
Spotlight on...

Belinda Contreras & Ronald Durst



Belinda Contreras and Ronald Durst aren't just heroes at Rite of Passage: they are heroes to all rural Northern Nevadans. In addition to their stalwart dedication to improving lives, both Contreras and Durst are volunteer EMT/Firefighters with the Mason Valley Fire Department, which serves the Yerington, Nevada community and surrounding areas. Contreras-a 10-year ROP veteran-is our Western Region Trainer. Durst has been with ROP for more than 4 years, and is currently a Shift Supervisor at Sierra Sage Treatment Center. Both are trained to respond immediately to all emergencies. So when COVID-positive ROP youth required assistance at SSTC, both Contreras and Durst volunteered to quarantine alongside them, living on campus to supervise one of our most vulnerable youth populations. Leading by example and from the front, these two hometown heroes continue to inspire us.
