

RATHER REPORT

Because we'd rather report the good news!

From Victim to Victor and Investing in Her future... At her graduation celebration from our Hemet Ranch Girls Home she wore a *grin like the Cheshire cat's*! Upon arrival to CFLC, she was shy, timid, and just felt lost.



While at the Ranch, she graduated from Diamond Valley middle school, then attended West Valley High School and excelled in academics. Now more confident and able to speak up for herself, she has learned to make friends and has transitioned into a



CFLC Foster home. Thanks to CFLC's 401 Stay Plan she was *awarded a whopping \$900.00, which she put into her college fund*. Way to go! *CFLC's 401 Stay Plan* was created in July 2013 to inspire youth to invest in themselves and encourage them to

not AWOL. The way the 401 Stay Plan works is, upon graduation or positive release from CFLC, a youth will receive \$25 for every week they have remain placed with no AWOL incidents. Several *youth have benefited from the 401 Stay Plan* while learning a valuable lesson, and investing in their future.



Growing Up and Success... Maybe an Olympian Competitor in the future, one of our 15 year old Boy's Home residents is *competing on the Valley Center High School Cougars Varsity Track & Field team.* His specialty is the long jump and he is also training for long distance running events. Cheering him on, CFLC staff are excited to see him competing and growing in confidence. CFLC staff applauds every

accomplishment with our youth, including an *avid reader* who reads about everything she can get her hands on. We have to coax this book worm into putting the book down to go to sleep. Congratulations to our 9 youth who have graduated this last quarter (2 youth into CFLC Foster homes). One youth home girl was *on probation from the age of 11*. About to turn 18 and a High School graduate, she was *completely committed* to our program, participating in groups, a Customer Service program, learning life skills, and just



having good fun. *"I had no idea how to have clean fun; I've never seen it before."* The time spent at *CFLC gave her the childhood she never had* and helped prepare her for adulthood. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

New Birth and "The Concept of Care"... Many of our youth have not experienced the bonding and care from a loved one that would naturally occur in a healthy family relationship, so youth experiencing the *"Concept of*"

Care" is important at CFLC. We are pleased to announce the newest addition to our Agrarian Therapy program at Hemet Ranch. *Valentine, a Barbados mix sheep,*

was born in February; the girls and staff absolutely adore this little lamb. There are many more animals in the corral and CFLC Youth have an opportunity to care for and play with chickens, goats, sheep, a pot-belly pig named Wilbur, a miniature horse, and of course there are always two or three kittens running around.

So Much Fun and More...Santa Rosa, Torrey Pines, and Hell Hole Canyon Hikes, skating, laser tag, ice skating, San Diego Safari Park, dodge ball at Get Air Trampoline Park, fishing at Lake Dixon, bowling, boogie boarding, K-1 Go Cart racing, Valentine's Party, Zumba at the gym, Cinderella Carriage Rides, movies,



and a trip to Oak Glenn Village are just some of the activities youth are experiencing at CFLC homes. One youth stated, "I'm happier than I expected. I feel like I have it good and I'd rather be here

than anywhere else." Another said, "Being here I have the support that makes me think I can do it. I am playing softball – I see changes within myself."

If you would like to hear more about CFLC or are interested in giving your kids opportunities like these youth are experiencing...please contact Beth Martin at (909) 816-1044 or just Fax your referral to our Administrative Office at (951) 765-6966. You can also contact Beth Martin at, <u>beth@cflckids.org</u>.

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