve.

Every ride to the food pantry, every conversation, and every milestone celebrated helps build confidence, strengthen relationships, and remind our youth that they are never walking alone.

Congratulations to this remarkable young man on his baptism and this important step in his journey. We are honored to celebrate alongside him as he continues Building a Foundation for Life.



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- ☐ The Ranch
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559.437.1144 or development @valleyteenranch.org*

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