

What's New at Carousel Ranch!



We couldn't do it without you!

With the end of February upon us, and the fact that we are finishing our 3rd "Carousel Wishes & Valentine Kisses" campaign...we just want you to know that we are forever grateful to each of you who show your love for our kids all year long. Together, we really do make a difference, one very special child at a time!



"Anna, has always been a sweet girl. She has always been cautious while walking, because she would often fall. For most of her life she has been a very quiet little girl. Since starting at Carousel Ranch, she has begun to trust her movements more, has a stronger core and seems more willing to do things that made her nervous before. When we round the corner to the ranch she starts wiggling and babbling. She has begun to be much more verbal and seems more able to respond. When she wants her father's attention, she has started saying 'Da Da Da'. She has learned to say 'Noooo' when she doesn't want something, and can babble to get attention. Her time at the ranch has been fundamental for her progress. I think *Carousel Ranch* has been a place that incorporates other therapies into one setting that makes sense and is fun."

- Clayton & Hailey Clark, Anna's Parents

A big THANK YOU to all who supported our



Campaign this month!!!

Because of each of you we raised over

\$66,000 for the kids! WOW!!!

Wayne and Dianne Crawford

none of this would have been possible without you

and your generous matching gift of \$25,500!

*Smile, shine & take it
one day at a time*



"Every child is like a different kind of flower
and all come together to make this world a
beautiful garden."



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and all who went for "Carousel Cake" and our fundraiser nights, which together raised over \$1,500 for the kids!

Introducing...



Next week our 3rd session of RTW! begins with 12 new young adults! In only a short time, the program has grown so much and we couldn't be more proud!

A huge thank you to Supervisor Michael Antonovich and the County of Los Angeles for their vision and support which made this expansion possible.

The following foundations have allowed us to serve 28 young adults in these first three sessions, with many more to come! We couldn't do it without you!

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The initial \$100,000 grant from Supervisor Antonovich was the beginning of something far more special than we could have

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realized at the time. Thus far, 16 students have completed the program with our 3rd session starting this week - serving 12 more. So far our students have literally amazed us with their incredible abilities, desire and passion for working.

So much has happened in only one year! We can't wait to see where the next year takes us!!

Recently two of our students had the opportunity to shadow waiters at a local restaurant for an evening (Wolf Creek Restaurant and Brewery). Another two will soon be spending a day at Mission Valley Bank, learning what it takes to work in the banking world. One is interviewing for paid employment as a classroom aide at a local pre-school while another two are being considered for paid positions at Wolf Creek. This is the future of RTW! We are working to establish relationships with local businesses to expand the spectrum of what RTW! has to offer. We can't wait to see our students out volunteering and working in the community!

An RTW! Success Story... Jimmy Boone

In the words of Jimmy's mom...

"That was a fabulous ending to an incredible program. Your program has given us new hope! The doctor insisted that Jimmy would never be able to work and support himself. He was greatly discouraged, thus the bravado. While it may be true that he will need some subsidy, he can still work and be a contributing, valuable member of society. You have done an incredible job and it is literally life altering for my son.



near "work ready" before. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this viable, critical program that has set my son up for success in life! "

- Dianna Boone

We are truly so very proud of Jimmy (and all of our RTW! students

***Jimmy was one of two students that recently worked a shift at Wolf Creek Restaurant (photo*

above) shadowing a server. He is now participating in Desert Haven (an employment program in the Antelope Valley), volunteering at the Acton Market and volunteering at Carousel Ranch on Saturdays. He is working hard toward having a paid position one day.

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