

# RANCHO SAN ANTONIO

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## 74th Annual Open House BBQ & Car Show

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD  
11:00-4:00 PM  
FREE ADMISSION**



**All Makes & Models of Cars & Trucks  
Music, Food, Bake Sale, Silent Auction & Prize Raffle**

You are cordially invited to our Open House Car Show and BBQ Extravaganza. The Classic Chevy Car Club of Southern California will have over 50 cars and trucks showcased on Rancho's field. This event will feature guided tours led by RSA youth, raffles, and great prizes. And let us not forget the World-Famous Rancho Smoked Ribs, Chicken, and Beef BBQ. This event is a fantastic opportunity to bring our community together for more than one cause. Not only will you enjoy the wonder-

ful food and car show, but the funds from this event go to support programs for our youth. Some of the programs include our Education Department (which provides job and career training and tutoring) and our Transitional Housing Program (THP) for our emancipating youth. We hope you consider purchasing a book of raffle tickets to help raise money for our programs. Look for the enclosed tickets or call 818-882-6400 x110 for information or further details. We look forward to seeing you and your support.



### IT JUST TAKES ONE...

We never know how one move, one introduction, one decision, can change the trajectory of a life. When you listen to our Rancho success stories, you commonly hear about the one person that believed in them, the one comment that they still remember a staff made to them, the one introduction that opened doors and opportunities they never imagined. Most of us have memories of that one teacher, that one story or that one opportunity that changed our lives and our paths forever.

When a well-known actor was here at Rancho filming a show, he asked if he could come speak to our youth. He shared how important that one moment of pause before we decide what direction to go, can potentially decide between a life of prison or a life of success. He shared his own story and encouraged our youth to take that one moment of pause. Last week, I received a call from a former youth who graduated over 15 years ago. With a successful career and a family, he was struggling with his marriage and decided to call Rancho. I have so much respect that in that moment of pause, he reached out to ask for guidance.

Like the organizations that picked up the phone to learn that MacKenzie Scott, the billionaire philanthropist had chosen their agency to contribute to, we never know what opportunity lies ahead. This year, two amazing organizations found Rancho on their own search for a meaningful cause. One made a significant contribution to the Transitional Housing Program and the other is going to adopt our agency for various community service projects. Thanks to these programs, the lives of many will be forever impacted.

There's an old adage about a man walking on the beach covered in hundreds of sea stars tossing one

in at a time. A passerby comments that he could not possibly save all these sea stars on the beach. He tossed one in and said, "I made a difference to that one." May we all slow down, take pause, and decide what one gift we can give another. Thank you to every ONE that makes our Rancho community whole.

Aubree Sweeney, Executive Director



### CAPS OFF TO OUR GRADUATES

Rancho is proud to announce that four of our current youth received scholarships in May for their academic excellence through the Probation Department. Two of our former youth (one attends CSU Fullerton and the other attends Mt. San Antonio College) are also receiving scholarships, both of whom have maintained 4.0 GPAs. We had six current THP youth and two former Rancho youth graduate this past June. In addition, four current Rancho youth will graduate by the end of 2021. Congratulations to our graduates!



### WORK EXPERIENCE

Rancho offers special services to our youth, assisting them in achieving vocational goals, improving financial knowledge and providing work experience. As of June, four of our youth are working at local eateries in the community. Many have joined our local YouthSource Centers, which offers comprehensive employment and training services.

## RANCHO ALL-STAR

Terrance is a 21-year-old young man who graduated from our program in 2017. He emancipated at the age of 18 and was living in our THP. While in the THP, he has managed to obtain a job at an upscale local restaurant. Terrance started as a chef's assistant doing mostly food preparation. Within a year, he earned a chef's position. He now works forty hours a week at the restaurant in addition to working the evening shifts at another local food establishment. He is so well-respected at the restaurant that they have promoted him to "Head Chef" and have asked him to transfer to Houston, Texas to help open a new restaurant in August 2021. Terrance obtained a part-time chef position at Rancho San Antonio's kitchen to gain as much knowledge from various, experienced chefs as he



can to increase his arsenal of recipes and specialty dishes. Terrance's hard work has paid off due to his perseverance, work ethic and dedication. Rancho is nominating Terrance to be recognized for overcoming significant obstacles, defining him as an outstanding role model with a compelling story of hope, resilience and for achieving noteworthy accomplishments through the Association of Community Human Service Agencies. Terrance has defined himself as an outstanding role model and young man as well as one of our most honorable former students. We couldn't be more proud of Terrance.

## DID YOU KNOW

Rancho has a Facebook page! Please take a moment to "like us" on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/RSAorg>

Rancho has an AmazonSmile Account. A percentage of your purchase will be donated back to RSA! Just simply type the link below in your search engine or search for "**Rancho San Antonio Boys Home Inc.**"

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-0588029>



## A REFLECTION FROM BROTHER JOHN

We have all been through a very difficult year. All of us have lost people we loved very much; we have been penned in like animals, and we have gotten on others' nerves. We all need that dose of humanity that reminds us of our value, our importance, and our essence. Let's start by practicing forgiveness.

### Six Reasons to Forgive:

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

Sincerely,

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



*Pictured above is an update of the repairs and resetting of the statues on campus that were vandalized last summer.*

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