

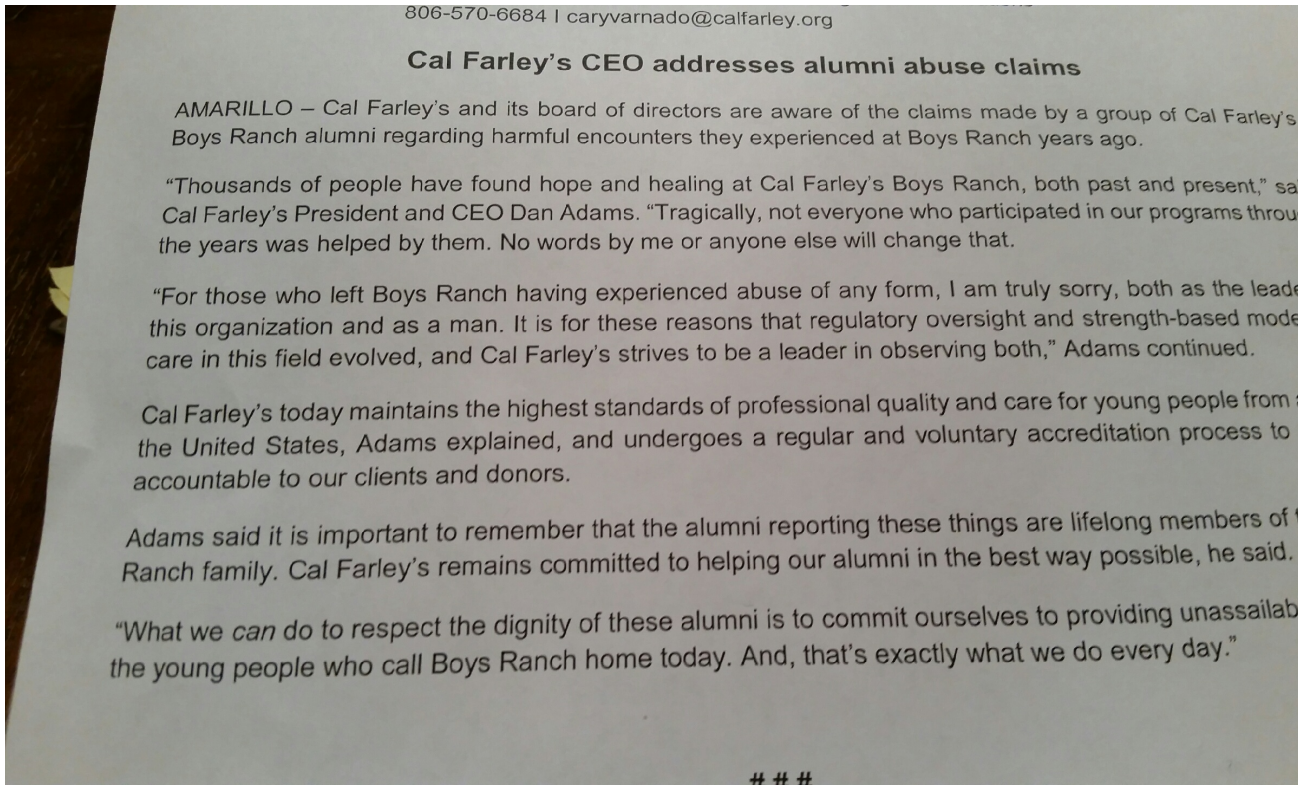
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On behalf of survivors of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, we are sorely disappointed in the press release that was hastily written and made public today. While we accept Dan Adams' personal apology for what the men suffered, the institution owes survivors a great deal more. First, they want an apology on behalf of the institution, not a personal one from the CEO. Second, much of the press release was simply that, a press release, one that largely boasts about the institution's attributes.

While survivors have asked for some kind of restitution, nothing along those lines was mentioned. And there was no indication that Cal Farley's would change the name of a dorm that is named after one of its most notorious abusers. It's clear that Cal Farley's Boys Ranch was wanting to do the absolute minimum so that this issue, and the survivors, would simply go away.

What is particularly disrespectful is how the press release refers to survivors. Adams states, "Tragically, not everyone who participated in our programs through the years was helped by them." This is victim-shaming, pure and simple. Rather than just trying to make a public relations problem disappear, Cal Farley's needs to take a hard look at its responsibility to those it has harmed. The press release issued seems to raise a red flag that the institution is wholly unprepared to serve the needs of abuse survivors, even those who were abused under its own roof.



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