

Ball Drop Success

Thanks to the Sheriff Dirksen's Air Support Team this year was our most successful Ball Drop with donations topping \$80,000. The three year total now exceeds \$210,000! Plans to reach even higher in 2023 have already started!



The "cardboard testimonies" is always the centerpiece of the Ball Drop. This is why we host a Ball Drop. This is a snapshot of the real lives that have been rescued by the grace of God. Generous Ball Drop donors make it possible for Adult & Teen Challenge to reach out a hand to men needing another chance to really live.



Your Auto Donations



HELP US SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

Programs like our Auto Donations program substantially help in offsetting costs to host our students through our long-term care facilities. Donate through our website: fhctc.life/auto-donations

We partner with an Auto Donations company called "CARS." They help us facilitate vehicle acquisition, promotions, donor management, and they supply us with metrics on donations data every month.

CALL 855.550.4483 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE @ FHCTC.LIFE/AUTO-DONATIONS

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RICK SOUZA *On Legacy in Leadership*



Included in this newsletter is a picture of a plaque recently mounted on our exterior wall to the main entry of our ministry at Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge. It is honoring the life, vision, and ministry of Dennis Ray Whitman, founder and Executive Director of this ministry from 1989 until his retirement in 2016. Dennis suddenly passed away on September 17, 2018 after a brief illness.

In 1979, Dennis came to San Francisco Teen Challenge as a student who needed to transition from San Quentin Prison. It was there God continued the work he had begun in Dennis. A year later, Dennis met

his wife Jody at Courtland Church at a service. Dennis and Jody married and celebrated over 37 years of marriage.

Dennis had a vision for a Ranch, and in 2004 a series of events happened that allowed his vision to happen. Dennis was known to walk the property daily praying for all of the men and staff. Multiples of men came to know the Lord during his term as Executive Director.

It has been an honor and privilege for me to continue the legacy birthed in Dennis' heart, soul, and prayers.

Rick Souza
CEO/Executive Director



The plaque reads, "Rev. Dennis Ray Whitman Founder and Executive Director San Joaquin Valley Teen Challenge 1989-2016."

As he faithfully walked and talked with Jesus, God fulfilled his vision for a Ranch. As a result, many men regained their lives, family, and dignity.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and He delights in his way. Psalm 37:23"



From left to right: Randy Fiorini, Emmanuel Jenkins, Margo Ely, Louise Williams, Ron Havill, David Wright

Randy Fiorini was a former board member who served during the merger of Faith Home Teen Ranch and Faith Home Adult Teen Challenge. David Wright served on the board as the Chairman. Emmanuel Jenkins, Ron Havill, Margo Ely and Louise Williams were staff members during this time.

JESSE MCGAFFEE

Christmas Party



Hey friends and family of FHATC, my name is Jesse McGaffee and I'm in the role of Campus Pastor at the ranch. In early December our program took part in a Christmas party for the Adult and Teen Challenge programs in the Nor/Cal Nevada District. We gathered together to sing, perform skits, laugh, worship, pray, grow, and celebrate Jesus together. I'd like to share with you some of my favorite moments from this amazing event.

Moment 1 - Our team was blessed to lead the main worship time before the rest of the acts and as we were practicing many of the programs were in the sanctuary waiting their turn practice. As we finished our practice we realized the people waiting were singing along with us so we went into an impromptu a cappella time of worship that was sweet and genuine. No music, no performance, just worship.

Moment 2 - During the service, as our team was leading worship, I was able to take a step back and look at our guys on stage giving it their all. Being on staff at the program I see a lot of men come in and not respond to what God is calling them into. And then a crack in the shell happens and they begin to receive what the Lord is doing for them and in them. This day every man was responding to how the Lord was moving and leading in worship.

Moment 3 - Our guys were the final act of the night before the main speaker. They performed a skit about Elisha and the servant whose eyes were opened to see the angels surrounding them. From the opening pose to the closing remarks we laughed and were challenged to let God open our eyes.

Moment 4 - The main speaker of our event was Dean Johnson. He began with him and a friend turning the music up to an ungodly loud volume and then proceeded to break bats, bend pans, crush cans, and more. Our guys were on their feet cheering on these feats of strength. Dean and his team gave their testimonies of what God saved them from. We heard from a former gang member who tried to murder someone and God stopped the gun from firing. We heard from Dean about how God took him from an all star athlete who was empty on the inside to his experience of meeting Jesus and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Dean gave an alter call and all of our guys responded to what God was doing. A small group of our men experienced the love and power of God like never before. As one man was coming back to the seats I gave him a hug and he melted in my arms and continued to weep. Another man was touched with healing in his feet. Another was filled with joy. Another was filled with the forgiveness of the Lord. As we closed the event, there was a short testimony time. Most of the testimonies were from our guys. It is obvious to me that the Holy Spirit is on the move in the lives of these men.

Jesse McGaffee, Campus Pastor

Our Student Christmas party this year was a celebration full of God's love and laughter. The Student's love for the Lord shined brightly as they reunited and celebrated with their families.

We want to thank the following churches and volunteers for your generous time and donations:

- Christ Community Church • Randy Souza • William Lily • Shehan's Transport Refrigeration Repair
- Christian & Janice Braly • First Assembly of God, Chowchilla • Four Seasons Christian Fellowship
- Gateway Community Church • Iglesia El Sinai A/G • Lake Tulloch Bible Church
- Donna Malone & Carol • Michele & Bob Wright • Angelica Ibarra



Gifts of love from friends like you bring smiles and break down barriers. It was a wonderful time of sharing God's love and His power to change. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:11, "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." It is God who has enriched us so that we can be generous and through our generosity it blesses others which results in giving thanks to God. Thank you all for your generosity as it is truly a blessing to this ministry.

DONT MISS OUR 2023

Upcoming Events



- 1.26.2023 - Staff Ski trip
- 4.10.2023 - Lewie Roche III Golf Classic
- 5.20.2023 - Student Graduation
- 6.2.2023 - Annual Nor-Cal/Nevada District Picnic
- 7.5.2023 - Roger's 5k Walk and Run
- 10.21.2023 - 4th Annual Helicopter Ball Drop