

## **STRONG FAITH, VISION, LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK**

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*“Let us not  
become weary in  
doing good, for  
at the proper  
time we will reap  
a harvest if we  
do not give up.”*  
Galatians 6:9

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**W**ayne Richardson, the CEO of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission is our tireless leader who keeps us moving forward. A faithful servant of Jesus Christ, three years ago he came to serve our community and continues to fulfill his God given vision. Here we share his background accompanied by the accomplishments and opportunities that we continue to experience under Wayne's leadership.

Wayne, an Eagle Scout, grew up in a military family, living throughout the world. After high school he entered the Army as an enlisted soldier and gained an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Throughout his military and civilian careers, God opened doors that enhanced his leadership skills and vision for working in the non-profit world. He has worked with a number of

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Over the past three years, with the help of many professionals and lots of prayer, we have been strategic in planning our programs and capital improvements. Existing programs have been revitalized, while new programs have been created and developed allowing us to improve the lives of our New Life Program students and families. It is a blessing to see how we are progressing through the programs and capital improvements as we have highlighted below. We welcome your continued prayers as God continues to keep us moving forward.

## PROGRAMS

On the program side of the Mission, the Gospel Center has instituted many new efforts, as well as expanded some of those already in place.

### New Life Program Scholarships

Donors are linked with 'Students' through scholarships where donors can also provide valuable mentoring.

### Recuperative Care

Program expansion was launched in 2017 and provides after-hospital care for the homeless once released from the hospital. This is the only program of this kind in the County.

### Celebrating Graduations & Alumni

Our expanded New Life Program (NLP) graduations celebrate our Students' success with family, friends and leaders in the community. We have also added an annual Homecoming Celebration for the NLP Alumni.

### Telling our Story

The Vision newsletter redesign has expanded our reach into the community - and at a reduced cost. It is a joy to share the stories of the Mission! Consider underwriting an issue of the newsletter.

### Partnering for Marketing

Our fundraising program now includes corporate cause-related marketing partnerships. (Long-term partnerships) This adds such value to both the Mission and the corporate partner.

### Summer Fun for our Kids

A Summer Children's Program for the kids of our NLP Students has continued to expand because of generous scholarships that provide a fun-filled, educational and memory enhancing summer experience for our kids. (Photos page 3)

### Reaching out to Others

We began an outreach program to other non-profit organizations to provide free training on all of our programs, as well as effective, comprehensive, low-cost fundraising.

### Dog Foster Program

For Students who enter from the streets with their dog, we now have a Dog Foster Program to help the transition from street life to the New Life Program.

## KEY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Completion of the Men's Recuperative Care Center
- Renovation of the Administration Building after a suspected arson fire in 2017
- New LED lighting throughout the campus
- New Fire suppression system in the kitchen, dining room, chapel and two dorm areas
- Numerous community service projects throughout campus which included a "Love Stockton Project"
- An overhaul of the Campus HVAC systems
- Both learning centers received new equipment
- Three of Five renovation phases have been completed regarding the renovation of the former Alustiza Hotel and Restaurant into the future New Life Women's Home. \$3.1 million has been raised

## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



RB Environmental, led by Ron and Bonnie Barber have been faithful servants of the Mission. Their open and giving hearts have hosted Summer Pool Parties at their home for the Kids and Women at the mission.

They also sponsor and embrace the relationship of two students in the New Life Program each year. Ron, a keynote speaker at the November 2018 Graduation, along with Bonnie have been encouragers, supporters and prayer warriors for our students. Most recently they have funded the removal and demolition of all the hazardous materials for two of the five phases of the Alustiza Renovation and have pledged the same for the two buildings on campus that will become the New Life Program Men's Home. Thank you Ron and Bonnie for your continued support. You are a blessing to the lives you touch each day.

## BACK TO SCHOOL DONATIONS NEEDED

Back packs • Pencils/pens • Erasers  
Glue sticks • Pencil sharpeners • White out  
Rulers • Folders • Lined paper • Safe scissors  
Construction paper • Composition notebooks  
Uniform shirts (all sizes)  
Socks, undies & boxers of all sizes (5-17 years)

*We thank you for any donations.*

For donation drop-off or pick-up, call (209) 320-2310.

# SUMMER FUN IN THE COMMUNITY

Summer fun for kids! A Ports Game for our students and families, along with Vacation Bible School are just a few of the great activities enjoyed this summer because of the love and blessings the Mission has received from supporters. Whether it is volunteering, financial help, scholarships, or keeping our students, kids and families in your prayers, we are grateful and so very thankful.



Summer fun at Fairytale Town in Sacramento



UOP Science Project Day at the Mission



Thank you Lincoln Presbyterian for leading Vacation Bible School



A great day at the Sacramento Zoo

## Gospel Center Night at the Ports



Wayne and Britton had a blast with Splash



An enjoyable evening



Fun family time

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organizations including the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, South Eastern University, the Christian Broadcasting Network's Operation Blessing International, and Faith Farm Ministries.

In 2016, while at the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions' Annual Convention, Wayne came across a posting for the position for CEO of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission in Stockton, California. He felt led to submit his application and follow through with the interview process. Wayne was awarded the position, relocated to Stockton and hit the ground running. Quickly assessing the "State of the Mission," he set out to meet the San Joaquin County community that he hoped would embrace the Mission's vision. A leader blessed with a tenacious ability to connect, Wayne continues to use his talents through graduations, ribbon cuttings and anytime there is a celebration. Community leaders, local and state politicians and church leaders throughout the county are invited to join in the festivities. Their attendance and participation are particularly noteworthy. Many times these leaders not only attend but also provide their talents as keynote speakers who encourage, challenge, and pray for our Mission. Wayne believes that the Gospel Center needs the love and support of the entire County in which it resides. Through a connection and communication process, a growing number of people and businesses are aware of the work being done behind the "Jesus Saves" gates found on Church Street in South Stockton. God truly mobilizes Wayne



*Wayne Richardson, West Point Cadet Corporal and Guidon Bearer. Class of 1983.*

to be our boots on the ground. This is evident by the many lives being transformed.

With Wayne's military training, work ethic and relying on his faith in the Lord, it is not surprising that the campus is well maintained. The capital improvements and construction projects are currently planned through 2023. The Administration Building, the Alustiza renovation to be renamed "New Life Women's Home" and other capital improvements have been, or are in the process of being completed. As projects progress from the drawing board to the construction phase, God continues to bless the Mission with financial

support from generous sponsors. This generosity allows for a continuing search for homeless solutions. These solutions will be the tools of an always expanding Ministry designed to help and show God's grace to those whose lives are being changed on an ongoing basis.

With a faithful and hardworking staff, led by Chief Operating Officer, Britton Kimball, Wayne has set forth within the Rescue Mission an ambitious plan and vision to address issues not only onsite but throughout San Joaquin County. This Ministry has embraced Wayne and his wife, Carol, as they continue involvement with service clubs and the church community. The task continues to grow as do the blessings of making this outstanding program a standard for which the participants and San Joaquin County community can be proud.