

# RANCHO SAN ANTONIO

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*world*  
-Gandhi-





### A REFLECTION FROM BROTHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

**R**ancho San Antonio continues to make a difference in the lives of the boys placed in our care, thanks to our staff dedication and your support. The impressive part is that you, our benefactors, provide your time, talents, and money without knowing the boys and their families, or seeing the change in their lives.

Your gifts would be called corporal works of mercy, especially in feeding the hungry (Trader Joe’s), sheltering the homeless (buildings paid for by Knights of Columbus “K of C”), and giving alms to those in need (The Chevy Car Club). These are some of the chief witnesses to your fraternal charity for Rancho San Antonio. You, our benefactors, both individuals and group sponsors, are our role models for the boys and their families at Rancho San Antonio.

Thanks to the Chevy Car Club and all of your members. The K of C Councils who sell over \$500 in BBQ raffle tickets:

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We thank you and invite others to join in the Kof C support of the only Catholic Boys’ Home in Los Angeles.

For more info about KofC’s role at RSA, Please checkout this 8 minute video on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQehbtK6-KE>

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



### THE FUTURE IS OURS

**T**his year three Rancho students were awarded scholarships from the local community. Two students received scholarships from the Chatsworth Women’s Club and one student received a scholarship from the Chatsworth Community Council. Many students this year have also received scholarships from Rancho San Antonio.

Rancho is proud to acknowledge a scholarship recipient who is currently studying abroad in Spain



this summer (*picture to the left: Ali in Spain*). In addition, two of our youth received scholarships from Los Angeles County Probation adding up to \$2,000. One youth from St. Anthony’s House (formerly known as “Our Group Home”) received a scholarship of \$3,000 for obtaining a GPA of

3.5 in High School. We are also proud to announce that a total of 21 current and former youth of Rancho San Antonio graduated high school successfully in June of 2019. We are ecstatic to be able to support students who are making successful strides in their life.



### SUMMER TIME FUN

**T**his Summer was the first in Rancho history that our youth had a 3-week summer break. Rancho’s youth have always attended a year-around school. To prep for the long break, the Activities Department worked hard to design a fun-filled

break. Our youth are keeping busy by competing in a wide variety of sports such as basketball, football, kickball, and dodgeball. Not only sports, but they also enjoyed a 100-foot slip and slide and an extensive inflatable water obstacle course to cool down on our hot summer days. We hosted a variety of tournaments, classes and challenges from chess, a cooking contest, painting class, and much more.



### READY TO RETIRE A SUIT?

We would like to take a moment to express our tremendous gratitude to everyone who graciously donates to our youth. Thank you to Woody Wilson Collection for donating high quality suits that were previously worn by notable clients including George Clooney, Jay Leno, Jimmy Kimmel, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Earvin “Magic” Johnson, Steve Harvey and countless others. Thank you to BOD Meslissa Cerny for personally collecting over 50 suits from her own friends and colleagues. And a special thank you to our loyal friends and supporters who have been a part of the Rancho family for many years. We are already prepping for our formal Thanksgiving dinner. Please help us in 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



### RANCHO’S ALL-STAR



Rancho would like to introduce you to Darryl. Darryl’s story begins in the foster care system at 6 years old. He would move from one home to the next as if it were the normal thing to do. After he reached the maximum age for foster care, he had nowhere to live. He then applied to our Transitional Housing Program (THP) and has been living at Rancho for 3 years. He would be homeless without Rancho San Antonio.

Darryl attended Antelope Valley College and Pasadena City College. Then transferred to CSULA, where he obtained his bachelor’s degree in Mathematics in 2019. His future goals are to save up enough



money to attend graduate school where he plans on someday becoming a math professor at a college or university.

He has accomplished so much and works hard without giving up. He currently works at Panda Express and has already earned a promotion from kitchen helper associate to main cook. He put in a lot of hard work and effort to earn that promotion. He is also proud to have graduated from a University.

*It was not easy, but nothing good in life is. If you want something good in life, you need to go out and earn it. I would like to add that life can be tough, but it is important for us to not dwell on the hardships of our past, but to focus our energy on getting a better future. Never give up.” -Darryl*

## Rancho San Antonio Benefactors List

Rancho is grateful for our friends who contributed from March 19, 2019 through August 17, 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.*

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## **BE A PART OF THE CHANGE**

**O**n May 7th, Rancho embarked on a wide scale remodeling project of the living quarters for our youth. As part of this project, Rancho will be “retiring” our current “lockers” after **four decades** of use. These lockers were built in the 1970’s by Brother John’s own brother, Vince Crowe. We will be replacing the units with a custom-made built-in cabinet that is a closet/dresser/desk combination. It is custom made to meet both the size specifications in the room, and state size contract requirements. We hope that these new units will last for another **four decades!** Many of the youth at Rancho have never had their own closet or a place to store their personal belongings, so we are excited to be able to provide them each a special space in their room to house their clothes and personal belongings, as well as a private space for them to do their school work.

Some fundraising campaigns advertise buying a figurative “brick”. Today, we invite you to buy a new closet/dresser/desk combo for a youth at Rancho. We would love to see one with your name or your company’s name on it!

**The cost per closet/dresser/desk is \$1000**

**From the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you for your support!**



*left to right: Pete Tuillo (BOD President),  
Aubree Sweeney (Executive Director),  
Brother John Crowe (CFO)*

**Please see the enclosed envelope for details regarding purchasing a closet/dresser/desk for a youth at Rancho. Donations can also be made on our website at [www.ranchosanantonio.org](http://www.ranchosanantonio.org)**