

SUMMER OF FUN

Every day we see evidence of God's work at the Mission, but nothing brings us greater joy than seeing the children come to know their Savior. Throughout the year, we have approximately 30 children at once living on campus, and that number can increase to nearly 50 on the weekends. Therefore, it is important to give them a fun summer break and allow them to experience a normal childhood.

While our main goal is to provide them with all they need to have comfortable lives and teach them about Christ, we also want to make life as fun as possible for them! With summer finally here, we are providing the children of the Mission with fun activities sure to make lasting memories.

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WANTED:

Rescue Mission Volunteers

We frequently get calls from our newsletter readers inquiring about volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups. I thought that some updated information on this topic would be helpful.

**For All Volunteer Opportunities Contact:
Andrea Mountjoy, (209) 320-2310**

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

New Life Program (NLP) Counselor:

Provide counseling for NLP students on a 1-on-1 basis to assess their current mental, emotional, and spiritual status. A measurable plan will be established based on this information along with other requirements for the students to finish the NLP and graduate. This specifically includes a 6-month, weekly commitment counseling and advising a student during their 6-month NLP phase as required. Volunteer counselors' time commitment is simply based on the number of students the volunteer wishes to counsel. Previous experience or undergraduate/graduate counseling is a requirement. Finally, volunteer counselors are part of their NLP students' graduation ceremony.

Maintenance Worker:

Based on your skills/experience and with as little as 24-hour notice by the volunteer, you will report to our Maintenance Manager for assignment of maintenance work orders within your skills. The 6-month commitment and recommended 4-8 hour blocks of work will justify the GCRM campus and maintenance orientation. System familiarization and then efficiency will grow with length of service, leading to a satisfied and fulfilled volunteer experience.

Learning Center Educator:

Education is one of the core principles of our New Life Program. We need volunteers to oversee our students as they work in either the men's or women's learning centers! Our goal is to further basic life skills, math, and English and/or achieve their GED.

Children's Services:

We serve children from infancy through 17 years at our New Hope Family Shelter. From tutoring to child care, you'll provide ongoing support and care for children who need it most. We're looking for adults (ages 18+) to make an impact on the next generation.

Drivers:

Within our New Life Program case management and Homeless Recuperative Care, drivers are needed to transport students/clients to and from medical appointments, job interviews, housing opportunities, and other aspects of their lives as they work towards being productive citizens.

GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We welcome church, civic, corporate, and other groups that are interested in doing campus community service projects. We ask that groups donate the materials for their projects. Lunch, water, and coffee will be provided by the Mission.

~ THANK YOU ~

On behalf of all the NLP students and their kids, overnight shelter guests, recuperative care and representative payee clients, homeless in our community, and low income families we serve daily, we would like to say, **Thank you Rescue Mission volunteers!** If God is tugging at your heart to volunteer, **please call us!**

Wayne G. Richardson



Our kids and their mothers enjoyed PAW Patrol Live at the Stockton Arena.

The kids have already experienced a taste of fun when they went to “PAW Patrol Live” at the Stockton Arena! Thanks to our friends at SASS! Public Relations for the free tickets. Support like this gives our staff the opportunity to take the kids and their moms to outings throughout the summer.

More events to come include swim parties provided by Ron and Bonnie Barber at their beautiful home, a day on the farm provided by Bill Brown, and Stockton Ports games.

In addition to these exciting events, some major upgrades will be happening on campus that will benefit the kids. Rotary Club President Melanie Vieux is plan-

ning the renovation of our playground as her Rotary project. This will provide the kids with a safe place to play year round. As part of the renovation of the former Alustiza Hotel and Restaurant, a sprinkler park will be built on campus. The kids are looking forward to beating those hot summer days by cooling down in the water area!

With the kids out of school, it's crucial that we keep them occupied with active events. We have lots of activities planned already, but we still need your help! There are several opportunities for you to make an impact on the lives of the children at the Mission. Please see the sidebar with more information on how you can get involved. Happy Summer!



Ron & Bonnie Barber hosted a pool party for the children and their mothers last summer and will be hosting more as the weather heats up!

MAKE — THIS — SUMMER MEMORABLE — FOR THE — CHILDREN

Ways to help:

Kids Summer Scholarships (\$300)

This scholarship provides the children of our New Life Program students with at least one fun outing each week. Based on our pilot program last summer, these outings include pool parties, waterparks, movies, museums, picnics, Stockton Ports games, zoos, and more. New Life Program mothers are also a part of this scholarship program.

To fund a scholarship, please use the enclosed envelope and write “Kids Summer Scholarship” in the comments section.

Non-monetary Donation

Consider donating summer clothes for children ranging from infants through teenagers, along with items for summer activities, such as pool toys, beach towels, jump ropes, chalk, bubbles, etc.

To donate, please bring items to 445 S. San Joaquin St. Stockton, or call (209) 320-2310 to arrange for a pick-up.

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“LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME UNTO ME!” LUKE 18:16a
HELP US CREATE A MEMORABLE SUMMER FOR OUR MISSION CHILDREN!

GCRM HAPPENINGS



Six women in the New Life Program were baptized on Easter Sunday! It was a beautiful reminder of the new life that Jesus provides through his death and resurrection. We are thankful to Gravity Church for being a welcoming place for our female students to attend church and restore their relationships with Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 states, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”



Remembering Pete Duckworth

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In early May, Pete Duckworth, a Rescue Mission family member, passed away in his sleep. Pete, who was our maintenance man for several years, resided on campus. He often worked seven days a week to keep up with the maintenance of our seven buildings that house our eight core GCRM programs. Pete served his country in the Navy and initially came to us as an Emergency Lodge guest. He was also a graduate of the New Life Program and attended Jesus Saves Ministry in Stockton. A memorial service was held at the Rescue Mission Chapel on May 13. Pete will be greatly missed.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Join us for GCRM Night at the Stockton Ports game on June 22! Through our cause-related marketing agreement with the Stockton Ports organization, we are able to have a stronger presence in the community and make a bigger impact. GCRM CEO Wayne Richardson will be throwing out the first pitch at the game, and we will have an informational booth.



Also save the date for Faith Night on August 3, where GCRM will again be honored with the first pitch being thrown by Board President Paul Kozlow. Enjoy live music and player testimonials before the game. This is a fun night of fellowship enjoyed by many local churches, youth groups, and religious organizations. We look forward to seeing you there! To order tickets to one or both of these games go to <http://bit.ly/PortsGroupPortal> Use promo code “rescue”