



# THE VISION

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We've been waiting to make a BIG SPLASH announcement, and finally, we can tell you all about the King's Kids Water Park! The splash pad is for our Mission Kids and other children in the community – just in time for lots of summer fun. On a joyous Thursday, May 9th, Mission friends, Mission Kids, staff and students gathered to dedicate this refreshing new addition to the campus. On average, there are thirty to forty children who live part- and full-time at The Mission while their parents are enrolled in the New Life Program. This fun and colorful area, adjacent to the playground equipment, is a welcome activity, offering another opportunity for the Mission Kids to have an outlet that is safe and secure. Thank you to our anonymous, generous donor who provided the funding to bring joy to The Mission Kids!

If you would like to support weekly activities throughout the summer for our Mission Kids, \$500 will sponsor one child and their parent. Simply call 209-320-2313 or go to our website to donate.



# Thank you!!!

The sun is out, temperatures are rising, and the yearning to go outside and play is ubiquitous – it’s time to break out the shorts and flip-flops – summer is here! We know our Mission Kids are going to be enjoying some hot days splashing in the new King’s Kids Water Park!

I want to thank all of you for your generous support. We recently held our 2024 Scholarship Gala! Wow! We celebrated the Fruits of the Spirit in grand style – and we thank each of you for coming out to support this wonderful evening. We truly are blessed by you, our Friends of the Mission. Thank you.

We are excited about two new, exciting businesses. Our students are in training to roast, package and sell Mission Coffee. Soon, you can begin ordering for your church, gifts, or your personal use. Imagine waking up every day to the fresh aroma of Mission Coffee. Another exciting venture is our newly launched Mission Paints. Our crew is busy learning new skills, organizing the supplies so they will be ready to paint whatever needs painting. Through these programs the students are learning new trade skills, business skills and work discipline. All profits will help fund New Life Program expenses.

This summer, we are launching a new campaign to raise funds for The Mission. Our goal is to ask 100,000 people to contribute \$20/month for 12 months. This initiative would raise \$24 Million for The Mission! Would you prayerfully consider participating? Here is how you can help. First, set up a recurring donation online or send a check each month. If you already give monthly, please consider increasing your monthly donation by \$20. Second, share this message with 20 people in your contacts to help us spread the word and reach 100,000 donors. Third, please be in prayer. We need the Lord’s guidance and provision. This campaign will help us save lives here at The Mission. Together, and with the Lord’s hand upon us, we can.

Whether you are traveling, keeping cool by the pool, or spending time outside in the sunshine, I hope this summer fills you with an overflowing amount of joy and peace.

May God bless you and yours abundantly!

God Bless,

*David Midura*

David Midura, CEO  
GCRM

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## GRADUATION



Back Row (l to r): Britton Kimball, GCRM COO; Monica Kimball, GCRM Women’s Assistant Director; Craig Miller; Glenn Picotte; Jesus Guerrero; Alexander Harbinson; Julian Tafoya; Lucas Zepeda; Edwin Alexander; Cody Walker, Men’s Case Manager; David Midura, GCRM CEO; Anna Villagomez, Women’s Case Manager; Tyson Fite, Men’s Assistant Director. Front Row (l to r) Jessica Machado, Women’s Case manager; Angela Avalos; Amanda Etzler; Stormie Gonzales; Sandy Huber, Keynote Speaker; Lindsey Medina; Misty Shobert; Pam Regan, GCRM Board of Directors.



## A time to Celebrate!

### CELEBRATING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

*love • Joy • Peace • Forbearance • Kindness*

*Goodness • Faithfulness • Gentleness • Self-control*

The 2024 Scholarship Gala – Celebrating the Fruits of the Spirit - was a wonderful evening thanking Jesus for lives changes in the New Life Program. More than 225 guests – sponsors, friends, students, and staff members gathered at the Stockton Golf and Country Club on April 25th, to celebrate how Jesus Christ has worked in the lives of those who choose to come to The Mission seeking a renewed life. A non-alcoholic event, each guest enjoyed a sparkling water and fresh fruit drink, a delicious steak dinner, and fruit tart dessert. The money raised went directly to Scholarships for those seeking to enter one of the three phases of the New Life Program. Master of Ceremony EJ Rogers guided the evening as guests enjoyed prayers, worship music, inspirational stories by Mission Directors and Keynote Speaker Paul Loeffler, and the State of the Mission given by David Midura, CEO. This lovely evening was an opportunity for sponsors to mingle with and encourage students and staff. We especially thank our sponsors for supporting this inspiring evening.



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*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 (NIV)*



### Mother's Day Tea

Board Member Sharon Benninger and some of her friends hosted a Tea Party for our Women's New Life Program students. What a joyful day!



### Mission Kids Dedication

A dedication ceremony was held at First Baptist Church, where our Mission Kids were dedicated and blessed, and their parents committed to raising their children according to God's Word. What a blessed day it was!



### Paint Party

A group of our Women's New Life Program students were invited to attend a paint night at First Baptist Church of Stockton. Emerging artists!



### Community Service

Serving the community through Bread of Life, NLP students helped with the food distribution event in May.

### In Loving Memory



**Phillip "Phil" Shelley Sr.** was born on April 8, 1960, and went home to be with the Lord on April 12, 2024. Phil graduated from the New Life Program and worked as our truck driver at the Gospel Center Rescue Mission for 20 years. Phil was a friend to all and will be missed immensely.



**Linda Lucero** was born on August 18, 1956, and went home to be with the Lord on May 9, 2024. Linda worked for the Gospel Center Rescue Mission for 2 years as the Director of Administration. Linda was a force of nature and will be missed dearly.