



# City of SANTA CLARITA Teen Hero

The mission of the Neighborhood Empowerment Safety Team (NEST) is to collaborate and facilitate education and prevention programs that create alternatives to gang involvement and ensure Santa Clarita is safe, family-centered and gang free.

NEST is comprised of city staff, law enforcement, local agency representatives, and community volunteers who coordinate a community effort.

Know a youth who would benefit from NEST programs? Want to volunteer or learn more? Call Anthony Martinez for more information at (661) 286-4006.

## Rosa Rodriguez

Congratulations, Rosa Rodriguez, for being selected as a “Santa Clarita Valley Teen Hero.”

Santa Clarita’s newest Teen Hero, Rosa Rodriguez, is a 12th grade student at William S. Hart High School. She was selected by D. J. Reeher, Recreation Leader II in Teen Room at the Newhall Community Center.

“Rosa is currently an A+ student,” Reeher said. “She focuses on her education while taking care of her little brother. She brings him to the center and helps him with his homework while caring for him. Rosa is an honor student with a 3.8 grade point average.

Rosa has overcome several obstacles including moving to another country in the second grade, returning to the United States, and assimilating to the culture. The passing away of her baby sister was also difficult on the family. During this time, Rosa managed to maintain her grades and avoid negative influences and stay out of trouble.

Rosa has a great support system. Her parents have had a major impact on her life and they strongly support her commitment and goal to attend medical school and become a

doctor. She made that decision after the passing of her baby sister.

“Rosa is always volunteering for various programs and events,” reported Reeher. “She volunteered at the Old Town Newhall Library helping to teach a beginner computer class to residents. She also volunteers at the City of Santa Clarita’s Newhall Community Center and is in a club at school called DFYIT – Drug Free Youth in Town, an anti-drug program sponsored by the City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles County Fifth Supervisorial District, and the William S. Hart Union High School District. Rosa is also active in the Teen Scene program at the Newhall Community Center and attends many City events.”

When asked what her goals were for the future, Rosa said that after she finishes high school she wants to attend UCLA to become a doctor.

**Congratulations Rosa for being a Santa Clarita Valley Teen Hero!**



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