



RANCHO DAMACITAS
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

MEET OUR YOUTH Alex

Alex, now 19, first entered foster care at a young age from parents struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. He was already the main caretaker of his two siblings, both suffering from disabilities. Children who have been victimized, abused, abandoned and placed within the social system face numerous challenges. One of the most impacting challenges that they face is around education. They have spent so much of their young lives focused on survival that they never spent much time, energy, or resources on gaining a quality education. Simply stated, school always took a back seat to everything else that was happening in their lives.

"Although an abusive and neglectful family, and eight years in foster care are chapters in my life story, they are only the beginning to a life I have today and a future filled with hope!"

Here at Rancho Damacitas we make education a top priority in their recovery process. Our staff work closely with the school districts, individual teachers, and counselors to maximize the children's opportunities to be successful in school. We also offer educational support scholarships to former foster youth to help them on their personal career path.

Alex was eventually adopted into a loving family along with his older brother. Today, Alex is a sophomore at Point Loma Nazarene University where he is studying for a career in Information Technology. He is our second scholarship student and is doing wonderful!

Your recent gift and continued support will help us continue these efforts to support Alex, and many more youth like him, in their educational efforts. **Thank you!**

