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# A LETTER FROM

our CEO

# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS ON THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Bertie Areias, Cindy Morphy, Jose Aldaco, George Carr, Michelle Finch, Pastor Tim Cravatt, Raul Mendez, Dan Souza

Sierra Vista Child & Family Services is very fortunate to have the support and partnership of the Southeast Communities Advisory Council. The Advisory Council represents the eight Southeast Communities served through our Hughson and Waterford Family Resource Centers. Their advocacy, fundraising, and community



representation are very important to the success of these FRC's, which allow us to meet the needs of those we serve, in their communities.



On June 21st, the Advisory Council and the Advisory Council Event Committee hosted yet another successful fundraising event; "Country Summer Evening". We saw some new faces at the event and many of our "regular" supporters were back this year. Everyone had a great time and the event was well organized, lively and fun. This is an annual event and it gets better every year.

## THANK YOU TO OUR COUNTRY SUMMER EVENING EVENT COMMITTEE

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With appreciation,



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# WAYS TO GIVE

# Give back to the community you come home to!

Changing the lives of children AND families isn't something we can do alone – our ability to care for others is largely attributed to the individuals and organizations that generously support us.

We could not continue to meet the needs of the numerous children and families who we serve each year, without the monetary and in-kind donations that we are fortunate enough to receive.

Our programs are always in need of donations to support the children and families we serve.

#### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Paper, pens, backpacks, and glue are just a few items that you can donate to help a child be successful in school.

### **HANDS, HEARTS & FEET**

Each fall children and families served by the agency are in need of coats, hats, gloves, and boots to keep them warm and dry during the cold winter months.



### **SECURE SLEEP**

Many children are in need of items that help them feel warm, snug and safe at night. Donations of new blankets, sheets, pillows, and quilts will help meet these fundamental needs.

#### **BIRTHDAY IN A BOX**

Bring birthday joy to foster children. Items such as cake mixes, small toys, birthday theme paper plates, napkins, and hats are placed in a decorated shoe-box and delivered to foster children the week of their birthday. Help a child celebrate their special day with Birthday in a Box!

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Research shows that extracurricular activities build self - esteem. Sports equipment for youth activities and

local outings (balls, helmets, knee pads, tennis rackets, etc.)
Music, Arts & Sports: When Foster
Care parents provide a home for children many times there isn't the extra money in their own budget to provide for music instruments, sports equipment, or lessons for a budding artist.

#### **CAR SEATS**

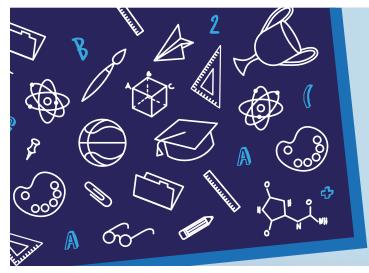
Car seats save lives. Help families who cannot afford this necessary safety item with a new infant, toddler, and booster car seat.

#### **GIFT CARDS FOR FAMILIES**

We need your support to provide children and families with the nutrition and care they need to survive and grow up strong. Food and basic needs; supplies from local stores help meet this goal.

#### THE GIFT OF READING

Books provide mental stimulation and stress reduction. Help our students by providing new books or used books in good condition for our non-public school libraries.



# Back to School Backpack Drive

Backpacks including paper, pens, and glue are just a few items that you can donate to help a child be successful in school. By providing backpacks for school you are giving a child the opportunity to walk into a classroom with confidence, the tools they need to be successful in the classroom and a feeling of belonging with their classmates!



# Chipping in to support the families and communities we serve!

The Sierra Vista Child & Family Services 27th Annual Golf Tournament took place on Friday, May 10, 2019, at the Turlock Golf & Country Club. With beautiful 78 degree weather, 128 dedicated golfers came out to support the children and families within our community! A sincere thank you to our presenting sponsors of the event: Pacific Atlantic Crop Exchange, Winton-Ireland, Strom & Green, and Bay Fleet Supply.

The course was filled with many vendors and sponsors who came together to help with these fundraising efforts. Players enjoyed a pulled pork lunch provided by Yosemite Meat Company and DOT Foods and was prepared by Arnold's Catering. At each hole, players enjoyed a variation of treats, appetizers, and drinks that were graciously fulfilled by local vendors and sponsors: Angelini's Italian Restaurant, E. & J. Gallo Winery, Carnivore's BBQ Sandwich Shop,

Bronco Winery, Delta Sierra Beverage and Hilmar Cheese just to name a few.

Upon wrap up of the tournament, players enjoyed a dinner and awards ceremony provided by Sierra Vista. Awards were distributed to the low gross team scrambles, closest to the hole and the longest drive winners. Players engaged in the raffling of over 40 items, including a Callaway Golf Bag, BBQ Grill



# Thank You Eagle Sponsors

With your support Sierra Vista is capable of making a difference in our communities.



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Set, Wheelbarrow Gardening Set, Home Depot Gift Certificate, Yeti Ice Chests, Kindle Fire and a number of golf course certificates! The winnings were nonstop with a poker draw competition that had half the winning pot up for grabs! A Callaway Golf Razor Driver and San Francisco Giants tickets went home to the early registration and business card drawing winners!

A very big thank you to the Sierra Vista Golf Committee who have been making this tournament a success for the past 27 years! Their ideas, input, and enthusiasm are what made this tournament a truly memorable event. It is a pleasure to have members from the business community extend meaningful input and support for their community for so many dedicated years. Their continuing contributions, time, and effort





in serving on this committee are greatly appreciated by all.

And last, but not least, a sincere thank you to the wonderful volunteers who come and support this event every year. We can't thank you enough for your tireless commitment and contributions!

We encourage you to get your registration/teams in early for next year's tournament to ensure you are able to participate in all of the fun. The Sierra Vista Child & Family Services 28th Annual Golf Tournament will be held in the spring of 2020. To become involved, or get more information, please contact the Marketing & Fund Development Department at (209)523-4573 or info@sierravistacares.org. We look forward to your support and another fun day of golf!

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## YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Recognizing the difference each of us can make

With the support of our community, Sierra Vista provides additional support to our clients that our state and local funding cannot provide. We thank every person who sees the need to help and thinks of our agency.





Ride For Mom



### **COUNTRY SUMMER EVENING**

### In support of Southeast Stanislaus Family Resource Centers

The Sierra Vista Southeast Communities Advisory Council held fundraiser, annual Country Summer Evening, on June 21, 2019. The event raised money to support the many programs and services offered by the Hughson and Waterford Family Resource Centers in the Southeast Communities (Hughson, Waterford, Denair, Empire, Gratton, Hickman, LaGrange, and Roberts Ferry) in addition to raising awareness what Sierra Vista has to offer to our communities.

It was a great turnout of a 130 strong. Everyone who attended had a great time while giving to a great cause. Attendees did not go hungry. Everyone enjoyed a home-style family BBQ that was



delicious. After dinner, it was time to head over to the tables and try their luck at the casino. In addition to the advisory council, Hughson FFA, and Hughson Knights of Columbus helped with the event as well. A big thank you to all of our supporters, donors, and sponsors for helping make this event a success. Your commitment to Sierra Vista is very much appreciated.

Today's family resource centers (FRCs) are a key prevention strategy

for addressing many of the challenges that face families, whether they live in rural, suburban or urban areas. A family resource center serves as the hub of community services designed to improve family life, especially for overburdened families. Within the centers, clients are warmly greeted and provided a space serving the unique needs and strengths of the individual, the family, and the surrounding community. Funding for family resource centers is becoming increasingly hard to get. While we do receive state and local funding to carry out some of our programs and services, a significant portion of our funding comes from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

# MENTORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# Helping young people believe in themselves



It's hard to believe that our school-based mentoring program has just wrapped up its 4th academic school year within Modesto City Schools! Our program would not be a success without the commitment and dedication from our mentors and the endless support from our school administrators and teachers who work hand in hand with our Mentoring Site Supervisors in order to ensure that every mentee is given all of the tools necessary to thrive.

As we celebrate many accomplishments, we would also like to bring light to the continuous need for more mentors at our schools. Though it may seem daunting to volunteer one

hour a week for one school year, before you know it, it will become one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. A mentor is a friend, a confidant, and a non-judgmental ear who commits to showing up for a student on a weekly basis with the hopes of helping the child successfully navigate through the many hurdles that they are currently experiencing in their everyday lives. Most of the students in our program and those on our waitlist are children who simply need additional support and encouragement from a positive adult role model. During the one hour of mentoring, mentors and mentees engage in a wide variety of activities from playing board games to going





outside to play sports, or hanging out to talk about their week. We encourage all of you to take the leap of faith and become someone who matters to someone who matters.

Save the date for our 6th Annual Regional Mentoring Summit on January 24, 2020. Join us for our keynote speaker, mentor panel, and networking opportunities to explore and advance the transformative impact mentoring has on youth and communities. We look forward to coming together to create a positive difference in children's lives.





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SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

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