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Meet Rodney Robinson



Rodney Robinson is the new Chemical Dependency Director for CMYA. Rodney comes to us from Chapman Medical Center where he currently works with the adolescent and family groups for their chemical dependence program. Rodney has been working as a certified addiction counselor for 20 years and comes highly recommended. Rodney loves kids, and the kids love Rodney. CMYA is blessed to have him on our staff.



Coastal Mountain is Growing

We are in the process of leasing more space in the same complex that will double our classroom and office space. We will have more adequate space for our growing school. We have four new students, and our newest expansion will provide us with more classroom space, better restroom facilities and complete kitchen. In the long-term our offices will remain in this location in San Juan Capistrano as we move the residential, educational and therapeutic programs up to our new property in the mountains out the Ortega Highway. We continue to receive great students, but as we planned, we are providing scholarships to some. We need to continue to keep the donations coming in. Board Member Colby McFadden is working diligently with Mike to head up the fundraising committee. If you are receiving this newsletter you will certainly be getting a call or letter from Mike or Colby soon. We need funding to keep our program going and significant financial backing to move into our beautiful property in the mountains. Scott has enlisted the services of four CSU San Marcos interns to create a fundraising and marketing tool box for us, to improve our website and make sure we achieve our goals. Coastal Mountain Youth Academy is exceeding our most ambitious expectations, and more struggling teens and their families are living in the solution while finding a new happy and productivity life free of addiction.



Meet New Board Member Jeri Tabback

Jeri Tabback is a litigation attorney and shareholder in the law firm of Harle, Janics & Kannen, located in Costa Mesa. She has raised three children – now 19, 20 and 26, and has been a local resident for the past 10 years. Jeri worked with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in its early days, from 1981 through 1986, acting as a courtroom advocate, organizing and presenting programs and demonstrations throughout southern California to professional groups, governmental organizations, and high schools, with the cooperation of various local law enforcement agencies and the California Highway Patrol. She comes to us eager to lend her time and talents toward assisting CMYA accomplish its mission by helping our students learn skills through which they can recognize and achieve their full potential.

Meet New Board Member Colby McFadden

Colby McFadden is President and Co-Founder of the Life Resource Institute, a local financial advisory firm specializing in investment management. Colby is married with three children ages 5,15,and 16. In addition to investment and family management Colby has recently opened a local health food restaurant called Karma Juice. Karma Juice is focused on building awareness of how our choices in the food we eat effects the way we feel.

As a child of an MFCC and adolescent counselor Colby learned first hand how a little understanding and willingness to help can create huge returns for the better. For years Colby has volunteered his time and energy mentoring adolescents in non violent communication. Colby's unique experiences living within a functioning blended family as well as a business owner and financial advisor provide a unique array of resources to the CMYA board.



If you are interested in donating your time and talents or making a tax deductible financial contribution please feel free to contact us by email or phone

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ROTARY CLUB RECOGNIZES LAUREN

Lauren Channels received the Pete McKenzie Memorial Scholarship from the Rotary Club of San Clemente in the amount of \$3,200. This one time award was created to honor a dear friend who devoted his life to helping children in need as a foster father of many Orangewood kids. Mr. McKenzie passed away in September 2006. In his spirit, individual members of his Rotary Club personally contributed this scholarship amount. The Rotarians wanted to award this scholarship to Lauren to recognize her achievements in overcoming addiction and pursuing a career dedicated to helping others recover from this dreaded disease. Lauren has graduated from the CMYA inaugural wilderness and therapeutic summer school, and recently graduated from Serra High School. Lauren worked part time for CMYA and is now enrolling in Saddleback College. The photo to the right was taken at the ceremony and includes Mike Darnold, Lauren Channels, Bette Johnson, Club President, and Tom Larimore, Scholarship Chair.



Las Flores Middle School Students Contribute \$1,400 to Coastal Mountain Youth Academy. The students of LFMS held a fundraiser during the holidays to help a community project and they voted overwhelmingly to support CMYA and the very special work we do. Thanks to PTA mom Heather Premac and all the students at Las Flores.



A very special thanks also goes to **Joan Moe and the people from the Human Resource Department at Capistrano Unified School District for their contribution of \$600 to CMYA.** This great group of caring individuals had a joint project of making a quilt by hand and auctioning it off over the holidays. The proceeds were to be given to a needy cause and they chose our kids. Thanks to Joan and the men and women in their department.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You have all heard us talking about Coastal Mountain Youth Academy, and now is your chance to get involved. We are going to announce monthly Open Houses, Receptions, and other events that will give you an opportunity to demonstrate your support for these special kids and this program. CMYA students are receiving the finest quality education along with the full "wrap-around" approach to all their therapeutic needs. Our school is meeting the needs of teens that would otherwise be sent out of state or would be out on the street. A significant number of our students are receiving partial or full scholarships. Your contributions and other private donations are the only source we have of meeting this demand. Our teachers and counselors are working their magic on these kids, but quality programs come at a cost.

Your financial contributions, pledges and monthly checks are making a difference. We gleefully accept checks of all sizes. Remember that all your donations are tax deductible.

Please also call Mike or Kelley if you would like to serve on our board of directors. Mike—949.395.7275 / Kelley 949.874.1236



COASTAL MOUNTAIN YOUTH ACADEMY GOES HERE

CMYA Capital Campaign is diligently working to raise the funds necessary to obtain the lease/purchase option on this beautiful piece of paradise that is absolutely made for Coastal Mountain Academy. Please contact Mike or go to our website to see how you can donate. For more details about us go to WWW.CMYA.ORG

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

...Margaret

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