

**GOSPEL CENTER
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THE VISION

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Over 300 volunteers helped on campus at Love Stockton in September.

2017 brought many major changes to the Gospel Center Rescue Mission, along with lots of growth. From grand openings to fundraising events to daily successes, here are some of 2017's highlights.



Our GCRM children residents show off their crafts.



The first of five phases of the Alustiza Building was completed, removing all hazardous materials. The next two phases are scheduled to be completed by April.



Our Recuperative Care Center Grand Opening took place in June.



Hundreds of guests attended our New Life Scholarship Annual Gala in April.



A suspected arson fire crippled our Administration Building in June, putting our Clothing PLUS and Payee Services programs on hold.



After the fire last summer, the newly renovated Administration Building was celebrated with a Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in October.



Looking back on a blessed year

I usually keep my monthly message short and sweet. But as I look back on 2017, I am simply amazed by God's favor, and cannot write enough about what He has done! Just take a look at the following blessings:

- Six amazing graduations took place, involving over 50 graduates, who now have abundant lives that the Lord always had waiting for them! Keynote Speakers included Bishop Stephen Blaire, San Joaquin District Attorney Tori Verber-Salazar, Former Stockton Mayor and Stockton Rotary Chairperson Ann Johnston, Quail Lakes Baptist Church Senior Pastor Dr. Marc Maffucci, and Stockton Chief of Police Eric Jones.
- Our New Life Program Scholarship Gala in April funded six life-changing student scholarships. The Keynote Speaker was John Ashmen, President of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions.
- Our Food Service trade school launched in May, where our Students can earn California Food Handlers Certificates.
- The Grand Opening of the Recuperative Care Center took place in June, resulting in program expansion from 6 to 22 clients. This is the only free non-profit Recuperative Care program in San Joaquin County, and serves homeless people transitioning out of a hospital.
- A suspected arson fire in June suspended our free Clothing Plus Ministry for four months and affected our Payee Services Ministry and Administration staff for several weeks. Through your generosity and the Love Stockton community service event in September, which brought over 300 volunteers to our campus, the Lord made our Administration Building into a nicer facility than it was before!
- GCRM went from a 20% to 40% self-funding organization through several service fee, micro-enterprise, or cause related marketing programs.
- In partnering with Lincoln Center, GCRM established the first Cause-Related Marketing Partnership within the 300 Association of Gospel Rescue Missions across North America.
- The long-vacant, 3-story Alustiza Building renovation towards transitional and permanent housing for women and children began! This past summer, RB Environmental, led by Founder Ron Barber, completed the first of five phases by removing the hazardous material from the building.
- Through GCRM's new non-profit training ministry, over 50 local and 50 North American non-profits were trained in fundraising and recuperative care this past year.
- GCRM had amazing media coverage last year, which included: The launch of our monthly newsletter, *The Vision*, with the help of SASS! Public Relations; several Stockton Record articles; numerous press releases; national coverage in the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions' RESCUE Magazine; Love Stockton coverage by KXVS Voice of Stockton, KYCC Your Christian Companion, and 105.9 The Bull; a CBS segment about our three-generation family on campus; *Lincoln Center Chronicle* feature on GCRM; all-day coverage on K-Love Radio; an NBC segment of one of our graduations; and so much more. These can be viewed at gcrms.org/media.

WOW! Thank you Lord for Your abundant blessings to Your Gospel Center Rescue Mission! We pray that we can continue changing lives in 2018 and beyond through your help.

Wayne G. Richardson

SAVE THESE DATES



Stockton Police Chief Eric Jones gave the keynote speech at November's Graduation.

2018 Graduations

Six graduations will take place in 2018! The dates and keynote speakers are as follows:

■ JANUARY 19

Natalia Orfanos
Communications Director
A.G. Spanos Companies

■ MARCH 16

Tom Patti
Supervisor
San Joaquin County

■ MAY 18

Colonel Gordon Richardson
Combat Veteran
U.S. Army

■ JULY 20

Phil Johnson
President
Lincoln Center

■ SEPTEMBER 21

Christina Fugazi
Councilwoman
City of Stockton

■ NOVEMBER 16

Ron Barber
Founder
RB Environmental

Start-Up Fundraising Seminars

GCRM will continue assisting other non-profits through seminars. Certified Fundraising Executive Wayne Richardson will be teaching the next Start-Up Fundraising Seminar on January 26, hosted by Lincoln Center & Papapavlo's, and underwritten with help from Lincoln Center and SASS! Public Relations. Visit gcrms.org/events for registration information.

Annual Gala Celebrating Restored Lives Through Scholarships

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 12, 2018 for the Gospel Center Rescue Mission Gala, featuring San Joaquin County District Attorney Tori Verber-Salazar as the keynote speaker. The 3rd annual event will be held at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. We look forward to seeing our GCRM family there! Visit gcrms.org/events for more information.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

NEW LIFE

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GCRM children visit Santa at Lincoln Center.

During the holiday season, GCRM was blessed by many businesses and organizations that held toy drives, clothing drives, and fundraisers. Lincoln Center's Coat and Sock Drive allowed our students and homeless individuals to stay warm this winter. We are so grateful for our Cause-Related Marketing Partnership with Lincoln Center, which has given us a great voice for the homeless in the community.

In addition to Lincoln Center, several other businesses were vital in providing for the students and children of GCRM, as well as the homeless and low-income individuals in our community. Through these philanthropic efforts, over 100 GCRM families were able to have a plentiful Christmas.



ServPro of Stockton held a toy drive benefiting GCRM children.

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SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

The staff and students of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission are humbled to have benefitted from the following sponsors during the holiday season:

Lincoln Center
Lincoln Presbyterian Church
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Crossroads Grace Community Church of Manteca
Barnes & Noble
Blaze Pizza
Dollar General
ServPro of Stockton
Victory Grill

We'd also like to thank the following sponsors* for supporting us throughout all of 2017, and we look forward to working with them in the years to come:

RB Environmental, Inc.
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Community Medical Centers
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First Baptist Church of Stockton
First Christian Reformed Church
Lincoln Center
Lincoln Presbyterian Church
Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ
Quail Lakes Baptist Church
RC Plumbing
SASS! Public Relations
Scan Health Plan
Zion United Reformed Church

* Annual benefit of \$10,000 or more to GCRM.

GRADUATION



Six students graduated from various phases of the New Life Program on November 17. In attendance were Stockton community leaders, including Vice Mayor Holman. Stockton Police Chief Eric Jones made the keynote speech – in which he was inspired by graduates' hard work and life changes.

Congratulations to Kathy Morin, Gisele Salcedo, James Swearingin, Heather Thomas, DeVonna Warren, and Rodney Westenhaver. Your gifts give these graduates the ability to support themselves.

*We'll be doing even
more Campus & Program
Tours in 2018!
Come visit us!*