

# THE VISION

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#### 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



### MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



### Looking Forward to an Incredible 2023!

If you read my article in the last issue of The Vision newsletter, you had a chance to hear about all that God did last year here at The Mission. We have seen God work in and through the lives of so many, and we are eager to see what God has in store.

This year, we will break ground on our New Life Men's Building, open a Kids Sprinkler Park, create new businesses for the community, launch a music program for our Mission Kids and last but not least, launch a Phase 4 program for permanent housing for our New Life Program students. We pray that God will go before us, make a way for these projects to come to fruition, with your help.

You may have noticed that we have a new look and a new logo. We have been planning this revamp for a while now and we are so excited to share it with you! Each of the aspects of our new logo have a specific and special meaning and a Bible verse to go with them.

We are starting fresh this year, and we hope you will too. Every year, every day and every moment are a new beginning.

Thank you for your continued support of The Mission. We are truly thankful and immensely blessed by your generosity.

May God bless you and yours abundantly this year.

God Bless,

David Midura

David Midura, CEO GCRM





The green represents two things: a tree and a crown of jewels. The tree symbolizes new life and revitalization. The jewels represent that we are part of God's Kingdom. *"They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do." – Psalm 1:3 (NLT)* 

The cross is strategically placed at the center of our logo to show that Jesus is the center of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission.

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." – Galatians 6:14 (NIV)



Similarly to the green, the teal in the Gospel Center Rescue Mission name represents God's creation and life as well, but this time as air, water and the sky.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." – Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)

The purple lines symbolize that we are the King's Kids and we are royalty. We have purple lines painted on the entrances and exits of our campus as a reminder that those who are born again in Christ are the King's Kids; our attitudes and outlooks should reflect that and be the same as Jesus.

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." – Philippians 2:5-7 (NIV)

restoring lives since 1940

GCRM has a rich history that goes back more than 80 years. Over the years, many homeless and addicted individuals and families have been restored.

"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor." - 1 Samuel 2:8 (NIV)

## <sup>2022</sup> YEAR AT A GLANCE

#### **Point in Time Count**

GCRM participated in the 2022 Homeless Point in Time Count, a homeless census that occurs every year in California. It was organized by SJC Continuum of Care.





#### In Loving Memory of David Say

David Say, affectionately known as Day-Day, our Clothing Plus Manager, passed away in mid-January. Recently named the Gospel Center Rescue Mission's 2022 Distinguished Graduate, Day-Day was a beloved member of our Mission family, and most often was at the gate to greet our guests. A memorial service was held at The Mission on Friday, January 21. Gospel Center was his family, and he will be missed.

### JANUARY



### FEBRUARY



New Life Students Baptized! Pastor Derek Metro, along with Wayne Richardson baptized twelve GCRM New Life Students on Sunday, February 6th at First Baptist Church of Stockton.

### January Graduation Keynote Speaker: Mayor Kevin Lincoln, City of Stockton First Baptist Church of Stockton

Back Row (left to right): Wayne Richardson, former CEO, GCRM; Damien Williams; Angel Fernandez; Brad Stahl, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Stockton; Kevin Lincoln, Mayor, City of Stockton; Frank Rayfield; George Ramirez; and Britton Kimball, COO, GCRM. Front Row (left to right): Tracy Tovar; Melanie Yoes; Crystal Joy; Tara Deveney; and Yvonne Rodriguez.



### **Our New Website!**

If you have not checked out the new GCRM Website (gcrms.org) please take some time to view it! You will find a freshly designed site that will share our statement of faith, the many programs for our students, as well as opportunities for you to pray, volunteer, and give.



#### **March Graduation**

New Life Program Graduation was held on Sunday, March 13 at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Ripon. Pictured in front row: Britton Kimball, COO, GCRM; Sheriff Patrick Withrow, San Joaquin County; and Wayne Richardson, former CEO, GCRM. Standing back row: David Turner; Ashley Embrey; Jordan Kurtz; Roseanna Chum; and Mohini Sharma.

#### **Mayor Lincoln Tours The Mission**

Mayor Lincoln visited The Mission, touring and engaging with The Mission staff and students. He had the opportunity to learn about our programs, as well as hear our vision for our expansion of beds for the homeless.

#### Easter Hams

First Baptist Church of Stockton donated thirty hams for Easter Dinner at The Mission.



The Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting of The New Hope Family Shelter was held under a large tent in the Brown Building Courtyard.

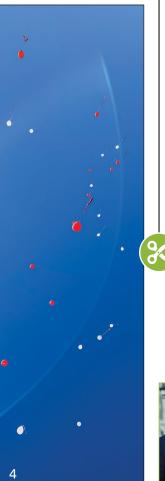




The Ribbon Cutting Celebration for the Women's Gym in the New Hope Family Shelter was held on April 21st.



### MARCH





#### **Recuperative Care Ribbon Cutting**

A ribbon cutting was held on March 11th to celebrate the re-opening of the GCRM Recuperative Care Center. Dedicated to housing homeless coming out of hospitals while needing further time to heal, this Center also served as GCRM's "Covid Campus" for homeless recuperating from COVID. We are thankful for the City of Stockton's funding for this important project.





### APRIL

**Easter Sunday Sunrise** Service to Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus was held outdoors in the Brown Building Courtyard. Pastor Mark Maffucci, Senior Pastor at Quail Lakes Baptist Church presented the message. Pastor Jon Hathorn, Senior Pastor, Lincoln Presbyterian led the congregation in prayer. Easter breakfast was prepared by GCRM Staff and Students.







MAY

#### **May Graduation**

May 2022 New Life Program Graduates with Britton Kimball, COO GCRM and keynote speaker Dr. Mary Drabik, President, South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary.

New Life Program Students Baptized at First Baptist Church of Stockton From left to right: Pastor Derek Metro, Carrie Williams, Amanda Sampson, Josclyn Billingsly, Katherine Dickerson, Michaela Mascarenas and Wayne Richardson.







229 Church Street 2nd Floor Men's New Life Program Bathroom #1 Renovation completion by May 1. \$20K cost funded by all GCRM donors.





Soil Samples were taken as part of the covered parking solar structure building permit.



Former SF Giant Dave Dravecky tours the Campus and meets with New Life Program Students following the 31st Annual San Joaquin Leadership Prayer Breakfast, brought in by David Midura.



A farewell luncheon was held for Wayne and Carol Richardson on Tuesday, June 28th at The Mission.



A team of students helped set up and take down Festa Italiana – a community event that was held at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds this summer. It is always a nice opportunity for students and staff to get out and be involved in the community.

### JUNE

Joining the staff of The Mission: David Midura, CEO and Kendra Kaiserman, Director of Development.



### JULY



Construction on the Sonora House (that will become Women's Recuperative Care Center upon completion) continues to run smoothly as we get closer to completion.



July Graduation Graduation was held on Sunday July 10th at First Baptist Church of Stockton. Michael Blower, City of Stockton Councilmember Elect, District 3, was the Keynote Speaker.











Just outside the Men's Recuperative Care building on Sonora and Hunter Streets, a beautiful block wall was constructed.



Mission Kids enjoy summertime activities! Because of generous sponsors they enjoyed many fun summer activities, including visits to the zoo and children's museum, swim parties and Stockton Ports games.

### AUGUST



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





Progress continues on the Women's Recuperative Care Center.





It's always fun when Splash comes to visit!





A Visit from the Firefighters! Staff, students and kids were treated with a visit from the Stockton Fire Department. The firefighters answered a lot of questions, gave tours of the truck to the Mission Kids and offered safety tips.

### OCTOBER

**SEPTEMBER** 

**September Graduation** and Homecoming More than 150 guests gathered under the big tent at The Homecoming Graduation Celebration on Sunday, September 11th. It was a very exciting day, with fourteen graduates completing the New Life Program, walking across the stage to get their certificate, and being recognized for their accomplishment. Dianna Clay, Distinguished Alumni Graduate for 2022 and Mission employee, was the Keynote Speaker. She stood with and congratulated each graduate as they received their certificates. We pray God continues to guide and direct these graduates as they work towards changed lives!



Back Row (from left to right): Britton Kimball, COO, GCRM; Kalliope Casaday, Cody Walker, Nevin Roe, Yan Hach, David Midura, CEO, GCRM. Front Row: Jackie Perez, Renee Mobley, Katherine Dickerson, Dianna Clay, Emily O'Meara, Mavis Allen, Carmie Vincent.



Clean Up Day! Members of the First Baptist Christian School spent a day at The Mission, cleaning and tidying up! What a blessing for us to have them volunteer their time. They worked so hard!



Jack-o'-Lanterns in the Making Halloween festivities at GCRM included carving Jack-o'-Lanterns by families.



Students from the Men's New Life Program spent a day helping First Baptist Church of Stockton set up their pumpkin patch. It was a lot of work, but a great day filled with camaraderie and fun.



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 10th 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. The Mission had the opportunity for our New Life Program students to spend the week prior to the Grupe Country Fair – helping with all the set-up logistics.





#### **November Graduation**

Back Row (from left to right): Britton Kimball, COO, GCRM; Kamren Robinson, Carl Cates, Chris Gentry, Keynote Speaker Bill Conley, Robert Mace, Lon Mobley, Richard Blake, David Midura, CEO, GCRM. Front Row (from left to right): Michaela Mascarenas, Elvia Lopez-Navarro, Mellisa Pineda, Lilliana Conchas, Jodi Cook, Tanya Medrano, Josclyn Billingsly.



Four New Life Program Students received baptism in November at First Baptist Church of Stockton.

### **NOVEMBER**



**New Sidewalks!** 

Sidewalks around the Women's Recuperative Care Center were poured – allowing access around the entire building for patients to be able to get exercise walking around the Center.



GIWING TUESDAY TUESDAY Tuesday Campaign. We raised more than \$3,350!

Hand-made blankets were distributed to all the Mission Kids. They were donated by Fritz and Phyllis Grupe. Thank you!





Journey Transport and SASS! Public Relations led the Christmas Toy Drive.





GCRM Staff on a coffee break in Lincoln Center.



The Coat and Sock Drive at Lincoln Center kicks off! We are grateful for this annual event headed up by Lincoln Center.



### DECEMBER



Thank you to everyone who attended our Women's Recuperative Care Center Ribbon Cutting on December 8th. A special thank you to St. Joseph's Medical Center for their continued support, and many others, including 711 Materials, Inc., CalWater, City of Stockton, Diede Construction, HealthNet, San Joaquin County, San Joaquin County Health Care Services Agency, and WMB Architects.





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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

### 2023 GRADUATION DATES

Save these dates. As our speakers and venues are confirmed, we will keep you informed.

#### Sunday, January 22

Keynote Speaker Sister Abby Newton First Baptist Church of Stockton

#### Sunday, March 19 Keynote Speaker Rick Rickman San Joaquin County Supervisor

Sunday, May 21

Sunday, July 16

Sunday, September 17 At GCRM Campus along with Homecoming

November 13

### DID YOU KNOW?

15 million

meals served

### 11,080

students have graduated from our New Life Program since 1995 and counting

### 24,335

occupied beds in our Bill Brown Building, serving women with children, since December 2019

### 761,904

occupied beds in our Emergency Lodging Program to anyone that needed a bed over the past 22 years

### 100,000

occupied beds in the ONLY shelter to provide a Recuperative Care Programin San Joaquin County since 2010

### 4,500

occupied beds in the ONLY COVID positive shelter that continues to provide care to those that have no otherplace to go in San Joaquin County

All of the above numbers continue to grow!

Made Possible by the Support of Generous Donors Like You! Thank You and God Bless You!