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A Season of Momentum



Ready for What's Next

BY NISI JO MARQUEZ, ACTIVITY PROGRAM AND
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As summer transitions into fall, we are trading sunny adventures and summer outings for backpacks, notebooks, and a fresh academic year. The new semester brings opportunities for Rancho youth to learn, grow, and take on new challenges.

In August, we asked the Rancho community to help us raise \$750 for our School Drive, and you showed up in an amazing way. We exceeded our fundraising goal and raised an incredible \$1,442.90!

Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase backpacks, school supplies, and other essential items that helped Rancho youth start the school year feeling prepared and supported.

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Another important date that is quickly approaching is our Legacy of Hope Gala. After the overwhelming success of last year's inaugural event honoring Brother John, planning for 2026 began almost immediately. We rebooked the elements guests loved most, including the venue, the cuisine, and the auctioneer, and we started looking ahead to another unforgettable evening.

We are thrilled to recognize Natinael (Nati) Jatana as our 2026 Legacy of Hope Award recipient. As a UCLA graduate, entrepreneur, and future law student he represents the power of resilience and determination. Two years ago, Nati asked me to attend his college graduation. In June I had the privilege of doing just that. Witnessing him achieve a goal he worked so hard to reach was another reminder that dreams can become reality, even when the path is especially challenging.

I hope you'll join us on October 22 as we celebrate Nati and our other distinguished honorees. Your presence and support make this special evening possible while strengthening the work happening at Rancho throughout the year.

If life teaches us anything, it's that things don't always unfold according to our timetable. And yet, whether you credit a higher power, good planning, optimism, or simply the changing seasons, there is something special about arriving at the moments we have worked toward.

Thank you to all of Rancho's supporters for being part of this journey. Your generosity and belief in our mission make these milestones possible. Let's keep dreaming, keep planning, and when those long-awaited days arrive, let's celebrate them together.

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New Hope and New Possibilities

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Rancho San Antonio's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment program is proud of the continued growth of our Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program and, more importantly, the difference it is making in the lives of the young people we serve.

MAT combines medication with counseling, education, and ongoing support. It can help clients manage cravings, reduce substance use, and remain connected to treatment. At Rancho, we know that recovery looks different for everyone. We meet each young person where they are, without judgment, and help them find the path that works best for them.

One of our success stories is M, who came to Rancho struggling with opioid use. With the support of MAT services, his treatment team, along with his own hard work and determination, M has made meaningful progress in his recovery. Since beginning treatment, he has earned his driver's license, found a job, and purchased his own car. These accomplishments have given him greater independence, confidence, and hope for his future.

As M's story illustrates, recovery is about much more than stopping substance use. It is also about helping young people rebuild their lives, believe in themselves, and recognize that their goals are within reach. For some clients, medication provides the additional support they need to manage cravings, stay involved in treatment, and move forward.

Our MAT program brings medical and behavioral health services together so clients and their families do not have to navigate recovery alone. Our medical director, therapists, case managers, and community partners work together to support each client's recovery, mental health, and overall well-being.

SUD Program Director Kelly Steiner and Medical Director Dr. Jasmin Scott-Hawkins presented at the Integrated Care Conference in August, where they shared information about Rancho's MAT program. They will also present at the California Society of Addiction Medicine Annual Conference in October.

We are proud of how far our MAT program has come, but the real success belongs to clients like M. Their courage, resilience, and willingness to keep moving forward are at the heart of everything we do.

Did You Know?

MAT can work like a seatbelt for recovery.

A seatbelt doesn't remove every risk on the road, but it can greatly reduce the chance of a fatal outcome. In a similar way, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) can reduce overdose risk while helping individuals manage withdrawal and cravings, creating greater stability as they work toward long-term recovery.

It's not the whole journey; it's protection along the way.

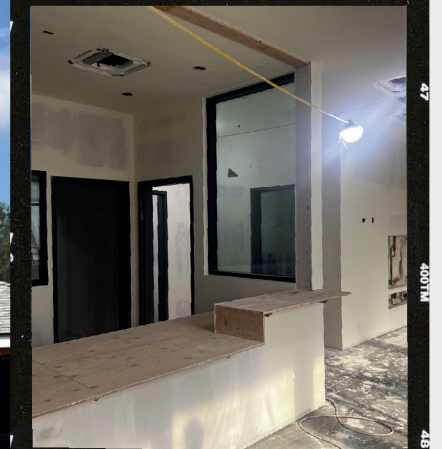
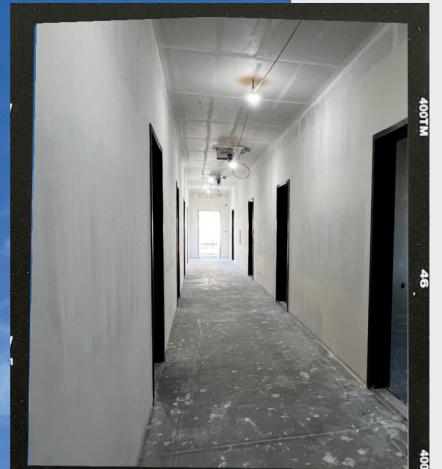


Building What Comes Next

What began with a groundbreaking in January is quickly taking shape before our eyes. With each new phase of construction, Rancho's new Youth Outpatient Center is one step closer to opening its doors in 2027.

This center represents an investment in what comes next for the youth, families, and community we serve. Designed to expand access to behavioral health services, the new space will allow Rancho to bring critical mental health, substance use, prevention and early intervention services together under one roof.

From the first shovel in the ground, to the building standing before us today, every milestone tells a story of progress.



A Summer Well Spent

CONTRIBUTED BY JACQUELINE CASCIONE, ASW

Saint Anthony's House (SAH) set out with a simple summer goal: give the youth a summer worth remembering. From cheering in the stands and conquering roller coasters to exploring science and challenging each other on the mini-golf course, every outing offered an opportunity to have fun, connect, and build confidence.

Thanks to generously gifted tickets, our youth attended two Los Angeles Sparks games where they experienced the excitement and positive energy of cheering on the WNBA team together. Movie outings, complete with popcorn, drinks, and plenty of post-movie reviews gave everyone a chance to share their favorite moments.

At the California Science Center, fun met curiosity as the boys explored interactive exhibits featuring animals, different environments, spacecraft, and more. Staff encouraged youth to ask questions, engage with the exhibits, and experience learning outside of the classroom.

And then came some of summer's biggest adventures!

Trips to the LA Zoo, Castle Park, and Six Flags Magic Mountain added even more excitement to the summer. Each outing gave youth a chance to enjoy new experiences, spend time together, and simply have fun. The Six Flags trip was especially meaningful, celebrating youth who were maintaining their sobriety and recognizing the progress they had made.

Behind every adventure was something bigger. These outings gave youth opportunities to practice teamwork, communication, patience, positive social skills, and healthy engagement, sometimes without even realizing they were learning along the way.

The SAH team is incredibly grateful for the funding that made these experiences possible.

As summer comes to an end, we hope our youth carry these memories with them and someday look back on their summer at Rancho with a smile.

An outing is more than a day away from campus, for many Rancho youth it can be a **first**: baseball game, day at the ocean, or opportunity to explore the world beyond what they have always known.

These experiences open doors, build confidence, and show young people just how much possibility exists beyond their everyday surroundings.

Your support helps fund these meaningful experiences, creating moments of joy, confidence, and discovery.

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A Journey Seven Years in the Making: Nati's Story

BY NISI JO MARQUEZ, ACTIVITY
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When Nati arrived at Rancho San Antonio at just 15 years old, he was entering one of the most uncertain chapters of his life. Like many youth who come through our gates, he struggled with trust, impulse control, and finding direction. Through therapy, mentorship, and the unwavering support of staff who never gave up on him, Nati gradually learned to trust others, ask for help, and believe in himself. Those lessons became the foundation for everything that followed.

Nati graduated high school with honors before successfully completing Rancho's residential program and earning acceptance into Rancho's Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program. Determined to build an independent future, he enrolled in driver's education during his first week, earned his driver's license within two months, secured employment at Vons, and enrolled at Pierce College.

His determination continued to shine. While balancing work and school, Nati earned Dean's List honors semester after semester, served as Student Body Treasurer, and worked on campus supporting fellow students. After graduating from Pierce College, Los Angeles in just two years, he earned an academic scholarship to UCLA.

In June 2026, Nati graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Economics, becoming the first person in his family to earn a four-year college degree. His next goal is law school, where he hopes to advocate for justice and create opportunities for others.

Behind every achievement was another battle few people saw. Since 2013, Nati has lived with epilepsy, enduring frequent seizures throughout much of his adolescence, including during his years at Rancho. In 2022, he underwent brain surgery to remove a cyst responsible for many of those seizures. Although his journey with epilepsy continues, the surgery dramatically improved his quality of life and opened doors that once seemed impossible.

Reflecting on his experience, Nati shares, "Rancho taught me how to talk to people, how to ask for help, and how to actually accept the help I needed." Looking back, he also recognizes the countless ways staff quietly supported him, from coordinating medical care to ensuring he had the resources he needed to succeed.

Even while attending UCLA, Nati continued giving back by volunteering alongside Rancho staff and mentoring youth who now walk the path he once traveled. Today, he remains committed to making a difference through higher education, public service, affordable housing, and mentoring young people, hoping to create opportunities for others.

Nati's lived experience demonstrates how powerful it is for a young person when someone believes in them and keeps showing up for them.

We can't wait to honor and celebrate Nati at the Legacy of Hope Gala on October 22, 2026.

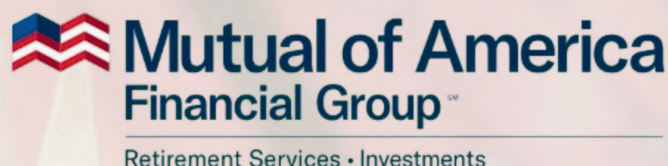
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Messages of Hope

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER JOHN CROWE

As we enter this season of new beginnings, may we welcome the chapter unfolding before us.

*Help us to receive change with an open heart,
to be grateful for the lessons behind us,
and hopeful for what lies ahead.*

*When we cannot see the path clearly,
give us the courage to take the next step
and the faith to trust that we are being guided.*

*May we release what we cannot control,
embrace what is meant for us,
and move forward with peace, gratitude, and grace.*

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Bringing New Ideas Into a New Season

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Rancho provided an exciting professional development opportunity for two of our Complex Trauma Training Consortium (CTTC) trainers over the summer. Corie Rose Cotton-Thompson and Nancy Rodas traveled to Hyannis, Massachusetts, to attend the 2nd Annual Complex Trauma Training Summer Institute.

During the institute, Corie Rose and Nancy participated in hands-on workshops while connecting and collaborating with professionals from across the country and beyond. They also had the opportunity to prepare and deliver a brief presentation to fellow attendees, contributing their own clinical experiences and perspectives to the learning community.

One workshop that particularly stood out introduced Sensory Motor Arousal Regulation Treatment (SMART), an innovative approach that uses movement, play, and sensory activities to help children and adolescents impacted by trauma better manage their emotions and responses, build stronger relationships, and work through difficult experiences.

Because many of the youth and families served by Rancho have experienced significant adversity, approaches like SMART offer promising new ways to support healing and growth. Corie Rose and Nancy returned to campus excited to share what they learned and explore meaningful ways to bring new ideas and strategies into Rancho programs.

