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San Bernardino Youth Baseball 12 and Under Girls Softball, West Zone Softball Champs.

will begin to play in Super Regionals on Thursday in Lakeside, against La Jolla. They are also five games away from going to the World Series, depending on how they do in the upcoming games.

According to league manager Brandon Ponce, San Bernardino Youth Baseball has also won the most flags of any youth program in the city.

“For the first time in our league’s or any league’s history, we have an all four-year-old team winning a flag,” Ponce said proudly of the youngest players. “Our seven and eight-year old Pinto Division boys also won a flag and both of our 14 and under teams have combined to win 3 flags.”

The 12 and under and 14 and

under girls have also won a flag, which equals a total of seven flags and counting for the league.

“These accomplishments by our boys and girls have put San Bernardino Youth Baseball and Softball on the map,” Ponce said.

San Bernardino Youth Baseball has 35 teams with about 500 kids ranging in ages from four to 18. Ponce attributes the league’s recent successes to the dedication and hard work of the coaching staff, who enter their teams into off season tournaments to get them prepared for the upcoming season, among other factors.

And while the league has had no major issues or challenges at this time, they would like to work on having access to more fields. Cur-

rently they use six fields throughout the city, which between 35 teams and 500 kids, can be a challenge for parents. But Ponce said he’d like to work something to with the city to have regular use of more fields. Their home field is the Sal Saavedra field on 8th and Mt. Vernon. The league shares infield and outfield maintenance duties with the city.

“We hope the city can support us in an upgrade or that we can work with other organizations,” Ponce said.

For more information on San Bernardino Youth Baseball email Brandon Ponce at bponce44@msn.com or call him at (909) 534-6141.



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Pee Wee T-Ball registration underway

The City of San Bernardino Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department is offering Pee Wee Flag Football for youth ages 4 – 7 years. The program includes instruction in flag football fundamentals, basic skills, practice, and games. The Department will be taking registrations from July 15, 2013, through August 24, 2013. Fees are \$35.00 for city residents and \$38.50 for non-residents. Fee includes a T-shirt, an award, and six weeks of play. Parents may register their child and coaches may register their teams at the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Main Office located at 201 North ‘E’ Street, Suite 301, or at your local community center. For additional information on this program and other Youth Sports programs, please call (909) 384-5420.



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dren turn their lives around after living on the street, abuse or incarceration.

This article showcases in just a few brief words, the stories of three of these women.

Rosemary Franco was devastated by the loss of her five children in a custody battle. She was also battling what appeared to be a never-ending drug addiction. She had tried many different options, such as sober living facilities but nothing seemed to work. The loss of her children gave her the motivation and courage to change her life so she wouldn’t permanently lose her children “to the system”. At TFC, she immersed herself in the various programs, workshops, and classes including parenting, job readiness, and family reunification. After a few weeks Franco her life begin to change and eventually, she was overjoyed with the news that she would be reunited with three of her children and six months later she regained full custody of the remaining two.

Today, she and her children have transitioned top TFC’s Homes of Hope project where the family lives in their own apartment with hope of a better life for mom and children.

Crystal Villegas was addicted to meth on and off for nine years and not even a pregnancy could curb her addiction. She was living a life of utter hopelessness and despair, in and out of treatment programs. Villegas began her program at TFC by living in the Sweet Dreams home, a place that provided structure, stability and nurturing. She took parenting classes, learned money management skills and also learned how to prevent future drug relapses. After four months she and her toddler Eric

transitioned to Homes of Hope project and is gainfully employed as a secretary assistant. Her dream is to major in sociology.

Shelvon Barnhart is currently the Data Entry Specialist at TFC, but her life wasn’t always this structured or stable. Barnhart, the mother of four children ranging in ages from 19 to three, had spent part of her life in prison and in and out of drug rehab programs.

She first came to TFC she was tearful and in pain after a life of so much loss, struggle and hopelessness. She wasn’t even sure of TFC would be able to help her. But within a few weeks she began to change inside and within a year her life was a completely different one than it had been a year before.

In spite of her transformation, she still had a hard time finding work due to her incarceration record, but that doesn’t stop her from ‘pounding the pavement’ in search of work, even if it meant taking the bus on rainy days. By now she was also a TFC volunteer and one day, she got the biggest and most pleasant surprise of her life: TFC founder/executive director Kim Carter offered her a job!

“If you’re very serious about wanting to change your life and getting yourself together, then Time for Change is where you need to be,” Barnhart advises other women who may be facing trying circumstances.

“These women have the desire to change the course of their lives,” said John Kunkel, TFC Director of Communications. “Our job is to ensure that we are providing them with the tools, education, and resources necessary to help them attain self-sufficiency.”

For more information on TFC visit their website at timeforchange.org or call (909) 886-2994