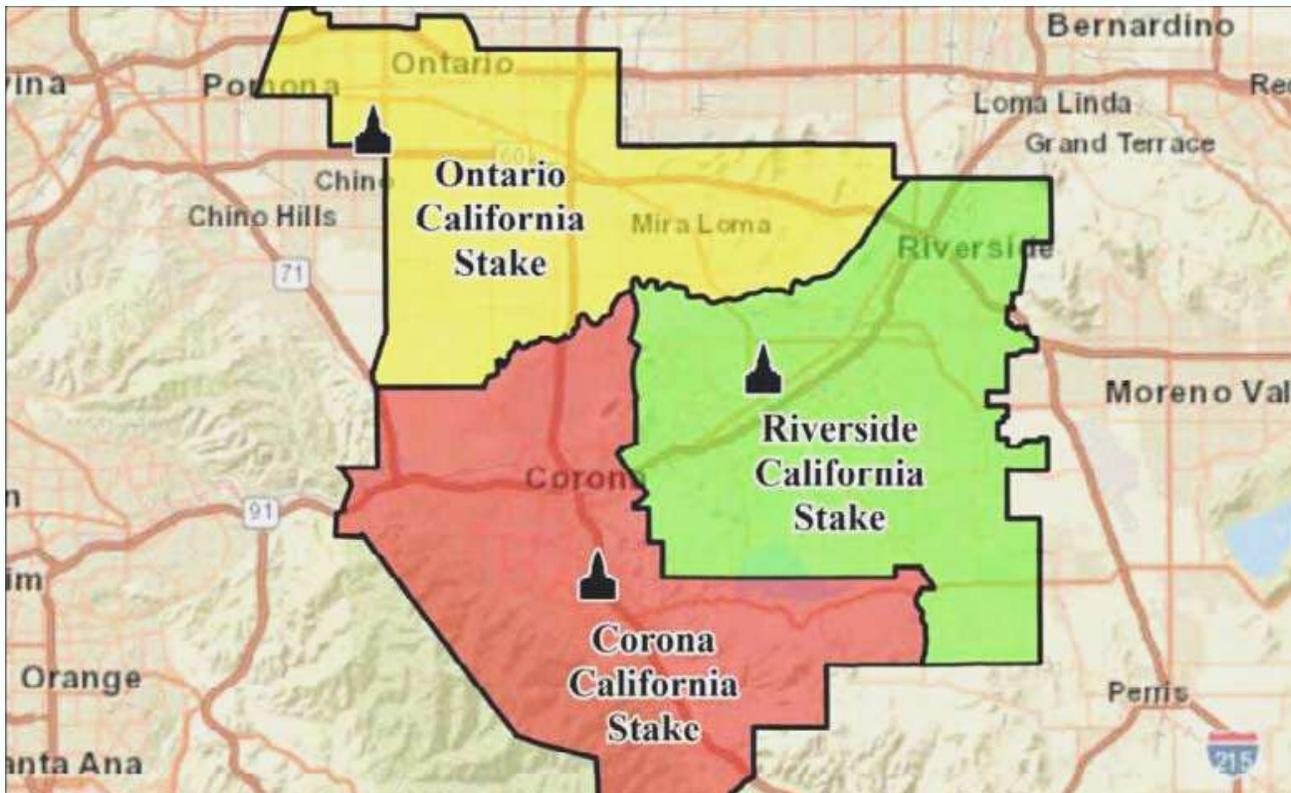


# CORONA STAKE NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the Corona Stake



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## Jurupa Stake Gets Absorbed by Neighboring Stakes

On Sunday, November 7th Jurupa Stake held their last Stake Conference where they were dissolved, and new boundaries were announced. Ontario, Riverside, and Corona Stakes absorbed the once Jurupa stake adding 310 new members into the Auburndale Ward.

The Corona Stake Presidency said in a recent email to stake members, "We are pleased to welcome members living in the Norco and Corona communities that were previously part of the Jurupa Stake to the Corona Stake. These members will join the Auburndale Ward and we look forward to having them as part of our stake. We hope that each of our new stake members will feel welcome and loved."



## *Blooming Under the Son*

# Stake Girls Camp 2021

Written by Suzana Avalos and Chanda Frost

This year, the annual Corona Stake YW Camp almost didn't happen. As the organizers would soon discover, planning a large-scale gathering in the middle of the pandemic presented unique challenges, including constant pivoting to adjust to new, often contrary Covid guidelines while dodging mask debates, vaccine hesitancy, even -- at the last minute -- an oil spill! But in the end, 150 young women gathered right here in Corona for the fun, uplifting experience that only Young Women's Camp can provide.

The Young Women camp theme this year was "Blooming Under the Son." Our 16 and 17 year old youth leaders chose this theme to show that, just like flowers, we women are all beautiful and unique and yet, when we gather in the light of Jesus Christ (the

Son), our bouquet of faith and hope is more beautiful still.

Camp began Saturday, October 9th, at Brentwood Park, where our young women could be seen beautifying the park. And these girls worked hard! Teams of 12-17 year-olds shoveled mountains of mulch into wheelbarrows, then unloaded and spread it around trees and other bare areas. Other girls grabbed paint brushes to repaint an entire basketball court. The event wrapped up with lunch and an exuberant round of camp songs.

The girls reconvened the following weekend for a day of games, an art project, and workshops. First off, they gathered into small "flower groups": the Forget-Me-Nots, the Daffodils, CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE



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the Daisies, the Plumerias, the Irises, the Hibiscuses, the Peonies, the Poppies, the Water Lillies, the Orchids, and the Lavenders. Each group rotated through a series of workshops that taught girls about Spiritual Self Reliance, Confidence & Happiness, and Making the World a Better Place. Each workshop encouraged girls to see themselves and the world as their Heavenly Father sees them. The girls' favorite was probably the class titled "Confidence & Happiness." The organizers, Brooke Porter and Heather Leet, encouraged healthy self-image by suggesting the girls say to themselves: "I love my body not because it LOOKS good, but because it IS good!"

After lunch, the young women participated in a mysterious art project. They were each given a small square to paint with Q-tips. The girls had no idea what they were painting, and when they were finished, each page looked like a random collection of colorful blobs. Many girls, in fact, were unhappy with their messy squares and did not see how their efforts could be of value. One girl came to



Suzana Avalos, the project coordinator, near tears because she was afraid she had used the wrong colors and ruined the project. Sister Avalos assured her that her contribution, however imperfect, would still be a valuable and amazing part of the overall art. It wasn't until the next day that the girls discovered what Sister Avalos meant.

In the meantime, the young women moved from the art project to skits. Each flower group was assigned a fun, popular song. Group members worked together to improvise a creative skit to their assigned tune, complete with costumes, lip-syncing, and choreography, that they then performed in front of a rowdy, cheering audience of leaders and peers. The skits ended in a big, spontaneous dance party filled with moshing, line-dancing and top-of-their-lungs karaoke. The evening ended with dinner and individual flower group devotionals.

The next day, camp ended with a beautiful testimony meeting held in the stake chapel. The stake camp directors, Chanda Frost and Stacie Hobbs, got things started by expressing their happiness with the unity and love they had witnessed throughout camp. Following their remarks, Sister Avalos invited each girl to bring her color-by-letter art project square from the previous day to the front of the chapel. As each girl brought her page to the front,  
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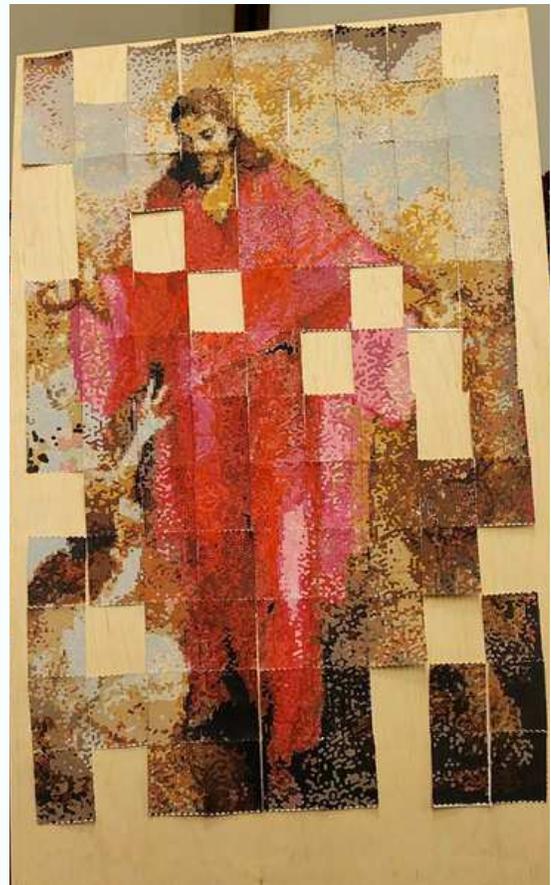
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those pages were added, one by one, on to a large wooden board. As the solitary, colorful blobs were combined, everyone in the chapel could see a compelling image emerge, an image of our Savior cradling one of his precious lambs. The project represented each girl: uniquely valuable and needed by the group as a whole; imperfect, but still made perfect in Christ. See the video of the project coming together. <https://youtu.be/QJW8Qafe9aY> The young women's experience with the painting was a common thread in the testimony meeting that followed. Most expressed surprise that the seemingly "ugly" piece they had painted had contributed to something so beautiful. Many also said that camp itself was a little like that painting: a unifying experience that everyone needed to come together to create. One of the first girls to come to the front to bear her testimony said, "I was very unhappy with my finished piece, but I was happy to see that we had created something so beautiful together." Little did she know, this sweet girl had actually painted the Savior's face!

Each girl left with her personal painted square, a passel of new friends and memories, and-- hopefully-- a stronger connection to her Savior. The road to 2021's Corona Stake Young Women Camp wasn't easy, but it was worth it.

Bottom Photo: Young Women beautifying Brentwood Park. Bottom Right Photo: Jocelynn Ward, Jenna Mahoney, and Kenzie Bremer painting a basketball court. Middle Right Photo: individual color- by- letter art cards used to create the picture of Jesus when combined as shown in the upper right hand picture.





## COMMUNITY ADVOCATES RECEIVE THE STAND AND JUSTSERVE AWARD

by Kim Lay

CORONA, CA (Nov. 11, 2021) The Corona California Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints awarded Karen Alexander and MaryAnn Sherman the Stand and JustServe Award formally known as the Family Values Award. This rebranded award is given to those who serve diligently in the community, who show a love for service, and help the most vulnerable community members. Monica Sandberg the Corona Stake Communication Assistant Director in her remarks said “We often refer to our athletic stars as GOATS or Greatest of All Time. Karen Alexander and Maryann Sherman are the GOATS of Corona service.” The event was held in the backyard residence of Kirsty and Wes Jones and the evening consisted of a catered dinner and program. In attendance were the Mayors of Corona and Norco- Jacque Casillas and Kevin Bash. Also in attendance were the Corona and Norco City Council members- Tom Richins (Corona), Jim Steiner (Corona), Katherine Aleman (Norco), Riverside County Supervisor- Karen Spiegel, Bobby Spiegel- Corona Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Corona Norco Unified School District School Board Members- John Zickefoose (Mr. Z.), Elizabeth Marroquin, Bill Pollock, CNUSD Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Technology- Ben Odipo, Corona Fire Chief- Brian Young, Corona Police Chief Robert Newman, Western Municipal Water District Board Member- Fauzia Rizvi, Corona City Manager- Jacob Ellis, as well as various non-profit directors, and interfaith leaders.  
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Top Picture: Scott Waddell, Kim Lay, Karen Alexander, Maryann Sherman, President Brashear and Tammy Brashear  
Bottom Picture: Kevin Bash, Karen Spiegel, Kim Lay, Maryann Sherman, Jacque Casillas, and Bobby Spiegel



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Karen Alexander was awarded the Stand and JustServe Award because of her continued support to advocate for the Homeless and help outfit newly housed homeless with furniture for their homes through the program Make It Cozy. Karen gathers and stores donated furniture for homeless families and individuals that will be placed into homes or apartments as they work with the non-profit City Net.

MaryAnn Sherman was given the award for her contributions to helping veterans and families in need by supplying them with donated food on a regular basis. MaryAnn has partnered with companies like VegFresh and Costco where she receives donations from them and then distributes them to “her families.”

The evening was filled with laughter, tears, and much appreciation for Karen and MaryAnn. Kimberly Lay the Director of Communication for the Corona Stake said “MaryAnn and Karen were chosen to be JustServe Award recipients this year because they are perfect examples of what we are trying to promote in our community and that is to get out and serve.”

Bottom Picture: Donnette Wheat, Katherine Aleman, Karen Alexander, Karen Spiegel, Jacque Casillas, and Bobby Spiegel





## YOUTH COME TOGETHER FOR FUNDRAISER

Interview with Hudson Lyon

CORONA, CA (Nov. 6, 2021) Youth and friends participated in a fundraiser organized by Hudson Lyon (El Cerrito Ward) for the Malouf Foundation. The Malouf Foundation confronts child sexual exploitation, specifically sex trafficking and online abuse. They provide education, promote healing, and ensure justice for survivors. Below is an interview with Hudson to find out why he wanted to get involved and help this organization.

Question: Why did you want to do this fundraiser?

Answer: I did this fundraiser in lieu of my eagle project and I thought it would be a cool and fun way to raise money for a great cause.

Question: How many kids participated?

Answer: We had about 45 friends come, It was a great turnout.

Question: How much did you raise?

Answer: We raised \$850 with some toiletry donations as well.

Question: Why did you choose to support the Malouf Foundation?

Answer: I chose to support the Malouf Foundation because this foundation has a great cause and message and I feel that supporting people who have been trafficked is a really cool and awesome thing and I wanted to support! Another reason is that my parents know the founder of this corporation and have done donations for them before so I thought I would help them also.

Hudson also said "I think fundraiser parties are a new and fun way to raise money for great causes and I would like to invite people to start having more!"



Pictured: Hudson Lyon