

Hanna Calendar of Events

SAVE THE DATES

Christmas Open House and Craft Fair

Sunday, December 5, 2010
At Hanna Boys Center

"Evening with the All-Stars" Gala

Saturday, April 30, 2011
At Hanna Boys Center

Spring Open House

Sunday, May 15, 2011
At Hanna Boys Center

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HAPPENINGS

Winter 2010

SPREADING OUR WINGS Campus Development Campaign Takes Flight

Anyone passing Hanna Boys Center on Arnold Drive can see that something big is happening. Chain-link fences and giant earth movers have transformed the field south of the main driveway into a construction zone. These rumblings mark the start of implementing Hanna's multi-phase campus master plan.

A groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, October 24, attended by residents, alumni, friends, and local officials, celebrated the first major construction on campus in 60 years.

"Our facilities, once ideal for youngsters, are worn from decades of loving use and inadequate for meeting the needs of the diverse young men who now live, learn, and return here," said Father John Crews. "It is time to renew

our facilities so that we can continue to fulfill our mission of hope while reaching out more widely to an ever-growing Hanna family."

The master plan was developed in collaboration with Corlett, Skaer and DeVoto Architects beginning in 2007 and approved by Hanna's Board of Trustees in late 2009.

The first phase begins at the entrance and extends to the center of campus, combining renovation and new construction in a style inspired by Hanna's beautiful Our Lady of Fatima Chapel.

"Hanna is a home away from home. It has everything I need."

—Brayan

Welcoming Family

Enrolling at Hanna is a courageous and difficult decision for every boy and his family. It is an emotional time that requires understanding and deserves privacy. The small, bustling lobby

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Note from Father Crews

"I feel the earth move under my feet." That's what Carole King sang, and that's what we are all feeling at Hanna these days, literally and figuratively. Now my morning soundtrack features the grumbling and beeping of heavy machinery, my shoes carry a fresh layer of dust, my wardrobe includes an unfashionable hardhat – and my heart swells with gratitude.

Any short-term inconveniences caused by construction are more than offset by knowing that the campus improvements we've envisioned for so long and the plans we have laid with such care are coming to fruition. Hanna Boys Center is joining the 21st century in a tangible way that has filled the air with excitement, for our boys, staff, and community alike. Thanks to early donors we've been able to get underway, even though our fundraising campaign has just begun

As you'll read in the cover story, we have already broken ground on two new buildings: an Admissions and Alumni Center and a Multi-Use Auditorium. While accommodating the day-to-day needs of the boys, the facilities also will make gathering at Hanna more comfortable, efficient, and enjoyable for all. It is hard to believe that we could be settling in as early as the spring while watching two new playing fields take shape.

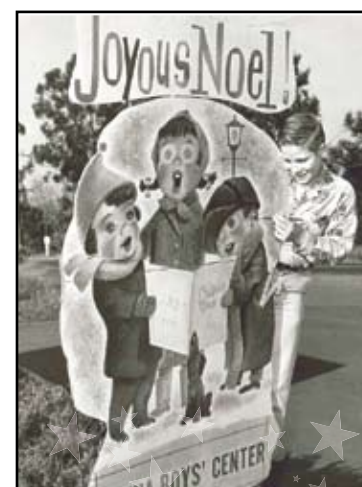
I am especially thankful to be involved in so positive a project in such a difficult

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Help preserve the chapel window.

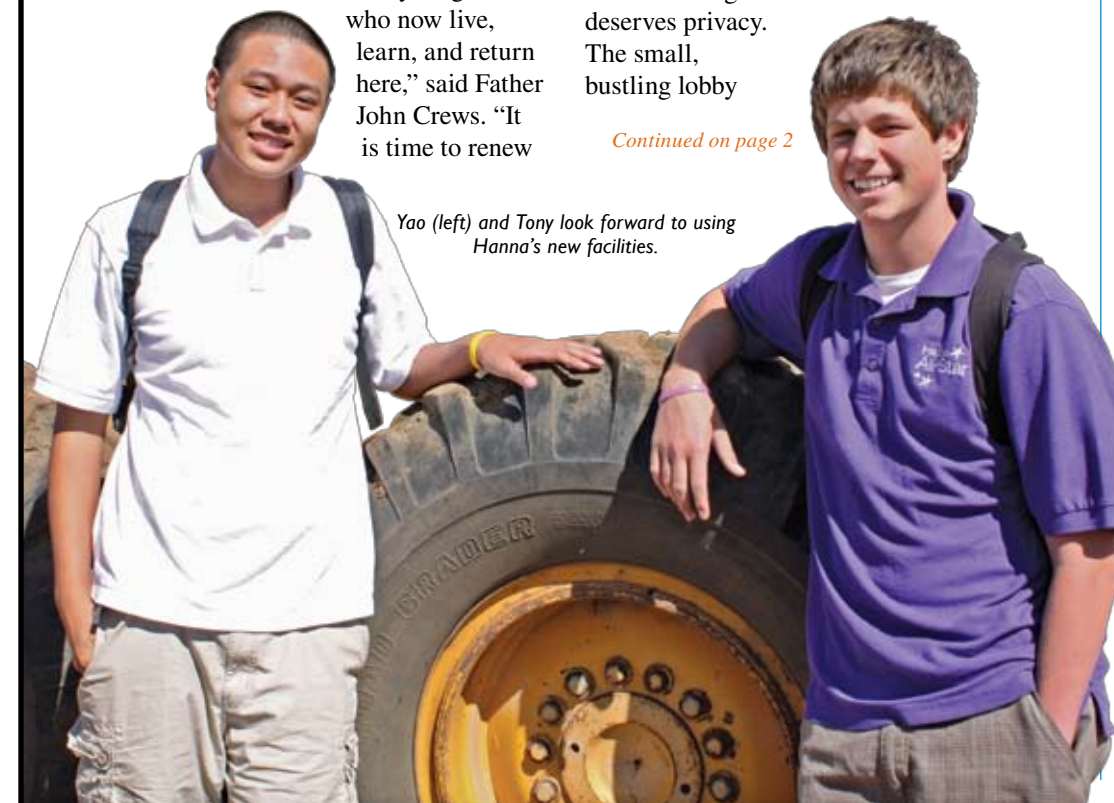
"Come to Me, you who are troubled . . ." is the theme of the 32-pane stained-glass window that has filled Our Lady of Fatima Chapel with color and light since 1962, symbolizing strength and hope to Hanna boys. It was created by French glass master Gabriel Loire and given by an anonymous donor. Today the window's wooden frame is beginning to deteriorate, and Hanna has established a special fund to cover the restoration. To donate or learn more, contact Kris Van Giesen at 707-933-2520 or kvangiesen@hannacenter.org.



Annual Holiday Open House & Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 5
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Special Mass at 10:00 A.M.

Campus Tours • Refreshments
Christmas Gift Crafts
Santa Photos • Caroling
AND MORE!



Yao (left) and Tony look forward to using Hanna's new facilities.

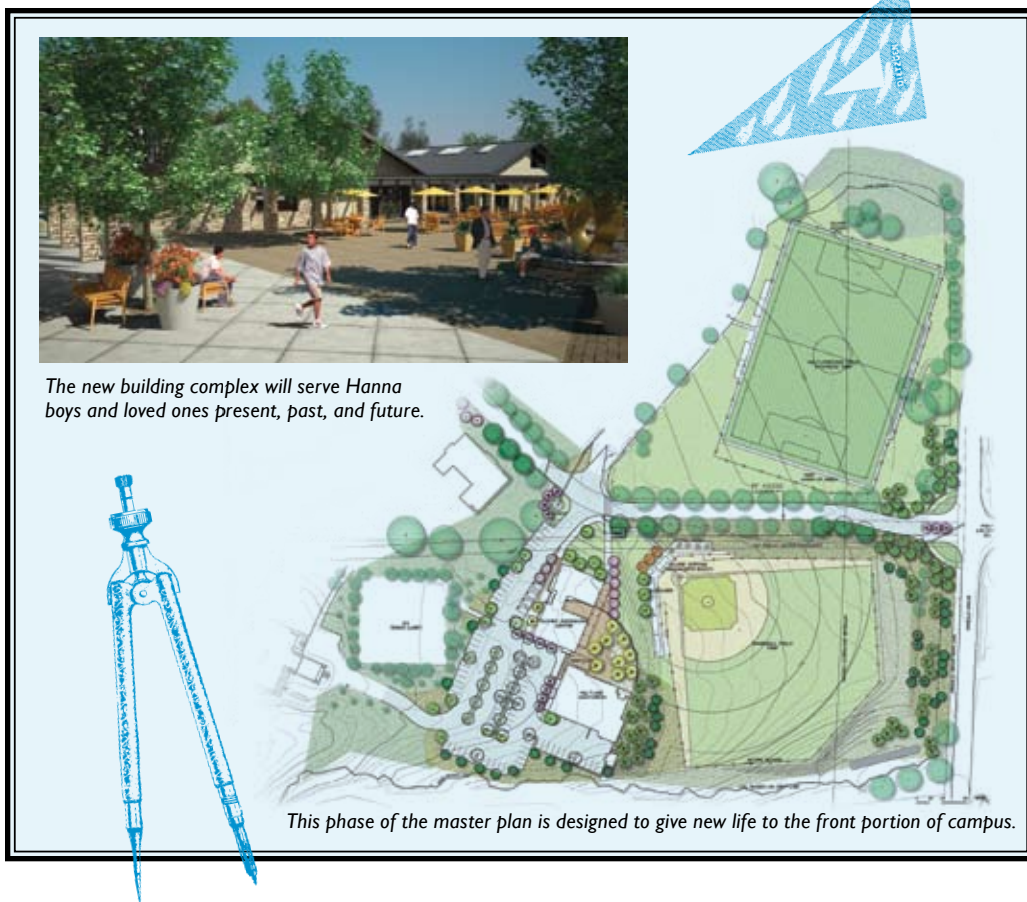
Note from Father Crews continued

economic climate. A silver lining in the recession cloud was learning that construction costs have lowered significantly since we gathered our initial estimates. It seems that now is an opportune time to build, and it is gratifying to see that in our small way we're helping to generate much-needed jobs and new business here in Sonoma Valley.

Of course, we wouldn't have the opportunity at all if not for the staff and board members who manage our financial resources so wisely, or for you, our donors, whose generous gifts enable us to fulfill our mission of hope throughout the ups and downs.

We invite you to stop by, get a little dust on your shoes, and see the improvements underway for yourself. Just don't be surprised if you feel the earth move under your feet, too. The excitement is contagious.

John S Crews
Rev. John S. Crews, Ed.D.
Executive Director



The new building complex will serve Hanna boys and loved ones present, past, and future.

This phase of the master plan is designed to give new life to the front portion of campus.

Cover story continued

of the Administration Building is hardly a fitting place for loved ones to say goodbye.

To help guests and new residents feel welcome, the plan calls for enhancing and realigning Hanna's **main entrance** so that the driveway is easier to access and parking is more convenient. A new **Admissions and Alumni Center**, located near the entrance, will provide an appropriate place for friends, family, and prospective students to learn more about Hanna and gather for tours and for boys to interview, sign in, receive orientation, and depart for and return from home visits.

The building also will house administration of Hanna's growing follow-on care program for alumni, an area displaying Hanna history, and conference space for the campus and community. When the new building is complete, the **Notre Dame Cottage**, which has been temporarily housing those services, will be renovated and reopened as a residence to continuously accommodate 12 additional boys.

Increasing Opportunity

Exercise and organized competition are essential to the health and well-being of troubled boys. Athletics teach teamwork and fairness while fostering self-confidence and promoting fitness. Now fully accredited,

Archbishop Hanna High School competes athletically and academically with public and private schools region-wide. But the current athletic fields are not regulation size and are shared by all Center sports, so interscholastic games must take place off-campus.

Construction plans include the creation of two full-size, age-appropriate **playing fields** that will ensure a home field for

"Hanna is a safe and caring place, a place to become a man."

—Armando

Hanna's baseball and soccer league teams and increase playing opportunities for all residents. The fields also will enable the Center to more effectively host and build partnerships with other area sports programs.

Fostering Community

Hanna residents increasingly stay through high school graduation. The Kearney Auditorium, built in 1956 lacks the space, versatility, and technology today's boys need for assemblies, musical and theatrical

performances, awards ceremonies, commencement exercises, and other group activities essential to Center life.

The new **Multi-Use Auditorium** will enable Hanna to expand its arts education curriculum and share the boys' talents with the community. Seating as many as 300, the facility also will give like-minded regional organizations a compelling site for staging performances and events.

Soaring Onward

"I can think of no better investment than helping a young man to change his life forever and become a productive member of society," said Caroline Simmons Price, chair of the "Spreading Our Wings" Campus Development Campaign. It is only the second such effort in the Center's history.

So far, Hanna has raised nearly \$3 million of the \$15 million needed. That amount includes \$600,000 for the entrance, \$3.8 million for the Admissions and Alumni Center, \$1.9 million for the multi-use soccer field, \$900,000 for the baseball field, \$5.1 million for the auditorium, and a \$2.7 million operational endowment for the reopened Notre Dame Cottage.

You can help support this much-needed and long-awaited transformation. To donate or learn more, contact Kris Van Giesen at 707-933-2520 or kvangiesen@hannacenter.org.

Boys Give Thanks and Give Back at Christmas

Through the Center's Campus Ministry Program, Hanna boys volunteer weekly in the community, bringing fun and friendship to developmentally disabled, homeless, and senior residents. The boys are particularly visible at holiday time, when the 45-member Hanna choir goes caroling around campus and at the Sonoma Developmental Center in Eldridge, the Catholic Charities Family Support Center in Santa Rosa, and assisted living facilities.

At the homeless shelter, Hanna boys and staff host an Easter, Halloween, and Christmas party each year. The December gathering includes refreshments, singing, and presents distributed to the children by Santa Claus himself.

"These activities give our students wonderful Christmas memories and the start of positive traditions," said Joe Filice, director of the ministry program. "The boys learn the power of kindness and compassion and that it's a privilege to have these folks in their lives. They develop



Tyqwan delivers Christmas presents to homeless children while Juan (right) plays Santa.

an appreciation for their own gifts by sharing a bit of the hope they experience at Hanna every day."●



Paradise Ridge and Hanna: a delicious pairing!

Paradise Ridge Winery offers an outdoor sculpture garden and indoor art gallery as the perfect accompaniment to the varietals poured in its Kenwood tasting room. Just before fall classes began, the winery staged an exhibition of drawings and paintings by Hanna boys such as Misael. The students were guests of honor at an opening-night reception and are receiving 100 percent of any art-sale proceeds. Meanwhile, the winery is donating five percent of its Rockpile wine sales to the Center. To learn more, visit www.prwinery.com.

Send a Holiday Message to the Boys

Before arriving on campus, many Hanna boys rarely if ever heard words of praise or support. They've mostly heard what they've done wrong or how they'll never amount to anything. All too often they've faced abuse, neglect, or even abandonment.

Hanna helps turn their hurt into hope in a variety of ways, but one of the simplest is just by saying "keep up the good work" or "I'm proud of you." A little positive reinforcement makes an enormous difference as these young men learn to trust others and develop a sense of self-worth.

You can help by sending a note of encouragement to a Hanna boy this holiday season. At a special recognition assembly in January, Father Crews will present your message to a deserving student.

It's easy to participate. Just send your note online to: totheboys@hannacenter.org or on paper to:

To the Boys, Hanna Boys Center
P.O. Box 100
Sonoma, CA 95476-0100

Hanna will take care of the rest.●

"We're honored to support your courage, spirit, and hard work every day!"

—Ann and Ron

Caption to come