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## A Message from the CEO

In the past 18 months, we have launched new services that resulted in 960 additional children having access to early childhood development services, 432 homeless veterans receiving housing and case management, and we opened a new K-5th grade public charter school.

Each staff member, donor, and volunteer has played a unique and vital part in the amazing work done by Volunteers of America Southwest to help transform the lives of vulnerable individuals in this community to vibrant, productive, and purposeful lives.

Recently, I was asked, “why does our organization exist?” My reply without hesitation, we exist so those who are broken and vulnerable will know a light is always on for them. Our organization’s “Promise” is: to walk side by side with those who are broken and vulnerable during every step of their journey to a more vibrant and productive life.

It is our Promise, our Mission, and our commitment to always keep the light on that sets us apart from other organizations. Thank you for being a Difference Maker!!!

## Save the Date for Volunteers of America Southwest’s Annual Celebrity Golf Classic!

For more information, visit  
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A promotional poster for the 19th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic. The background is a silhouette of a golfer in mid-swing against a sunset sky. The text is white and yellow. The logo for Volunteers of America Southwest is in the top right corner.

*The 19th Annual  
Celebrity Golf Classic*

The Country Club of Rancho Bernardo  
Monday, September 17, 2018  
11AM Tee Time

*“From vulnerable to vibrant, we transform lives”*

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# At a Glance - July 2018



## Changed by Hawley Veterans Services Center

John, a homeless army veteran, was struggling to cope with the aftermath of being in the army. As his world had become too heavy for him to lift on his own, he was introduced to Hawley Veterans Service Center. John recalls the first morning he spent at Hawley after he moved in, "I walked out of my room with a cup of coffee in my hand, looked at the beauty of the world and was at peace. I thought to myself, life is looking up." After recovering at Hawley, John returned to school, saved enough money to be stable, recovered from two necessary knee surgeries, and landed a job as a case-aid at the very place where he turned his life around. Painting his struggles, his life, and the beauty he sees, John is able to show the world some of his story, a story many other veterans have shared. By placing his faith and

trust in god, John found his way to Hawley and to a better life than the one he was living. "Volunteers of America Southwest had a tremendous impact on my life by providing resources for me to have a second chance at life. Men are transforming through the guidance and tools received at Hawley; this is a chance for men to start over and truly bloom."

## Coming Events

### Rock to Recovery

Every Monday at 2:15 PM

Join us Monday afternoons to experience the transformative power of music!

Everyone is welcome.

Renaissance Treatment Center

2300 E 7th St, National City, CA 91950

### Quarterly Business Mixer

August 30 at 5:30 PM

An evening of networking, appetizers, and refreshments.

The Country Club of Rancho Bernardo



Students from Ballington Academy San Bernardino serenade the residents at Cambridge Gardens senior apartments before sharing an intergenerational lunch.

## In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart and extreme sadness that we must let you know of the passing of former Board member, Mr. Tom Tanana. On Tuesday, June 19 Mr. Tanana had a severe stroke and was hospitalized, and on Wednesday, June 20th Tom departed this life. Tom served as a member of our Board of Directors for 36 years. During his tenure, he served as the Board Chair twice, and on the Audit and Finance Committee and the Alcohol and Drug Services Advisory Board. Please join us in saying a special prayer for the Tanana family during this tough time.



## Chaplain's Corner

Please join us in celebrating our very own Tony Phipps, pictured at center in the picture to the left, who recently completed the requirements to become a newly Commissioned Minister. Tony has supported the organization in his IT capacities for a long time, and his journey to becoming a minister has been nothing short of inspiring. Congratulations Tony, and thank you for dedicating yourself to advancing our ministry.