



WITH GRATITUDE a message about our move

We are grateful for both our rich history and our promising future at Progress Ranch. Our legacy is rooted in Yolo County, where we were founded in 1976 to provide services for foster children from across California. So much has happened since! 2024 was a time of change and growth as we grappled with increasing challenges and ultimately moved to Sacramento, where we established our first “Welcome Center” (shelter care home). We are now opening a second shelter home and a residential mental health program for teen girls with extraordinary needs. More detail is at www.progressranch.org.

We are excited to be helping foster children who are between homes, many of whom are being trafficked. Sacramento is the 4th largest hub of trafficking on the West Coast and 60% of children in Sacramento Shelters have been trafficked. We are building on the expertise honed over time in Davis, to now work with girls and boys devastated by not only abuse and neglect, but also by the heart wrenching world of sex trafficking. The Sacramento Community has been incredibly welcoming and supportive as we get settled into our new home after such a significant transition.

Leaving Yolo County, where we were surrounded by groups and individuals committed to supporting our boys, was a difficult decision. Our Yolo community got us through monumental challenges like COVID and contributed to the wellbeing of our kids in so many meaningful ways. We received personalized handmade quilts for each of our boys, homemade meals, workdays to improve our houses, donations to improve our boys’ playground, kitchen, and bedrooms, soft welcome blankets, toys and handcrafted stockings at Christmastime, and so much more. Our boys were so loved in Yolo.

Ultimately, our decision to move was both pragmatic and aspirational. Practically, we needed to adapt to a changing financial and political landscape. It was becoming clear that we could not continue to operate in the same way because of factors such as statewide policy changes that made residential treatment more expensive and difficult than ever, an ongoing national worker shortage, and other factors. Then, we received an invitation from Sacramento County to develop innovative shelter care programming using our model of residential programming in nurturing, homelike settings. We realized we could do so much good here without compromising our integrity. We had been offered an opportunity to significantly expand our impact by diversifying the type of services we provide, as well as the number of foster children served. In fact, since opening programming in Sacramento, we have already tripled the number of children served in previous years.

We are grateful for the foundation built with our Yolo County community and for strong partnerships moving forward in Sacramento County. I am excited to meet community members in the Sacramento area as we get to know our new neighbors and work together to have even greater impact. The legacy we began nearly 50 years ago in Yolo County continues to thrive in Sacramento today and I am so thankful for each of you who have contributed along the way. I sincerely hope we will stay connected in service to California’s most vulnerable children.

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