



# WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

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## PROGRESS REPORT

We have had a number of VIPs visit our ADU in Vista in the last few months. On Wednesday, March 2 Deborah Shinner, Executive Director, and Canece Huber, Business Development Director, from [REINS](#) came for a look see. REINS, located less than a mile from my home, is a well known nonprofit with a 10-acre 'horse property' in Fallbrook.

Read more about [REINS](#)' Therapeutic Horsemanship Program and its programs for military families and veterans on [page 6](#).

On March 30, a team from [Rebuilding Green](#) led by Genny Crane, Executive Director, visited Poway High School to see the tiny house being built in Joe Ismay's after-school program.

The visit was organized by Jeremy Martin, Career Education Specialist with the Poway Unified School District (PUSD). Jeremy and Lynn McConville, Assistant Principal of Career Technical Education for PUSD, are working to transform the after-school program into a regular class at Poway High School next year.



L to R: Canece Huber, Business Development Director, & Deborah Shinner, Executive Director, REINS *Therapeutic Horsemanship Program*



See photos of Joe's students at work on [page 5](#), and read more about Genny Crane, the subject of this month's VIP Profile on [page 2](#).

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## VIP PROFILE

### Genny Crane, Executive Director of ReBuilding Green

Genny Crane is the Executive Director of [ReBuilding Green](#) (RBG) and a Board Member of the [Tiny Home Industry Association](#) (THIA). RBG, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was founded in 1978 by San Diego State professors as Ecological Life Systems Institute (E.L.S.I.). Their futuristic view of environmental challenges was the seed that metamorphosed into ReBuilding Green.

*“Today RBG has enhanced its mission to include affordable housing solutions. It strives to lead our communities to a new way of living, which was a part of the original plan fueled by our Creator, who gifted us with tools to live healthy, self-sustaining, and happy lives. We believe that the BIG problems that our nation faces have natural and tiny solutions that will bring 'community' back into our neighborhoods.”*

*“ReBuilding Green seeks to partner with like-minded individuals and entities to answer the cry of a discouraged society that lacks affordable housing options while bringing back the quality of life utilizing the solutions that fabulous tiny homes offer.”*

With the support of THIA President Dan Fitzpatrick, Genny led advocates that helped persuade the City of San Diego to approve Movable Tiny Homes as Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the backyards of single-family homes. With this win the city has more affordable and accessible housing options.

ReBuilding Green’s programs provide alternatives to those faced with housing insecurity, whether placing a tiny house in a backyard as an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), or rebranding an existing mobile home park by converting it into a self-sustaining tiny home village. Through these and other innovative solutions, ReBuilding Green is attacking the housing crisis. A safe place to call home is the basis for all other successful outcomes in life – social, medical, educational, and vocational.

Re-Imagine Affordable Housing with an out of the box solution, Tiny Home Zones: look-alike zoning that's pro-economy, pro-affordability, pro-environment, and just makes a lot of sense! [One example...rebuilding/rebranding trailer parks.](#)



## SCHOOL UPDATE Montecito High School

[Montecito High School won first place in the Southern California Design Build Competition!](#)  
(MHS Facebook Page).

Over 250 students from 17 high schools and community colleges from Southern California took over a parking lot at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa on Wednesday and Thursday, April 6 and 7th, 2022. They gathered for the 37th Annual Design Build Competition sponsored by the [Construction Industry Education Foundation](#). Each team had up to 15 students working to build a small structure.

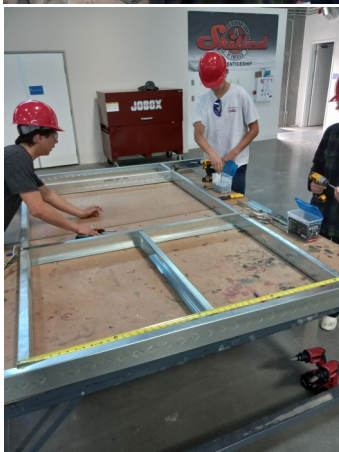
The team from [Montecito High School](#) team was the first to complete their build. They then assisted other teams to complete their structures. Congratulations to Mr. Nicholas Jordan and the entire Montecito High School Construction Crew for your win and your sportsmanship. We are so proud of you!



## SCHOOL UPDATE San Marcos High School

On April 12, 8 students from Chris Geldert's San Marcos High School woodworking program visited the [Associated General Contractors Apprenticeship Program](#) Training Center in Lakeside, CA. The visit was hosted by our friend Jon Hill.

Our students toured the facility and completed hands-on building trades activities. The facility is beautiful and very well equipped. Click here for a [virtual tour](#). If you would like to schedule an actual tour of the Lakeside Training Center [contact Marty Anderson](#).



AGC's Apprenticeship Program offers practical on-the-job training combined with classroom instruction. The duration of the program is between 2 - 4 years, depending upon the craft. Upon successful completion, apprentices graduate and are awarded certificates by the AGC and the state. These completion certificates are recognized by the industry as valid indicators that an apprentice has completed training that meets industry standards of occupational proficiency.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

On March 30, a team from Rebuilding Green led by Genny Crane, Executive Director, visited Poway High School to see the Moveable Tiny House being built in Joe Ismay's after-school program.



Instructor Joe Ismay introduces ReBuilding Green visitors to his students.



L to R: Jeremy Martin, and Genny Crane, Oats Banky and Harvey Hardwick of ReBuilding Green.

Like any construction site, there were a number of tasks being performed simultaneously on the Poway build site. Several students donned coveralls to install insulation and do touch-up painting. Two students were busy installing mounting brackets on the back of the house for the mini-split heat pump compressor, while other students cut holes in the plywood flooring to accommodate bathroom plumbing fixture drains.



As busy as they were, the students took time to explain the work they were doing to their visitors. It is great to hear a young builder talk knowledgeably, confidently and enthusiastically about the work they are doing!

## PARTNERS REINS *Therapeutic Horsemanship Program*

The mission of [REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program](#) is to support the physical, mental and emotional health of disabled children and adults with therapeutic equine-assisted activities.

The benefits of this therapy are both mental and physical and include normalization of muscle tone, increased balance and coordination, developments of speech and language, and improvements in body awareness and self-esteem.

At REINS, children and adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses. This is an intense form of therapy that benefits a wide range of abilities. Their current enrollment is nearly 200 weekly students who come from all over the counties of Orange, Riverside and San Diego. REINS also has the help of over 100 weekly volunteers who assist in all aspects of the program.

REINS began in a backyard in San Marcos, California in 1984 with a handful of disabled students and their devoted parents. They have since moved twice in their effort to embrace as many students as possible. In 1999, REINS purchased their permanent property in Fallbrook. In 2009, through a generous donation, they paid off their mortgage and are now able to devote their full attention to expanding the program, welcoming more students and increasing the quality of the therapy they provide.

Therapeutic horseback riding benefits almost any disabling condition including: cerebral palsy, autism, downs syndrome, head injuries, hearing impairments, visually impairments, multiple sclerosis, seizure disorders, speech and learning disabilities, and sensory integration dysfunction. The physical, mental, and emotional benefits of therapeutic horsemanship are numerous. The rhythmic motion and warmth of the horse stimulates and exercises the rider's muscles, increasing mobility of the pelvis, hip, and spine. The rider experiences weight shift and trunk mobility as if he were walking on his own.

As the horse and rider progress through their different gaits, the rider experiences a wide range of sensory input. At a walk, the rider benefits from the calming effort of the rhythmic, three-dimensional movement. As the horse moves to a trot, the rider's alertness is increased, his posture aligned, and he becomes more aware of his own body. Riders respond to this movement as the lessons, activities and exercises take place. To encourage speech, identify objects, and sequence multiple tasks students also participate in games and socialize with other students.

REINS invites you to visit their facility in Fallbrook and see their program first hand. Lessons are held Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with a break from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm each day. Please visit REINS' [website](#) and [Facebook Page](#), or call REINS (760-731-9168) if you have any questions or would like to set up a tour. [Ctrl Click](#) on Debbie's photo below to watch REINS' [Military Video](#) to learn how REINS helps veterans and military families.



*Therapeutic  
Horsemanship  
Program*

# SPONSORS



## DONATE TO THE WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

We can provide truly affordable, permanent housing. But, we can't do it for free. To succeed, we need financial support. The materials required to build our cottages cost about \$25,000 per cottage. It will cost about \$10,000 to transport a cottage to its installation site. The cost of installing a cottage as an Accessory Dwelling Unit will depend on the site. But, it should cost about \$30,000 per cottage. Hence, we can provide permanent housing for a veteran for about \$65,000 per unit. This is a bargain compared to the cost of government supported 'affordable' housing projects. According to the [Terner Center for Housing Innovation](#) at UC Berkeley, it cost an average of \$480,000 (\$700/sq ft) to build one unit of affordable housing in California under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

**Donors who wish to donate for the construction of our cottages at San Marcos High School can make a contribution through our fiscal sponsor, [The San Marcos Promise](https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate) (<https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate>), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.**

- **Online Donations:** When you donate online, please '*Leave A Comment*' indicating that your donation is for the [Warrior Village Project](#).
- **Donations by Check:** Mail your check, made payable to [The San Marcos Promise](#), to:

**The San Marcos Promise  
255 Pico Avenue, Suite 103  
San Marcos, CA 92069**

**Please write on the Check's Memo Line that your donation is for the [Warrior Village Project](#).**

*Please help us to provide affordable, permanent housing for homeless veterans while training the next generation of homebuilders.*

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