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70TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday,
May 7th**



**Car Show
9am-3pm**



Sponsored By

Knights of Columbus and Classic Chevys of SoCal

GRILLIN' UP A GOOD TIME

Come join us for a finger-lickin', lip-smackin', knee-slappin' good ol' time! It is once again that time of the year to celebrate with Rancho San Antonio in the annual BBQ and Car Show. The Classic Chevys of Southern California will have over 200 classic and restored cars and trucks showcased on our beautiful field. The event will also feature raffles and prizes. Ticket sales will be used to help us change the lives of the youth and families we serve. Your support is greatly appreciated and we will see you on May 7th!



A REFLECTION FROM BROTHER JOHN

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

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 earth. In these times, I recommend we increase our patience of the spiritual and corporal works of 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 witnesses 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 value are words without actions?”

Our world will be more peaceful if we lead with these works of mercy.

Hope to see you in Heaven.

Sincerely,

Brother John Crowe, C.S.C.



HOLIDAY CHEER

The holiday spirit filled Rancho at Christmas time. We know that the holidays can be a difficult time away from family and loved ones, so we try to bring as much festive cheer as possible. Dorms were decorated and lights were strung up around campus. We had a holiday party complete with games, contests, and prizes. Santa even came for our Family BBQ with presents for siblings. Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories. The youth were taught, “He who has Christmas in his heart will have it all year long”.



WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS

During the holidays we have a long standing tradition of teaching our youth the value of community and giving back. Community service is a great way to teach compassion and understanding.

Operation Gratitude: We made Blessing Bags for the homeless. The youth collected various items such as hygiene products, scarfs and blankets and made over 150 blessing bags which were passed out to the homeless.



Valley Rescue Center: We cooked dinner for 60 residents. Rancho provided and served the food.

M.E.N.D: Spent a day at MEND volunteering by

packing bags of food for people in need. The youth also broke down boxes and helped organize some donations.

OPERATION BEAUTIFY RSA: The youth and staff did a detailed clean-up on our very own campus giving it some much needed love and care.

Comments from our youth:

“Participating in this project made me feel grateful for all that I have. Although I may not be home right now, I’m surrounded by people who support me and care very much.”

“Overall, this was a great experience. I helped others feel good about themselves. And that makes me feel good.”



ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

After a two year hiatus, Rancho hosted its long awaited Talent Show led by some of our most creative and dedicated staff. The committee provided the performers with a “green room” for the youth to prep, relax and enjoy various snacks, as they calmed their nerves. The show had an overall feel of the glitz and glamour of Hollywood. The talent show featured several acts including singers, poets, and a guitar solo. The seven talented youth performed before a specially-selected judging panel and were cheered on by staff and youth. The excitement was electric as the top three winners were presented on stage with cash prizes. The event was a huge success and a motivator for the youth to show off their talents.



ODYSSEY WRITERS

We are honored to have a long standing connection with a group of talented volunteer actors from the Antaeus Theater Company who provide a workshop for our youth. The Odyssey Workshop is led by artist and educator Elizabeth Berman, and Antaeus company member John Prosky. The workshop is a creative writing and theatre program that teaches the structural elements of non-fiction writing as well as theater performance skills through Shakespeare. The youth create and perform an original theater piece of their personal stories blended with characters from Shakespeare’s plays. Our Rancho family appreciate the talented actors of the Antaeus Theater Company for encouraging our youth to embrace their unique attributes, to showcase their talent and promote self-expression.

A BIG THANKS TO OUR BENEFACTORS

The Rancho family would like to express our deepest thanks for your continuous donations to our youth and facility. Generous gifts from donors provide the support needed for us to fulfill our mission. There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty. We at Rancho San Antonio are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like yourself who answer the call to give again and again. Thank you!



A special thank you goes out to some of our most faithful benefactors during the holiday season who bless Rancho throughout the years with such amazing contributions: Classic Chevys of SoCal, St. Euphrasia Parish School, Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, CSUN Early Birds, and Rancho’s Ladies Guild.

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Rancho is grateful to our friends who contributed from November 2, 2016 through February 28, 2017.
All donations are greatly appreciated, our mission would not be possible without your continued support.

Please excuse our mistake if your name was omitted and contact us so that we may correct our error.

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