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A REFLECTION FROM BROTHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

As this Lenten season ends and we celebrate Easter, we should rejoice as we reflect on the mercy of God, who loves us so much that He became man, for the sole purpose of suffering and dying to save us. We are so loved! He has shown us the way to live our lives.

Six Reasons to Forgive:

- Anger, like acid, eventually destroys its container.
- Forgiveness can change the one who hurt you.
- God has forgiven you (remember the unforgiving servant).
- It makes you a craftsman of a better world, not forever an objectified victim.
- Forgiveness derives power from being unexpected and undeserved and is therefore dramatic and startling.
- Revenge, like a sneeze, feels good for a moment but leaves behind a mess.

-Daniel Philpott is a Notre Dame professor of political science and peace studies, and director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

10 Words to Live By:

Treat everybody else the way you want to be treated.

Yours in Christ's Love,

Brother John Crowe, C.S.C.
Chief Financial Officer



HOLIDAY THANKS

What a festive Holiday season! There is absolutely nothing like seeing the faces of our youth on Christmas morning. The way their eyes lit up and the smile on their faces as they gazed at the presents around the tree. With each gift, they were reminded that they were valued and not alone this Christmas. We were fortunate this holiday season to receive donations from many of our faithful supporters, as well as new partners in our mission to serve our youth in need. We are grateful to all of our supporters and appreciate the ongoing support.



Thank you to the Classic Chevy of SoCal, St. Euphrasia, the Early Birds of CSUN, A Child's Place, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge for your generous support this holiday season.



PAY IT FOWARD

Many of our youth have not had an opportunity to be on the "giving" side of giving back. Giving back to our community is imperative for positive youth development. The goal is to encourage empathy, promote self-reflection, healthy be-

haviors, and guide our youth to become productive citizens. As part of our on-going holiday tradition, each dorm accomplished the following projects:

The Group Home had the opportunity to visit KEEN which is an organization that empowers youth with disabilities by providing programs of exercise, fitness and fun, while being led by volunteer coaches. Our youth had a blast as they played basketball with the kids of KEEN.



Pedro Gabriel dorm had the pleasure of making care packages for those who are serving our country at Operation Gratitude.

Jose Antonio and Frisco Rafael dorms volunteered at M.E.N.D where they helped separate and sort different foods and supplies that were donated for families in need.

Filippo Fernando dorm volunteered to be cooks for the day at the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission where they prepared meals for homeless men, women and their families.

San Juan Cottage did a detailed clean-up on our very own campus giving it some tender loving care.



RANCHO'S WORKOUT CLASS

Rancho's workout program was developed to promote wellness as a concept of unity for the mind, body and spirit of our residents. Two of our very own staff, who are qualified personal

trainers, host the class two times a week. The class encourages lifelong well-being and fitness by offering a variety of training to meet the needs of the youth both physically and mentally. Rancho San Antonio believes that the more active you are, the better your heart works. Not only does exercising benefit our youth physically but it also helps them mentally.



CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Rancho is a culturally diverse facility. We are focused on connecting with our youth and staff and bridging the cultural gap. Our goal is to acknowledge and embrace differences across our campus and to expose our youth to various cultures and traditions. As part of our dedication to cultural awareness, we celebrated Chinese New Year for the first time at Rancho San Antonio. A brief history was recited as well as a presentation on the traditions of Chinese New Year. Each youth received a traditional Chinese New Year gift of a Hongbao "Red Packet". A Hongbao is an elaborately decorated red envelope filled with money. Instead of money, ours were filled with chocolate coins.

Black History Month was also celebrated in the month of February. A committee of staff planned educational activities for the month to help our youth recognize the central role of blacks in U.S. history. We hope that our residents take what they learn here at Rancho and link it to their life outside of our home.



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