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San Bernardino Youth Baseball finishes outstanding season



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The San Bernardino Youth Baseball All-Stars have not lost a game thus far in all-star play, with an outstanding 6-0 record. The boys will begin to play in Super Regionals on Thursday in Lakeside, against La Jolla. They are just one of several teams on the league who finished their season with championship wins.

By Cynthia Mendoza

San Bernardino Youth Baseball [a merger between Guadalupe League and Inland Empire Pony Baseball] finished up their season with many

great accomplishments to be proud of.

San Bernardino Youth Baseball is the only Pony League in San Bernardino amongst dozens of Little Leagues. As the all-star play season comes to an end the league

still has two softball teams playing in the World Series in San Jacinto this week and a 14 and Under Pony Division boys team that has not lost a game yet in all-star play, with an outstanding 6-0 record. The boys

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Time For Change success stories of hope and second chances



PHOTOS/CYNTHIA MENDOZA

Rosemary Franco is just one of many women who have turned their lives around through the Time For Change Foundation program. After severe drug abuse and losing her five children in a custody battle, Franco ended up at TFC where she immersed herself in the various programs. Within months, she was reunited with her children.

By Cynthia Mendoza

Success can take on many different faces depending on the situation and at the Time

For Change Foundation (TFC), success is evidenced by the smiling faces and genuine hope for a better life women experience when they decide to turn their lives around

and seek help to do it. Since its inception in 2003, TFC has helped hundreds of women and their chil-

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Workforce Investment Board recruiting 503 youth for training and employment assistance program

The County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board announced that it is accepting applications for its youth training and employment assistance program. The program has 503 openings for youth ages 17 to 21.

Participating youth will receive mentorship, resume assistance, soft skills and vocational training, and work experience opportunities. The County of San Bernardino will provide all training and services at no cost to participants. The program begins July 1, 2013 and ends June 30, 2014. A second year of follow up services will help youth achieve goals set in the first year of the program.

"As a youth provider, we are investing in the future workforce," said Russell Degnan, Executive Director for Operation New Hope. "Partnering with the Workforce Investment Board to serve these young people is rewarding today and a great benefit to our economy."

Thirteen local organizations will serve as youth providers, working directly with youth to build work readiness skills. These organizations include the Apple Valley Unified School District, Career Institute, Chino Valley Unified School District, Colton Redlands Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program, Family Service Association, First Institute, Gang Reduction Intervention Team, Goodwill Industries Southern California, Hesperia Unified School District, Mojave River Academy, Needles Center for Change, Operation New Hope, and the Provisional Accelerated Learn

"The youth employment program builds the skills necessary to find jobs in San Bernardino County's in-demand job sectors," says Sandy Harmsen, Executive Director for the County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board. "This reduces the skills gap, ensures our young residents will have jobs, and strengthens the economy."

To qualify for the program, applicants should be ages 17 to 21 and have significant barriers to employment.

For information or to apply, contact 1 (800) 451-JOBS or visit www.csb-win.org.

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