



MEET OUR YOUTH Kim



Many people would have counted her out, pushed her aside believing she wouldn't make it. After living in and out of foster care since the day she was born, Kim had 26 different placements by

the time she reached Rancho Damacitas when she was 12. She was a product of the system. As a typical troubled teen, Kim was failing her classes, running away, and showed aggression. "I was horrible



Rancho Damacitas has truly impacted my growth in such a positive way. I honestly believe that I

would not be where I am today if I had been anywhere else. The people at Rancho care and never gave up on me. They make sure I am given opportunities that continue to grow who I am and I am so thankful."

when I first came," admits Kim, now 17 years old, "but my home parents were stubborn and they stuck with me."

Kim has lived at Rancho Damacitas for the last four years, and she is an example of what can happen when a community comes together to support foster youth. Today, Kim is on track and thriving! She attends a local high school with a 3.8 GPA and will be graduating this Spring. Last summer, Kim started her first job at a local business and recently received a promotion. Kim

plans to attend college this coming Fall to pursue a degree in Business and Marketing.

During her time with Rancho Damacitas, Kim was able to participate in typical teen activities such as joining her high school Dance Team, attend high school functions with her peers, go to summer camp, and a leadership trip to the Grand Canyon! The opportunities that helped shape Kim's life were provided by generous donors like you. **Thank you!**