

# RANCHO SAN ANTONIO

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## STARTING A NEW CHAPTER

Rancho San Antonio bids farewell to Mr. Randy McTague after 48 years of service. Randy began his career working on an entryway blacktop project. His first work assignment symbolizes his overall mission in life, “paving the way for thousands of at risk youth to become successful in life.”

During his tenure, he worked on grounds, as Activities Director, Intake Director, COO and CEO. As CEO he helped lead the way for Rancho to diversify and contract with the Department of Mental Health while continuing a strong partnership with Los Angeles County Probation Department.

In addition to executive functions, Randy had a fondness for construction projects. This artistic gift and his love for nature led to beautification throughout our campus; the tile work around our landmark fountain, the pictures that grace the walls of our Day Center, the Mental Health Building redesign, and the pergola behind the statue of Mary,

including the detailed tile work on the tables under the pergola. In memory of all Randy has done for Rancho, an honorary plaque has been placed under the pergola dedicating the area on behalf of Randy’s stellar service, and to bless all those that gather there.

We are proud to announce that Randy will serve on Rancho’s Board of Directors and continue his dedication to Rancho even into his retirement.

Thank you for a job well done!





## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of Rancho San Antonio Boys Home, Inc. is pleased to announce that effective July 1, 2018 Aubree Sweeney will assume duties as Executive Director of the agency.

Aubree Sweeney is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) who has worked at Rancho San Antonio Boys Home for over twenty years. Prior to working at Rancho, she had a history of working with survivors of sexual abuse, with the school district, and with pregnant and parenting teens. She began her career at Rancho as a Social Worker working directly with the youth and the families. She specialized in working with the youth in the independent living skills Group Home, preparing them for their return to the community as young adults. After approximately fourteen years in direct service, Aubree transitioned to an administrative role where she continued to supervise clinical programming and assisted the agency with obtaining national accreditation through CARF. For three years, she was the Assistant Executive Director of Administration and Program Services, embracing the agency's vision statement of RISK CHANGE GROW as it relates to CCR reform.

On July 11, 2018, Aubree formally introduced herself to the staff in her new role. She shared what she believes is the secret to success when working with others: Connect to people; listen to people; help them figure out they want; and help them achieve it. This applies to working with the youth, their families, and the staff. Rancho has a 90 year history in this industry and Aubree looks forward to helping launch Rancho into the future as an STRTP, alongside Rancho's long term and talented leadership team.



## CONGRATULATIONS

On May 24, Rancho staff and youth attended the annual Success is Our Future banquet, a probation sponsored event where youth in placement are recognized for their accomplishments in the areas of Academics, the Arts, and Athletics. Over \$10,000 of scholarship money was awarded to current and former youth. In all, 11 of our residents were recognized for their achievements while at Rancho San Antonio.

The success of our youth continues as we hold the largest graduating class ever recorded from Rancho. In all, 30+ Rancho youth have graduated high school or are set to graduate high school in 2018. The number of graduates continues to increase as the months pass. Along with the increase of graduates, we also have the largest number of college attendees. We are proud of our youth and their accomplishments and would also like to recognize our Job and Career Center Department, Social Workers, Staff, and the teachers from Aggeler for helping our youth achieve such successes.

## A SIZZLIN' SUMMER

July is known to be a hot-weather month. We have been doing our best to keep the youth as cool as possible. For Fourth of July, our youth enjoyed a funfilled day



with a 100 foot slip and slide, football and soccer games while popcorn, soda, and snowcones were served. The day ended with a delicious BBQ on our beautiful

field. As the days stay hot, we continue to keep our youth cool with water games and our olympic-sized indoor pool.

## A SEARCH FOR CREATIVITY

Rancho is continuously searching for and developing programs that are designed to help our youth build coping skills to regain control of their physical, mental and emotional well-being. A new program we have recently piloted is Yoga and Mindfulness. One unit participated in a weekly mindful meditation and yoga intervention program. The program uses yoga to improve the ability to cope with life's stresses by addressing depression, anxiety, trauma and other issues.



Art therapy is one of the most sought out programs we have at Rancho. Art invites our youth to unlock their imaginations and to find an alternative and healthy way to express themselves through different creative processes. Art therapy may include an array of sub-categories. At Rancho, we have hosted painting parties, arts and craft days, and even a shirt design class. To the right is a shirt designed and pressed by a current youth. In the near future, we look forward to developing more programs in which our youth may engage.

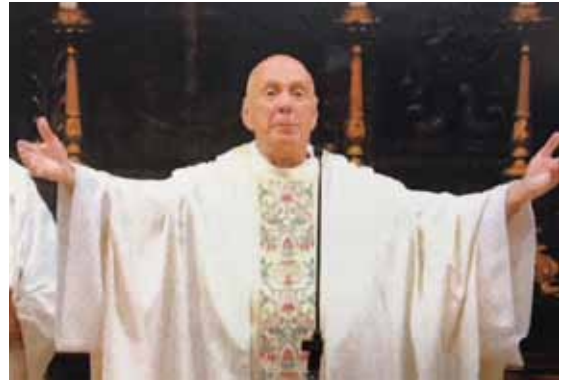


## HELP US DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Please help us be a part of teaching our youth the importance of image and adulthood by donating your unwanted formal clothing, ties, or shoes.

### **You may drop off any donations at:**

Rancho San Antonio  
21000 Plummer St, Chatsworth, CA 91311,  
818-882-6400 x110 for further information



## **In Loving Memory Rancho San Antonio Chapel July 28, 2018**

Fr. Jim served our country in the US Navy for 20 years in several duty stations around the world. Father achieved the rank of Commander before retiring in the year 2000. Fr. Jim then helped as a chaplain at Rancho San Antonio Boys Home for 15 years.

Many thanks,

Bro. John Crowe



*"May God bless you and your family all the days of your life."*

*Sincerely,*

*Fr. Melley*

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Rancho is grateful to our friends who contributed from March 2, 2018 through August 1, 2018.

All donations are greatly appreciated, our mission would not be possible without your continued support.

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