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A LETTER FROM our CEO

Spring is here! Almond trees are in blossom in our beautiful Central Valley, and we are all looking forward with new expectations and new things ahead of us. We have often looked to the spring season as a respite from the busy fall and winter holiday months. But as Sierra Vista has grown we have expanded our spring and summer activities and find it seems to be as busy as the rest of the year, and we are still enthusiastically dedicated to supporting and serving the many children and families within Stanislaus County and beyond!

Unfortunately, as the seasons change, so has the structural funding at the state and local level for nonprofits, and at the same time, the need continues to grow for services within our community. The reality is, for many families within our community, it is another season of trying to make it through each day, dealing with issues that seem overwhelming, and the stress has seemed to escalate in the current economy.

Without support from our community to fill the gap of funding setbacks, Sierra Vista would not have the impact or influence within our community that we currently have. With your support, we are able to provide counseling for children who are struggling in their social and educational environments, help families be reunified, ensure a child has a forever home, or help a pregnant mother who is at the grips of addiction. Your support could assist us

in meeting the needs of the thousands of individuals and families who seek out services at one of our 5 Family Resource Centers. Together, with your support – small or large – we are truly making a difference.

This spring season I ask you to please follow your heart and choose to stand beside us in our ongoing efforts to create a brighter future for the children and families that we serve within our community and for, most importantly, understating the important need for funding.

Know that every little bit helps – coming together as a community united behind a common cause. We hope that you will consider making a donation towards this great step forward that we are making together within our community.

With appreciation,



A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy".

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DROP-IN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Making a difference in our South Modesto community!

The Drop-In Family Resource Center is located in the Southeast Modesto community with a focus on improving the well-being of children, youth, and families. Our goal is to ensure that the children and families in our area are provided access to programs and services.



COUPLES NIGHT

Many parents find themselves wishing for a manual to tell them how to parent. The resource center hosted a couple's night on February 22, and six couples were in attendance. These couples learned about important parenting techniques, such as; communication, validation and staying positive in very challenging situations, all the while taking care of their own health, mentally and physically. The participants left energized and eager to learn more about helping their families and community.

CLOTHES CLOSET

Whether you're heading to a job interview or it's your first day at a new school, you want to look and feel your best. This is true for everyone, but it's especially true when you're a parent struggling to find a job and trying to clothe your child.

The Drop-In Family Resource Center has proudly operated a community Clothes Closet for over ten years, and throughout these years, the closet has benefited many families within our community by providing gently used clothing (business attire, casual clothes, children's clothing, shoes, and accessories). This winter we provided a family of five with the gift of warmth with jackets. The Sierra Vista Drop-In Family Resource Center is grateful for the donations that keep our community Clothes Closet operating.

BALANCE STAFFING

Four families were greatly benefited this winter season by Balance Staffing in Modesto. The agency hosted a Santa Clause meet-and-greet at their office for these families to experience the Holiday spirit this season. The event provided snacks, refreshments, gifts and household goods for these families in need. Most importantly, all of the children were provided with winter jackets in which they were in need of. One of the boys became emotional when he realized the gifts were for him. He stated that these are the only gifts they will have for



Christmas. They have had a tough year and they did not expect to receive anything.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Law Offices of Mark S. Nelson have been a wonderful supporter to the Sierra Vista Drop-In Family Resource Center throughout the years. This year he opened his downtown restaurant, The Bayou Bar and Grill, to over 30 individuals to have a beautiful dinner and also provided them with a Brenden Theatre experience. The families enjoyed an evening out together, and were able to order whatever dinner they wanted on the menu with absolutely no restrictions! This was such a rarity for these families due to their limited financial income and means of transportation.



Thank you Mark for sponsoring our Thanksgiving turkey dinners for the past 4 years and for providing bicycles for all of our children within our Residential Treatment Program to ensure they have a therapeutic activity during their times of need. We, and the children appreciate you.



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Warden's Office Products

Sierra Vista would like to give a warm farewell to one of our favorite activities during the holiday season – Warden's Office Products Adopt-A-Family Delivery!

For the past 15+ years, the Warden's Office staff have been adopting a family within the Sierra Vista Adopt-A-Family program and have walked their gifts over to the Sierra Vista Administration office with cheers and

honks from staff and passersbys! Every year, as a staff, we looked forward to this heartwarming delivery. With the new relocation taking place this May from downtown to northwest Modesto it will make it a challenge to continue this wonderful effort.

Thank you Warden's for all of the support and goodwill you have given to our families in need over the years. You have been a proud sponsor of



our Annual Golf Tournament and Hearts for Children Fundraising event that benefits the many children and families within our community. The fun memories of your Adopt-A-Family delivery will be greatly cherished. Wishing you well at your new location and looking forward to seeing you next year no matter what mode of transportation you use!

Country Summer Evening

Please join us for Dinner, Music, and Casino Night to support

Hughson Family Resource Center



Waterford Family Resource Center

Friday, June 21, 2019, at Six O'Clock in the Evening

The Rogers Family Center

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 7820 Fox Road, Hughson, California

For tickets and sponsorship information
please contact (209) 883-2027.

Must be 21 and over to attend.

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JOIN US AT OUR HIGHLY ANTICIPATED HEARTS FOR CHILDREN EVENT
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AS OUR THEME OF DUMBO COMES ALIVE!

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

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MENTORING CHANGES LIVES

Celebrating mentors in our community



In celebration of National Mentoring Month in January, we hosted our 1st Annual Mentor Appreciation Luncheon in honor of all of our mentors and school administrators who have made our school-based mentoring program possible. Mentors meet with their students for one hour per week at the student's school campus where the ultimate goal is to build a positive relationship that focuses on supporting the social and academic development of the student and enhance the student's overall school experience.

After everyone enjoyed a delicious

lunch, Cathi Schali-Lopez, Wilson Elementary Principal, and Ernesto Calderon, Orville Wright Elementary Principal, both shared the positive impact that mentors have had at their school sites. Here are some examples of the ways that mentors have impacted the life of our mentees since beginning their sessions:

- A mentee has gone from 7 days of suspension last year to 0 this school year
- A mentee has increased their attendance by almost 50% this school year
- A mentee went from being chronically absent to now only

missing 1 day of school

- A mentee went from being angry and disconnected to coming to school with a smile on his face everyday
- Another student went from performing below grade level last year to performing at grade level this year

These are just a few examples of the incredible ways that children's lives can be transformed when they have a caring mentor who shows them that they matter. One mentor, one child, one hour a week is all it takes to make a difference in our community!



HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Stanislaus Medical Society Alliance

Sierra Vista would like to thank The Stanislaus Medical Society Alliance for choosing Sierra Vista as their charity recipient of the year at their 29th Annual Hearts and



Flowers Luncheon and Charity Auction that took place on March 1, 2019, at the Del Rio Country Club. A portion of the event's profits will be given to Sierra Vista to continue to help children and families within our community who are struggling, and to provide access to quality programs and services that make a difference to children, families and the entire community.





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