

RANCHO SAN ANTONIO

Boys Home, Inc.

21000 Plummer Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311, (818) 882-6400

Volume 37 No. 1

www.ranchosanantonio.org

Spring 2019

72ND ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

BBQ & CAR SHOW



Sunday, May 5th

10am- 4pm



Come one, Come all! Over 100 classic and restored cars and trucks will be displayed on our beautiful field. There will be guided tours led by the Rancho youth, and our World Famous Rancho BBQ'd smoked ribs, chicken and beef dinners. A live Mariachi Band will celebrate Cinco de Mayo along with booths featuring Mexican and Salvadoran dishes! Don't forget to enter our raffle to win cash prizes. Ticket sales will help raise money for our programs.



Sponsored By

Knights of Columbus and Chevy Classic Car Club



THE FUTURE IS OURS

On March 7, Gallagher Insurance Company sponsored an event called The Future is Ours, at the Langham Hotel in Pasadena, highlighting the role of how to navigate female leadership in various non-profit organizations. I had the honor to be on this prestigious panel, among two of Rancho's Board of Directors, Melissa Cerny and Cinthya Vodanovich. The topics explored the challenges of compensation, roles in the workplace, support from colleagues, both male and female, and balancing work and personal life.

When asked about male advocates in my career, I shared that Rancho is an agency with a deep history of male support and creation, going back to the Brothers of Holy Cross and the Knights of Columbus, and that in my tenure, I had the pleasure of meeting the first woman to work at Rancho before she passed away. One of my mentors, Brother John



Crowe, paved the way and supported me to learn to be a powerful leader and simultaneously not lose sight of being a mother and tending to my own family. I am forever

grateful for Brother John's ability to support this balance.

Another discussion was about the "Queen Bee" phenomenon where there is not enough room at the top, so women in high-profile roles were more likely to keep women in junior-level positions down. Another mentor and supervisor, Sharon Covington, truly invested in me to become the leader I am today. The best leaders will surround themselves with excellence and impart all knowledge they can, not withhold for their own success.

I believe The Future is Ours, not male, not female, but all inclusive, that we celebrate one another's strengths and better ourselves for the benefit of our agency, and most importantly, for the clients that we serve. The youth at Rancho deserve the best, the best role models and the best mentors.

Aubree Sweeney
Executive Director



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A child will grow up in a community, a village, a social world. The love and support we received during the holidays from our community, our donors, benefactors, friends (both old and new), our village, was phenomenal. Every one of our youth



received gifts that were hand selected just for them. To watch their faces when they put together their Lego set, or tried on their new collared shirt, or bundled up in their new soft fuzzy blanket, was simply, PRICELESS.

We would like to send special thanks to C.S.U.N. Early Birds, Our Ladies of Lourdes, St. Euphrasia Parish and School, A Child's Place and everyone else who gave so generously at Christmas and throughout the year. The dedication that individuals and groups outside the family show is tremendous. Thank you, each and every one of you, for being our community.

BUILDING A COMMUNITY

Rancho San Antonio has residents volunteer and work Community Service on Saturdays. Often times, the community service is campus beautification. The youth at Rancho also volunteer in the local community working at the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Convent in Chatsworth.



A RANCHO ALLSTAR ALI HAMZA!

I would like to share my successes at Rancho. While being at RSA, I worked toward and gained my best accomplishment to date, graduating at the age of 16. Currently, I'm 17 years old and this is my second year in college with a GPA of 3.5. I am a staff at the Pasadena City College Science Village, where I assist other students receive tutoring, and at times tutor those I can. Being a part of the work study program, I'm able to do my homework and get paid at the same time. I'm looking to transfer to a 4-year University next year where I'll be studying accounting. Also,



I've been working directly with ILP (Independent Living Program) and eventually became a member of the College Summit Council. I was able to earn that position after Rancho's Activities Supervisor helped me sign up for scholarships which introduced me to my current ILP coordinator, Alan Brown.

As a member of the College Summit Council, I would meet with my coordinator and the other board members to discuss the college summit event and figure out how we can present the event in a way that our youth can enjoy it. I directed the colleges coming in and assigned their seating. Most importantly, I was able to talk to the youth as a peer to peer mentorship, and share my experience being a former probation youth, and my experience at college. I was able to answer questions from the youth, and encourage them to chase their education, showing them all the benefits of which they can take advantage. In addition, I'll be 18 in June and I will be transitioning to a THP (Transitional Housing Program), until I transfer to a UC where I'll be living on campus. I received 7 scholarships over the past 8 months.



A REFLECTION FROM BROTHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

Rancho San Antonio has been providing residential services for young boys since 1933. In the 1930s, it was the Depression Era. In the 1940s, it was World War II. In the 1960s it was flower children and drugs. However, the current issues of adolescent boys are more self-destructive.

One in five males have been sexually abused by age 18. Most sexual offenders are heterosexual males who were physically or sexually abused as boys themselves. Around 20% of adolescent males have experienced trauma. They hide their fragility in bravado. Boys have less of their mothers now, and they have less of their fathers, they have less extended family, and they have less community involvement.

Males are highly ritualized and many reject religious experiences at this age; however, spirituality helps them figure out how they belong to the universe, and how to relate to the invisible world, to fate and destiny that at some point they are going to have to face. Spirituality can help them learn to calm down through meditation and prayer.

We ask for your continued support and prayers in our efforts to help those entrusted to our care.

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

Rancho San Antonio Benefactors List

Rancho is grateful to our friends who contributed from November 01, 2018 through March 18, 2019.
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.

A Child's Place	Carol Enochs	Mr. & Mrs. John Lakatta	Red Label Enterprises, Inc.
Mr. Richard Akerblom	Mr. & Mrs. William Falkenhainer	Patricia Langeland	Virginia Reiber
Maria Alcalde	Mr. & Mrs. John Farrell	Micheline Laski	M.T. Motor Repair
Mrs. Mari Archer	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ferry	Mr. Louis A. Lefevre	Mr. & Mrs. Romofsky
Mrs. Frances Ardolf	Ms. Marilyn Fetherolf	Mr. Timothy Lefevre	Eleanor Rosa
Ms. Celia Avila	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Fischer	Mr. & Mrs. Robert De Leo	Ms. Mary L. Rue
Mr. Timothy Baber	Anna Marie Floyd	Lichter Family	Mr. Edmond Russ
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bahrke	Martha Foster	Mrs. Mary Mahon	Ms. Joan Russell
Mr. & Mrs. Baldo Family Trust	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fuess	Mrs. Nancy Mariani	Mrs. Joan Ryan
Mr. Raymond Ballard	Paul Fuess	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Marsh	Deema Saad
Nancy Barney	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Fuess	Mr. & Mrs. John Martin	Mr. Freddie Santiago
Mr. & Mrs. James Barry	M.S. Gandhi	Ms. Patricia Matonak	Ms. Kathryn Saravia
Mr. Michael Bellinder	Janice Gauwain	Ms. Ruth Mattei	Ms. Kellie Saravia
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Bernardi	Ann Garvery-Zaworski	Mr. Anthony Maurer	Mrs. Jacqueline Sarosi
Mr. John Bertrand	Mr. Albert Ghirardelli	Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Maxey	Amy Savic
Mary Bilinski	Mrs. Mary Aveta-Giangrasso	Ms. Clara Mazzeo	Ms. Ellen Schneider
Debra Birgen	Mr. & Mrs. David Gillen	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy McAnany	Mr. George Schwary
Carol & Carloyn Bloch	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Givvin	Mr. Kevin McDonough	James Sciuto
Mrs. Arlene Boniface	Mr. & Mrs. George Gnesda	Catherine McMinn	Joseph Sciuto
Lyn Boniface	Ms. Susan Goldberg	Anita Medina	Ms. Mary Ann Shiner
Ms. Joan Branham	GoldenHour Grooming Inc.	Flor D Maria Melendez	Jill Siciliano
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bratkovich	Ms. Maria Gonzalez	Mr. Kenneth Mentzer	Mr. Joseph Simpson
Mary Brennan	Mr. & Mrs. Martin Gordon	Ms. Carmel Molyneux	Dr. Lupe Simpson
Bird House Giving Fund	Terry Gordon	Kathryn Morris	E. Sinner
Tom Bronchetti	Paul Graham	Ms. Helen Murphy	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sloan
Mr. & Mrs. Brown	Ms. Debra Greene	Mr. & Mrs. Britt Napoli	Allie L. Smith
Mrs. Susan Byrne	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Grimes	Mrs. Joanne Nash	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Odus Caldwell	Rancho San Antonio Guild	Mr. Russell Neglia	Mary Snider
Gloria Camera	Ms. Rosemarie Gunning	Ms. Arlene Nethery	Mr. Bruce Sottile
Ms. Patricia Carney	Mr. & Mrs. Don Gustavson	Annabella Nice	Ms. Barbara Strieck
Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Cascione	Mr. Alexander Hermosura	Ms. Sue Nihiser	St. Euphrasia School
Ms. Jeanne Castro	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Herman	Northridge Womans Club	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sweeney
Catholic Daughters of Americas	Mr. Louie Hernandez	Mrs. Antoinette Nothacker	Mr. Timothy Sweetland
Brian Cavanagh	Mr. Pastor Herrera Jr.	Mr. Benedict Oakley	Richard Teebay
Mr. William K Challoner	Mr. Harold Herrity	Stuart Ogilvie	Mr. & Mrs. Art Thornton
Charitable Foundation Inc.	Deven Hill	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Olinger	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Tinsley
Chatsworth Women's Club	Ms. Carolyn Hilliard	Mr. Daniel Olsen	Nathaniel S. Torian
Ms. Genevieve Chevez	Ms. Shirley Hodgson	Rene O'Malley	Paula Trepany
Ms. Patti Ching	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hoover	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony O'Shea	Piekunka Family Trust
Ms. Mary Ann Christopher	Wanda Hopkins	Our Ladies of Lourdes	The Ballister Family Trust
Mr. Ronald Cloutier	Ms. Charlotte Hoyt	Ms. Pam Overton	Anna M. Cronin
Club Italia	Mr. Timothy Imel	Jamie Papish	Ms. Dolores Tukich
Ms. Claire Colicchio	Lawrence Iscaragua	Ms. Mary Parker	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tullio
Columbiettes	Mrs. Joann Jacks	Mr. Augusto Pastoral	Demetrius Villa
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Connolly	Ms. Anna Jensen	Mr. James Pepping	Mr. Robert Volpe
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Corsa	Ms. Joan Johnson	Esther Perez	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Waldman
Eugene Cozza	Ms. Anita Jones	Mr. Eugene Pesqueira	Mr. Michael Walsh
CSUN Early Birds	Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Jones	Mr. & Mrs. Walt Petrovsky	Mr. & Mrs. John Weinbeck
Catherine Cuccia	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Zeigler Jr.	Dr. & Mrs. Earl Petrus	Garfield Whittaker
Donelle Dadigan	Mary Jo Koman	Mr. & Mrs. Roland Pinza	Mr. Keith Wieser
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Deagon	Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Kuppers	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Price	Mr. Ross Willour
Mr. Robert Demeter	Ms. Denise Laborde	Mr. Robert Quon	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wilson
Mr. David Dey	LADWP Employees' Association	M. Kathryn Radford	Ms. Donna Clerve Wiseman
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dey	Pat Lagerstrom	Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Ramirez	Mr. & Mrs. Yegazarian
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Drnek	Norma Laine	Mr. Vincent Ravine	Mr. & Mrs. George Zaki