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Clerk
Trader Joe's
2018 Graduate



Daryl "DJ" Pierzina
Laborer/Operator
Precision Excavating and Drilling
2018 Graduate



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Pelton Shepherd Industries
2019 Graduate



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Truck Driver
California Materials
2018 Graduate



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2014 Graduate

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2013 Graduate

GAINFULLY EMPLOYED

Imagine years of drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness and unemployment. What it must be like living on the streets, being disengaged with family and friends and living a life without hope and purpose.

Years and years have passed without structure in your life. You no longer own a car, have shelter or possess a steady income - they are just not part of your daily life. You hit rock bottom and finally look for help. How do you even get back on your feet? Where do you even start to emerge from this downward spiral. Hopefully, you can connect to the right people to restore your life!

At the Gospel Center Rescue Mission we are blessed that many find help right here at our Stockton Campus.

Quite a few students enter the program through the Emergency Lodging or Recuperative Care Programs, eventually settling into the New Life Program. This program offers two FREE residential six-month phases with a one-year Transitional Housing Phase. Phase 1 manages addiction to recovery for men and women providing spiritual, emotional and physical health classes, work ministry and positive community activities. Phase 2 continues community service, job and/or vocational training leading to job acquisition, GED and/or basic literacy, and transitional housing towards permanent housing.

And when our students graduate from these programs, where do they go? How do they start fresh again, find employment and become self-sustaining?

The students in the New Life Program have the opportunity to continue moving forward in their lives - choosing to live a Christ centered, drug and alcohol-free life and transition back into the workplace. We find in Colossians 3:23 that honest hard work is something God seeks from all of us. God's words tell us that working hard, but with faith in mind, can lead to the great things he has planned for us.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Pop Quiz Time

I thought I would lead into this message with a Pop Quiz about a key update.

1. In what US city is one of the largest homeless, residential, free (at least 6 months), regeneration programs for women, and women with children being built?

- A. Chicago
- B. Dallas
- C. Los Angeles
- D. New York City
- E. San Francisco
- F. Stockton

2. This program will serve homeless women with the following need?

- A. Addicted
- B. Domestic Violence Safety
- C. With Children or are Pregnant
- D. Human Traffic Victim
- E. Paroled & Court Ordered Drug Sentencing
- F. Recuperative Care (Homeless from Emergency Rooms)
- G. With Dogs
- H. All the Above

3. True or False: The anticipated renovation cost of the New Life Women's Home project (former Alustiza Hotel - referred to in questions 1 & 2) has increased from approximately \$3M in 2017 to approximately \$6M in 2020.

Ok, let's see how you did!

1. (F). Stockton. When I give myself this test, I am amazed at what God is doing right here in Stockton and for San Joaquin County. Think of all the larger US cities that He could have chosen! **Thank you Lord for choosing San Joaquin County!**

2. (H). All the Above. Once completed in 2021 the New Life Women's Home will be an amazing admissions destination for San Joaquin County women. They will receive moral-ethical, faith-based training, live sober and obtain key life skills. They will study towards basic math skills and literacy and possibly a GED, receive job training to obtain full time employment, reside in transitional housing leading to permanent housing, and transform into responsible mothers with a goal of regaining custody of their children, and so much more.

3. True. The cost of building in San Joaquin County has skyrocketed since the initial cost projections for this renovation. As a result, we have had to finance the project's completion. If you are part of a private foundation or other philanthropic source and are reading this, please consider contacting me towards removing our financing requirements. Individuals can assist as well by considering funding a New Life Program student scholarship(s) as we ramp up for the 218 women and their children who will be on campus. Information can be found on these \$5,000 individual scholarships at:
<http://gcrms.org/Portals/0/New%20Life%20Program%20Needs%20Statements.pdf>.

As a final project update, Simile Construction, a faith-based, family owned company has been awarded the bid to complete the final two renovation phases. Work has started, and it's exciting to be on campus knowing that a Grand Opening is coming in early 2021! Come see for yourselves via a campus visit by calling 209-320-2310. Please keep this project and the safety of the renovation workers in your prayers!

With you in Christ always!

Wayne G. Richardson





The Stockton Heat and the Gospel Center Rescue Mission have partnered for the **Gospel Center Rescue Mission Night**

Get your **discounted tickets** now to support!



Join the **Gospel Center Rescue Mission** on Friday, March 6, 2020 to experience the Stockton Heat's celebration of 15 hockey seasons of working hard and playing harder as the Heat take on their longtime rival, the Bakersfield Condors!

For every ticket purchased, \$7 will go back to the **Gospel Center Rescue Mission**! As an added bonus, everyone will be invited onto the ice after the game for a post-game photo.

Purchase your discounted tickets below for either \$18 or \$23!

Purchase your tickets at
groupmatics.events/gcrmnight20

SAVE the DATE

Gospel Center Rescue Mission
Annual Gala

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020

Villa Angelica

5:30pm Reception • 6:00pm Dinner

Keynote Speaker
FRANCO SANTORIELLO

For sponsorship opportunities
call (209) 957-7277



CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNUAL RECOGNITIONS!



Kimberly Erbaugh

Congratulations! Kimberly and Aubrey (not pictured) were named as the GCRM 2019 Volunteers of the Year at the Mission Christmas Party held in December. Kimberly earned her award for her work as assistant to the Representative Payee Services Department. Aubrey was recognized for his consistent dedication as a tutor in the Men's Learning Center. In addition, Andrea Mountjoy was promoted to Director of Donor Relations and Billy Freeman to Director of the Men's New Life Program.



Andrea Mountjoy



Billy Freeman

EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER

OPEN EVENING WINTER SHELTER BEDS

The Winter months can be very challenging for all of us especially when exposed to the cold weather and rains. For men who are unsheltered, living in San Joaquin County, and are in need of shelter, food and clothing, the Gospel Center Rescue Mission is offering warm, evening, winter overflow beds beginning **December 1 - March 31, 2020**.

WHERE

The Gospel Center Rescue Mission
445 S. San Joaquin Street, Stockton.

WHEN

Bed sign-ups
Begin at 4:00 PM & before 6:30 PM.

Dinner

Served at 5:30 PM.

Please arrive before 6:30 PM for space in the shelter during the winter months. The shelter can house men until 8:00 AM.

Guests who elect to use this community service must consider the following:

- Must be noncombative
- Cannot bring pets
- Must be capable of following the guest guidelines



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER INFORMATION,
CALL 2-1-1 FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION.



Through the winter months, the GCRM along with the Stockton Shelter for the homeless are providing Emergency Winter Shelter, thanks to funding from the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County and Kaiser Permanente. The mission will house an additional 50 men on overflow mats in the chapel. United Way of San Joaquin County distributed fliers in both English and Spanish to educate the homeless community on the service being provided. Although many more beds are needed, this is a step in the right direction!

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In this issue of *The Vision*, we are excited to highlight a few of the many lives God has blessed with employment after their graduation from the program. Lives have been changed because employers are willing to give second chances. Hope and vision are provided to the students as they work daily on changing their habits and life skills. Additionally, the community, as a whole, benefits since these citizens, who are now healthy, become gainfully employed and begin to live their renewed lives.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24

Thank you for your support of the Mission! Those of you who fund student scholarships keep the students moving forward during a very difficult season of their lives. Thank you for your donations of time, talent, and supplies to continue the work we do. And, we thank you for your continued prayers – for the staff, our students and the adorable children we are blessed to have with us. We especially pray for those in the community who are willing to hire our students and give them a fresh start. What a true blessing all of you are to the Mission as we continue the work God has enlisted us to do.

Blessings to all!

Your gifts keep our students moving forward!



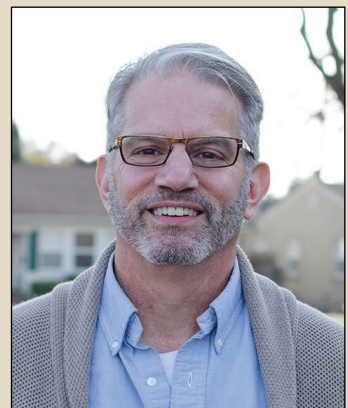
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Bus Driver
RTD
2019 Graduate



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