

Stronger Together



*Bonner Grupe and Phyllis Grupe
along with a few of the Country Fair set up crew from The Mission*

The Grupe Country Fair, held on the grounds of Shady Oaks, the home of Fritz and Phyllis Grupe, is a night we won't soon forget. Saturday, September 10 was a most beautiful evening – one of which the Gospel Center Rescue Mission is very grateful to have been a part. A special thank you to Fritz and Phyllis, who graciously opened their hearts, and their beautiful Shady Oaks property, to provide the community an opportunity to give back.

An added benefit for The Mission was the opportunity for our New Life Program students to spend the week prior to the event, as well as day of, working under the

direction of Bonner Grupe, event producer extraordinaire, and daughter of Fritz and Phyllis. The students helped set up signage, stages, tents, tables and chairs, and so many other logistical pieces needed to put on such a grand event. This kind of community involvement adds to the self-worth of each of the students that God has brought to The Mission.

The Grupe Country Fair has always been a community favorite, raising much needed dollars for non-profits in San Joaquin County. This year, The Grupe Company, Grupe Huber, and Greenlaw Partners came together to underwrite the cost of



A Huge Thank You!

Look at all the smiles on these faces! Thank you to all who participated in the Grupe Country Fair – the sponsors, attendees, vendors, volunteers and the set-up crew – what an amazing night. We wish we could publish the photos of all 850 attendees, but there just isn't enough room! Thanks to each and every person who stepped up to support The Mission.

Over the years we have been blessed with faithful prayer warriors, supporters and volunteers. Each and every one of you -

those who were at the Fair, and those who were not - have had a hand in touching and changing the lives of so many students. The work continues and we could not do it without your help.

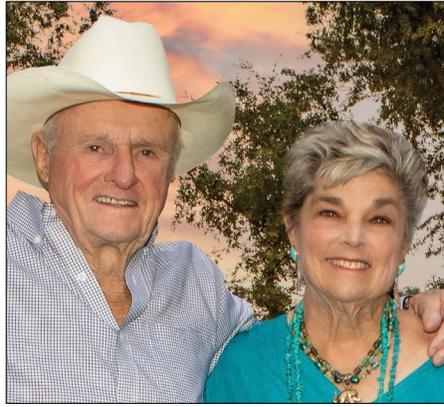
God Bless,
David Midura
David Midura, CEO
GCRM



2022 Grupe Country Fair Hosts



Sandy and Kevin Huber
Grupe Huber Company



Fritz and Phyllis Grupe
The Grupe Company



Wilber and Christina Smith
Greenlaw Partners



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putting on this amazing celebration allowing 100% of giving to help the homeless and provide life skills training programs necessary for them to re-enter society. The Mission is the recipient of a large portion of the proceeds. We are humbly grateful!

The sold-out event of 850+ guests, raised more than 1.3 million dollars! Guests enjoyed strolling through the grounds of Shady Oaks, tasting cuisine from a variety of local restaurants, viewing classic automobiles and enjoying roaming entertainers. Following dinner, the guests were treated to a concert by country star Sara Evans.

Many friends of The Mission helped sponsor the event and were in attendance. It was a joy to be joined together to enjoy this beautiful evening under the stars. We are blessed beyond measure that Fritz and Phyllis saw the needs of the homeless and addicted in our community. Through God's grace, the monies raised at the Grupe Country Fair will help us build additional housing that allows us to continue to impact lives through our New Life Programs, and provide pathways for our students through career training and counseling which will lead to jobs, housing, hope, a stable life and a future.



The day after the Grupe Country Fair, the Homecoming Graduation Celebration was held at The Mission. Fourteen very proud New Life Program students graduated. Dianna Clay, Distinguished Alumni Graduate for 2022 and Mission employee was the keynote speaker. What a testament of the continuing work God is doing in the lives of our students and staff. The November edition of The Vision will have highlights of the excitement felt at the celebration.

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CAMPUS MEMORY VERSE

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39



Eighteen New Life Program Students received baptism in August at First Baptist Church of Stockton.



It's always fun when Splash drops by for a visit!



Out of This World

Dave Midura with Jose Rodriguez, CEO of El Concilio and El Concilio California Academies, at the ribbon cutting of the Astronaut José M. Hernández Academy.

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Upcoming Graduation Schedule

November 13

Lincoln Presbyterian Church

Keynote Speaker

Bill Conley, GCRM Past President and Board Member