

Historical Dates & Highlights

- **1933-** The Joseph Scott Home for Boys in Redondo Beach was founded by the Catholic Big Brothers; their mission was to care for boys roaming the streets due to the Depression Era surge of homeless children.
- **1936-** The home was temporarily relocated to Griffith Park due to too many boys. After looking at several locations, it moved to Chatsworth and took the name of Rancho San Antonio. The original building housed 20 boys in 2 dorms. The building is still used today.
- **1943-** Catholic Big Brothers were being drafted for World War II. The Brothers of St. John of God assumed administrative duties. The facilities were then taken over by the Archdiocese and the program was run by Catholic Charities.
- **1950-** Father Joseph Hill, a diocesan priest becomes the director.
- **1951-** Cardinal James McIntyre tasked the Brothers of the Holy Cross, one of whom (Brother John Crowe) remains with us even to this day, to control and operate the facility and care for the boys. The Knights of Columbus were enlisted by the Cardinal to support and seek funding and patronage for Rancho San Antonio. This leadership structure continues to the present day.

During the first 20 years, there were many transitions in leadership and suitable locations. Since its humble beginnings in the rented house in Redondo Beach we have become one of the most highly respected residential treatment facilities in California. Rancho boasts an enviable life of crime/poverty non-recidivism rate of over 80% thanks to the perseverance of many dedicated and talented staff at all levels over the past 88 years. Our Board of Directors, the Knights of Columbus, and generous benefactors over years have supported this exceptional success rate. More than ever, in 2021 and beyond, the youth and families of today still need our nationally accredited services. Change is never easy and not without pain; ask those who have been entrusted to our care. Please help us to be there for them!