

# Ojai Valley News: 2/19/23 – Nate's Place Welcomes all for Grand Opening

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Nate's Place, a Wellness and Recovery Center, will celebrate its grand opening on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 5 p.m.

The nonprofit center, at 3840 Channel Islands Boulevard in Oxnard, is named for Nate Rhoades, who grew up in Ojai and helped friends recovering from substance abuse or struggling with difficult life challenges.

The grand opening comes just over a year after a traffic accident in Ventura claimed the life of the 21-year-old Rhoades, who became addicted to drugs at the age of 14 but recovered through residential and outpatient treatment, counseling and 12-step meetings.

During the celebration, visitors can tour Nate's Place and learn about its services, enjoy light snacks and drinks, bid in a silent auction, and see the debut of the Emily Ricks' music video "First Friend," a song she wrote in honor of Rhoades and their friendship. The video can be viewed starting Feb. 23 at <https://m.youtube.com/@imemilyricks>

(To listen to the song now on Spotify, visit <https://spoti.fi/3xulvPO>; to listen to it on Apple Music, visit <https://apple.co/3IuYr9J>.)

Nate's Place, founded by Nate's parents, Larry and Heidi Rhoades, will address the needs of at-risk teens and young adults ages 13 to 25 by providing a clubhouse with healthy recreational activities, and staff to support them on their journey to recovery.

Along with peer recovery coaching, Nate's Place will offer boxing, weight-lifting, pool, ping-pong, kayaking, hiking, meditation, art therapy and music lessons.

For more information, visit <http://natesplacewellnesscenter.org>.

RSVP for the grand opening celebration on Evite at <http://evite.me/Nm9D9kkCY3>.