



## Dimondale News

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Dimondale's youth were very busy this quarter. They enjoyed various activities that ranged from cultural to social. The organization enjoys planning and organizing educational activities and outings for our youth. We believe in making the most of the city's historical, cultural and social resources to make learning come alive. Keep reading to see what the rising stars of Dimondale have been up to!

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### Christmas Around the World

Dimondale hosted the annual holiday party at the Marriott in Torrance. We were joined by our sister facilities, CareProvider and Dream Catchers, to celebrate Christmas Around the World. The annual Christmas Party is about bringing everyone together to share the holiday spirit. Each facility choreographed and performed amazing routines for the talent show. They were all declared winners and are looking forward to dinner at PF Changs.



Jackie's Angels has been a proud supporter and partner of Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility. In recent years, Jackie's Angels has hosted Vision Board Parties to assist the youth in outlining their goals and dreams using a vision board. During this quarter, Jackie's Angels held a Holiday Gifting Luncheon at Frida's Mexican Restaurant in Torrance, CA. The youth received generous gifts and goodies to celebrate the holiday season. The youth were overwhelmed with joy and could not wait to share the news with their family and friends.

*Jackie's Angels*

Jackie's Angels, Founder and Executive Director,

Diahanna Brown, was presented with an award plaque during our Annual Christmas Party to acknowledge Jackie's Angels generous contributions to the youth in our organization.

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## Strolling Candy Cane Lane



Our youth at the Gardena facility enjoyed both indoor and outdoor activities such as go carting, World on Wheels skating rink, batting cages, and hiking at Kenneth Hahn and Runyon Canyon park. Tickets were also donated for them to attend the AMA Supercross 2017, where they got to see off-road motorcycles flying over steep jumps and completing impressive obstacle courses. The youth were also excited to visit the Queen Mary and see Christmas lights galore at Candy Cane Lane.

Their proudest accomplishment this winter, however, was performing at our annual Dimondale Christmas Party where they worked together to choreograph and practice a dance routine for our sister facilities and community partners at the Torrance Marriott. Ms. Mikkela, our Gardena Administrator and organizer for the Christmas Event had this to say "Watching them put their differences aside to create a fun, holiday ready performance demonstrated how resilient and spirited our youth are and undoubtedly reminded us just how rewarding this career can be!"



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## A Walk Through The Garden

According to the youth's feedback, they really enjoyed the outings to The Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden in Long Beach. They also enjoyed the Mexican Festival, as there were many tasty food items to explore. In terms of the youths exploring higher education, they reported enjoying local Community College, as well as, California State University, Dominguez Hills campus tours. However, it should be noted the barber and nail shop remains their favorite outing.

As our young men and ladies prepare for the next step in life, ensuring that they participate in high school activities, college preparation, as well as, job







## Community Service

Dimondale youth participate in various community service activities. These activities are designed to get them involved in their communities in a positive manner. Community service projects empower the youth to become productive pillars of society upon successfully completing Dimondale's program. During this quarter the youth volunteered their time and painted the inside of the senior center and volunteered at the classic car show, setting up chairs and assisting with the clean up.



## Hawthorne



Majority of the youths winter break was spent bonding and getting to know one another while ice skating, strolling through Universal City Walk, playing games at Mulligan's Family Fun Center and Dave & Buster's, and outside barbecues when the weather permitted. On cold and rainy days, inside activities such as watching movies, playing board games, and exercising with staff were just as fun. Although we've had some

bumps on the way, the youths are getting back on track with their schoolwork and progression towards the goal of completing their program at Dimondale.



## Holiday Message

During the Holiday Season, more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible and in this spirit we say, simply but sincerely... Thank you!!

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