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SEAL OF APPROVAL

Rancho is proud to announce that on June 30, 2016, our agency was awarded the highest level of accreditation: a three-year accreditation with Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International. Rancho was originally accredited three years ago, so June marked our first re-accreditation. The accreditation is for the following programs: Assessment and Referral (Juvenile Justice); Residential Treatment (Children and Adolescents) and Residential Treatment (Juvenile Justice).

The process of accreditation entails surveyors from like agencies across the country evaluating our agency on thousands of different standards. The surveyors spent two days reviewing our program materials, clinical records, financials, meeting minutes, and many of our business plans. The surveyors interview key staff members and stakeholders, including residents, families, and our Board of Directors representative. They truly seem to leave "no stone unturned."

In the exit interview eight key staff with well over 200 total years of dedication to Rancho, heard feedback regarding our adherence to many of the standards and areas of recommendation on how Rancho can improve compliance to the standards. The words that resonated the loudest were when the surveyors described Rancho's passion for the youth with whom we serve. In a world focused on compliance and documentation, Rancho's long standing mission has not been lost and this was highlighted and felt by our survey team. And that, is something for which every person connected to Rancho should feel proud of. -Aubree Sweeney





A LETTER FROM BROTHER JOHN CROWE

Dear Friends,

Our world, our country and our state are all in need of a massive infusion of faith, hope and love at this time in our history. I think we have forgotten why we are on this Earth. In these times, I recommend we increase our practice of the spiritual and corporal works for mercy.

The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbors in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting – these are spiritual works of mercy – as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witness to fraternal charity. It is also a work of justice, pleasing to God.

“He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; and beyond everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?”

Expect to see you in Heaven through practicing these excellent virtues.

Brother John Crowe, C.S.C.



THE POWER OF ART

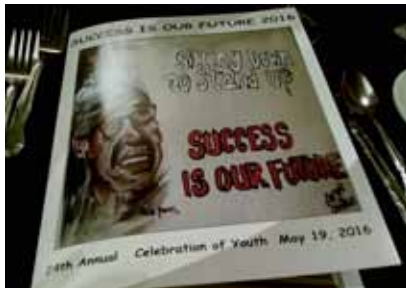
Arts-based programs have been shown to be particularly effective in promoting positive youth development. Youth receive positive benefits from participation in arts programming, including a positive impact on self-image and self-esteem. Timesha, a teaching assistant at Aggeler High School who is part of The Group Home Scholars Program, was gracious enough to help our boys tap into their creative side and challenge our boys to think about important questions in their lives such as: Who is someone you really love and admire? What are your future goals? What do you want to be when you grow up? What does happiness mean to you? And many more questions that challenge them to think. They chose a question and answered it through art on paper tags which were then displayed in the main office of Rancho.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Glamour Gowns is an annual event held at the Los Angeles Convention Center that provides free formal attire to young men and women in the Los Angeles foster care system. The event is led by the Glamour Gowns Committee, partnered with CASA of Los Angeles, and is sponsored by an array of organizations. Over 400 volunteers were present at the event helping each foster youth individually get “suited up”. This included measurements and tailoring for each suit and gown. Many of our boys were able to attend this event and received their first tailored suit ever! It was amazing to watch as this

experience helped our boys build their confidence and self-esteem. We are grateful for the Glamour Gowns and Suit Up event and all those who helped out.



EDUCATION IS KEY

On May 19th, 2016, foster youth from a variety of facilities were recognized for their outstanding achievements in academics, athletics, and performing arts at the 24th annual Success is Our Future Banquet. The event is supported by Los Angeles County Probation Department and Foster Home providers. Two of our current Rancho youth won academic scholarships, four of our former youths who recently graduated our program prior to the event also won education scholarships. Seven of our boys performed at the formal event, and for the 4th year in a row one of our boys won the Athletics Award. The event's main focus was honoring our 2016 graduates. We are proud to announce that 23 of our boys were honored at the ceremony!



The success stories continue as 23 of our boys qualified for graduation in 2016 from William Tell Aggeler High School. Of the 23 boys, 7 who attended the graduation ceremony on June 8th were current Rancho residents at the time of the ceremony, and 7 were former residents who graduated our program. The other 9 boys who qualified to graduate could not make the ceremony but were honored. Congrats to our 2016 graduates!

We are also proud to announce that 4 of our boys received educational scholarships throughout the year from Probation and other organizations. They were awarded over \$9,000 collectively!

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services (AYE) of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. provides over 2,000 less privileged youths with job training, educational, and career services each year. AYE has a mission to provide young people with job training, education, and counseling so that they become self-sufficient and productive. In May, 34 of our boys were provided with the opportunity to participate in a paid internship program through the AYE program. They were paid minimum wage to work various jobs on campus including:



Activities Assistant, Administration Aide, Job and Career Center Assistant, Kitchen and Dining Hall Worker, Infirmary Aide, and many more. AYE representatives hosted workshops to teach our boys career planning, workforce prep and occupational training. Overall, this is a great program that teaches our young men positive work ethics and helps them gain valuable experience.



WE THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended our 69th Annual Open House BBQ and Car Show sponsored by Knights of Columbus and Classic Chevy Car Club. A BIG thank you to our sponsors and supporters for their continued support. The work we do would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and donors. We would like to thank all of the individuals, clubs and organizations that have supported us in the past and will continue to support us in the future.

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