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God puts rainbows in the clouds so that each of us - in the dreariest and most dreaded moments - can see a possibility of hope.

-Maya Angelou



A REFLECTION FROM BROTHER JOHN

I would like to share with you a letter from a parent:

“Dear All of You at Rancho,

With the simplicity of a child, and heart full of gratitude and appreciation of a parent...I thank each one of you, for your concern and giving of yourselves in trying to make one more life a little happier...

I know they weren't all happy days nor easy days... some were heartbreaking days... “give up” days... so to each of you, thank you. For you to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived, this is to have succeeded.

Your lives may never touch my son's again, but I have faith your labor has not been in vain. And to each one of you young men, I shall pray, with each new life that comes your way... may wisdom guide your tongue as you soothe the hearts of tomorrow's men.

From my heart, thank you. – Mrs. M.”

I would also like to share with you some of our client services for the year 2019:

- Fifty-two boys and their families were re-united.
- Eleven boys entered Rancho's Transitional Housing Program at age eighteen; otherwise they would join the homeless.

In addition to the general fundraising fund, the Rancho San Antonio BBQ, along with the Classic Chevy Car Club and the Knights of Columbus, proudly raises money for the following three programs: Religion, Education and THP (Transitional Housing Program).

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



CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Youth develop a sense of identity and value through culture and connections. To increase



cultural awareness and sensitivity within our Rancho community, Black History Month was celebrated in February with a fun and educational scavenger hunt that incorporated important

historical facts. For entertainment, one of our very talented staff, a professional saxophone player, and his bandmates played Jazz music for our youth during our celebratory dinner.

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Rancho's Activities Department developed a workout program for youth who want to live a healthier and more physical lifestyle. We promote healthy eating habits and challenge our young men to manage their weight and set nutritional goals. We encourage all youth to live a healthy and more physical lifestyle, so as young men they can recognize that hard work, discipline, and dedication can be rewarding.

We would also like to congratulate the Rancho Mustangs basketball team for winning our very first ARC (American Roundball Corporation) basketball championship, after being in a very competitive league and playing against traveling teams who have been together for several years. Our youth gave it their all on the court and left the gym with a championship. Congratulations to the young men who practiced hard and played even harder.





MUSIC GROUP THERAPY

Music plays an important role in the lives of many of our youth at Rancho San Antonio. Rancho is incorporating music into the youth's program led by an accomplished audio engineer, and part time staff, Tyrell Blanche. Tyrell has been working with staff to implement music into the treatment plans of the youth. The objective of this new program is to create a structured environment that promotes appropriate self-expression. The program provides professional assistance to help create songs, poetry, performances, and productions that the youth can share with their family and community, helping to foster positive memories of their time at Rancho. The population has shown a growing demand for more creative and interactive approaches to therapy. The youth have been motivated, excited, and more than willing to take advantage of the opportunity to express themselves in song or music creation. Rancho continues to expand our many approaches to its therapeutically enriched and trauma informed environment.



OPEN HOUSE & CAR SHOW POSTPONED

Our 2020 BBQ and Car Show has been postponed to October 4th, 2020. Please check our website and Facebook page for updates as the date approaches:

<http://www.ranchosanantonio.org>
or check out our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/RSAorg/>



RISK, CHANGE, GROW and GROW and GROW

Rancho's Vision Statement **RISK, CHANGE, GROW** relates to our youth and how our agency encourages them to take risks, implement change in their lives, and ultimately grow spiritually, mentally and emotionally. This past year, Rancho has really taken the concept of GROWTH to a whole new level!

We have grown the number of staff at our agency, grown our contracts, and this year, for the first time since they were built in 1958, renovated our living units. On March 13th, we completed our last phase of renovation to our living units, transforming a dorm style living environment to a two-to-a-room bedroom model. The youth at Rancho have their own bedroom with a roommate. Thanks to all our supporters, the youth are enjoying their own closet space with a built-in desk and dresser.

Last year, Rancho launched a fundraiser to purchase the new closet combination for each youth. The response was amazing, and I am so proud to share that all 64 closets are purchased with donors' names ready to be inscribed. Thank you to every one of our benefactors who contributed to the campaign. There is even one from the collective staff members. As we dedicate each closet, the plaque will include a motivational quote to inspire our youth to be make the changes needed in their lives. We are collecting the quotes from both staff and youth and the turnout itself is inspirational. From Kobe Bryant to Maya Angelou, from scripture to people's mothers and grandmothers, you cannot help but feel inspired reading the entries.

One quote submitted said, "When "I" becomes "We" even ILLness turns to WELLness." Thank you to everyone who is part of our collective Rancho "WE." WE could not do it without you!

Aubree Sweeney, Executive Director

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We would like to thank so many caring people for making the holiday time at Rancho memorable. Our youth were beyond blessed by your generous gifts, prayers, and thoughtful words. Your support and encouragement to these youth when they needed it the most and were unaware of the need for someone to care for them in that way, is profound. Together we are teaching our youth the meaning of giving and receiving, which they can hopefully take with them throughout their lives.

A special thank you goes out to our faithful donors during the holidays: St. Euphrasia, Classic Chevy of SoCal, the Early Birds of CSUN, A Child's Place, and Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge.

May the spirit of love fill your home now and throughout the year.