PORTOLA VALLEY TEEN HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Nick Jaeger is graduating from high school … and changing the lives of domestic violence survivors.

SAN MATEO, CA – Nick Jaeger is a senior at Woodside Priory, currently deciding which university he’ll attend next year. Nick defies the stereotype of the self-centered, un-engaged teenager. Through his unique connection with CORA, Nick has made an enormous impact – both financially and physically – on the lives of domestic violence survivors.

Nick got involved with CORA through a school project his freshman year and it ignited his desire to make a difference. “It was then that I discovered a passion when I saw kids my age at the shelter,” Nick says. Though he’d never seen domestic violence firsthand he knew he had to help. “I live in a home filled with love. The first time I volunteered at one of CORA’s shelters, I learned that, for some, these relationships that I’ve always taken for granted are not necessarily the norm. I really believe that once one is made aware of such a horrific and widespread problem it becomes natural to want to help. And it does for me.”

When asked about his young age, Nick smiles and says, “I believe the time is always right to help those who need it.”

And help he has. Besides volunteer hours, Nick created and managed an investment fund, all of which will be donated to CORA when he graduates. Nick gathered funds from friends, family and community members and the fund launched with $60,000. Through investing and continued gathering of donations, the fund grew to $85,000.

In 2014, Nick traveled to New York City to receive the Changemaker Inspiration Award from Breakthrough New York for his help to domestic violence survivors. He will again be honored for his commitment and passion at CORA’s annual Seeds of Hope Gala on May 5.

Nick is available for interviews. To schedule an interview, please contact CORA’s Marketing Director at danielh@corasupport.org or 650-522-3948.

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About CORA

CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) provides safety, support and healing for individuals who experience abuse in an intimate relationship, and educates the community to break the cycle of domestic violence. The only agency in San Mateo County with the sole purpose of serving victims and survivors of domestic abuse, CORA provides confidential emergency, intervention and prevention services, including the County’s only emergency shelters, as well as a 24-hour hotline, an emergency response program, therapeutic counseling, legal services and supportive housing for survivors. Services are free of charge and are open to anyone needing help. Services are available in English and Spanish, as well as many other languages. To learn more, visit www.corasupport.org. You can also see the latest information by following CORA on twitter (@ENDtoDV) and Facebook (@facebook.com/corasupport).