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**LA City Council Honors the Life and Legacy of Brother John Crowe by Dedication of a Section of Plummer St in Chatsworth as ‘Brother John Way’**

*The San Fernando Valley’s Very Own ‘Father Greg Boyle’*

**Los Angeles**—Joined by dozens of staff, residents, and colleagues from Rancho San Antonio in Chatsworth, CA, Councilmember John Lee and the Los Angeles City Council honored the life and legacy of **Brother John Crowe**. Brother John is a member of the Brothers of Holy Cross who dedicated his life to the betterment of communities throughout the country including Austin, Indiana, Louisiana, East Los Angeles, and Chatsworth. Under his tenure, Rancho San Antonio helped over **12,000** previously troubled young men integrate back into society with a sense of purpose and a newfound perspective on life.

Brother John’s journey at [Rancho San Antonio](#) started in 1966 when he first arrived as a counselor. Over the next 50 years, he served Rancho San Antonio as a social worker, program director, assistant director, and then executive director from 1970 to 2015. As Rancho San Antonio’s Executive Director, Brother John founded the organization’s Transitional Housing Program for boys coming out of the foster care system and oversaw the organization’s growth to include numerous services for at-risk youth, including substance abuse services, trauma-informed services and training, and a youth diversion program.

In commemoration of his incredible achievements and clear impact on the San Fernando Valley, Councilmember Lee introduced a motion in City Council asking for the section of Plummer St from De Soto Ave to Variel Ave to be dedicated and formally recognized as **‘Brother John Way.’**

“Brother John’s life’s work has been crucial to the well-being of so many communities, families, and individuals in the San Fernando Valley,” said **Councilmember John Lee**. “His life’s work is tangible and can be seen in the lives of the thousands of people he helped in his journey. I am formally dedicating the section Plummer St that Rancho San Antonio is located on to Brother John in order to ensure his legacy is preserved and felt by everyone who walks through the doors of the Rancho.”

**Aubree Sweeney**, Ranch San Antonio's current Executive Director echoed those sentiments, stating, "Brother John directly impacted many young men's lives, but equally as important are the lives of staff, community members, and our families that he has touched. We are all better off because we have been impacted by Brother John's love and commitment to our community. "

Upon hearing the news that the City Council would be honoring Brother John, dozens of community members expressed their gratitude for his work with one saying, "It was a special honor to work with and learn from him. The years pass too fast but his legacy remains forever. John, throw me a ladder when you get home. What a heroic life of leadership and compassion!"

Brother John retired from his post at Rancho San Antonio earlier this year and returned to the Brothers of Holy Cross headquarters in Texas to live out the remainder of his life as he has been diagnosed with an insurmountable health issue. Dozens of friends, colleagues, and people impacted by his work, as well as the Knights of Columbus, lined up on a chilly morning at Rancho San Antonio to bid him farewell as he departed the home to which he dedicated a majority of his life.

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*Los Angeles City Councilmember John Lee represents the Twelfth Council District in the Northwest San Fernando Valley which includes the communities of Northridge, Chatsworth, Granada Hills, North Hills West, West Hills, Porter Ranch, and Sherwood Forest.*