



*Celebrating Thanksgiving &
Giving Tuesday!*

Dear Friends,

The Ranch Review

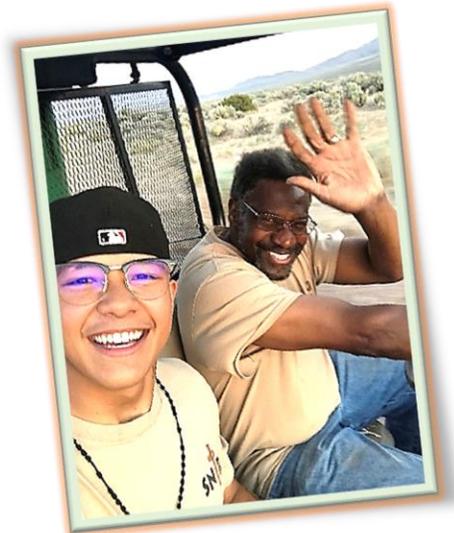


SNTR is now accepting applications/interviews for our residential youth programs. [Click here to contact us for more information.](#)

SNTR Success Story

Sierra Nevada Teen Ranch accepted its 1st client in March of 2021! With his and his mom's written permission, we share his story.

Just prior to March 2021 Tom OD'd from a cocktail laced with several other drugs prepared for him at a party; Tom almost died. Ironically, this party, as was initiated by his gang-friends, was to celebrate his leaving the gang he belonged to. Tom was admitted to Renown Medical Center where he was treated and cared for and then ordered to a facility called Reno Behavioral Health Hospital. There he was diagnosed with major depression disorder and an anxiety disorder. Tom denied having suicidal ideations (SI) and homicidal ideations (HI); however, after being in our program for a short period of time Tom admitted to having SI. Tom developed extreme fear and anxiety during his experience there and begged to be released. After meeting Marvin and being interviewed, he came to us!



The first night of his stay with us at SNTR, Tom began to hyperventilate while experiencing a panic attack. He was found in his bedroom on the floor, in a semiconscious state. He was able to tell us that he could not move his hands or fingers or move his legs or feet. 911 was called and the operator assisted us in getting Tom to do breathing exercises while assuring us that paramedics were on the way. Marv talked Tom through the breathing exercises, along with massaging Tom's hand and fingers and he began to calm his breathing and get control of his extremities. By the time paramedics arrived, Tom's breathing had returned to normal, and he had gained control of his extremities. After doing a medical evaluation, the paramedic told us that Tom was okay, and this episode was probably brought on by being placed in a new environment, not knowing the people, and/or not knowing what his future would be. Tom had one more much milder attack wherein Marv talked him down and then no more. We are so grateful that he began to trust us and his environment.



Sometime later, during a life skills class, Tom admitted that his life was all messed up, and he was guilty of some bad things. He asked Jesus to forgive him and gave Jesus permission to take control of his life. We saw a remarkable change in Tom's disposition. Up to this time, Tom expressed nothing but anger and hatred for his family members and indicated that he did not want visits from them; however, after inviting Jesus into his life his attitude toward his family changed, and he requested visits. In time, Tom forgave each of his family members and began working on restoring family relationships -it was

truly remarkable to watch as these relationships were being restored.

God also began a work in Tom's heart, his mind, his soul, and his spirit to bring healing into his own broken areas. He (God) called Tom back to life with Jeremiah 29:11:

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”

Tom got excited about his newfound relationship with God and the hope it gave him. He began to embrace life! The anxiety and depression lifted! He dove into his schoolwork with a passion and began completing online classes in record time. In about 6 weeks, Tom had completed all his junior classes – even before the junior school year was not over That being the case the school administrator working with Tom told him he could start his senior classes. Tom worked through those classes in record time as well, only experiencing problems in algebra and geometry, and was

able to work through these classes with help from his tutor. Tom's hard work paid off – He completed 2 years of high school classes in 3 months. School officials informed him that he would graduate with the 2021 graduating class – a full year ahead of his graduating class of 2022!!! Some say this is phenomenal, miracle, some call Tom a each of these true, we see it as the power through an individual to extraordinary achievements. to bless you and give you endeavors!



some call Tom's story a Renaissance man; while characterizations may be of God working in and bring about change and Go Tom! May God continue God's speed in all your

Finances

Our current monthly operating expenses comes to \$6120. Our average monthly donations is \$3400. We're running behind each month by about \$2700. We've almost emptied our bank accounts. Our projected fees for providing these programs: 24/7 residential care in a ranch-like setting; onsite education, vocational exploration, spiritual development, individual and group counseling, recreation, life skills, anger management, and gang awareness classes is \$3000 per month per youth (**about one-third to one-half the cost of similar programs**). We are asking you to help us keep our doors open by utilizing the following opportunities: 1) Sponsor a client. 2) Recommend SNTR to parents who need help with a child. We need your voices. Ask anyone you may know, and all our supporters to partner with us in this endeavor –help us cover tuition fees so SNTR can make this ministry available to our youth. *I'd love to meet with you to clarify the vision, hear your ideas, and answer any questions you may have.*

Other ways to Help

Give Gratitude! Give Skills! Give Money! Give Time!

PS. To consider our current youth and program needs, please go to www.sntr.org.

Warm Regards & Best Blessings,

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