

Recuperative Care Trailblazer

Our very own Sandra Maple-Deaver, Director of Gospel Center Rescue Mission (GCRM) Recuperative Care, is the recipient of the 2024 Trailblazer in California Recuperative Care Award. Sandra was presented the award at the 2024 California Recuperative Care Symposium on September 12th in Sacramento. This first-time award honors the outstanding work one influential leader in the advancement of recuperative care services in California, where leaders are blazing a bold path forward for the entire nation in the advancement of medical respite services and innovation.

Sandra, a graduate of the GCRM New Life Program, is a wife, mother, and most importantly, a child of God. For almost a decade, she has dedicated her life to serving those in Recuperative Care at GCRM. She has helped serve more than 100,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in the only shelter to provide a recuperative care program in San Joaquin County since 2008 and more than 5,000 bed days in the only COVID-positive shelter that provided care to those who have no other place to go in San Joaquin County.

The Trailblazer in California Recuperative Care Award is a new honor presented by the Respite Care Providers' Network in collaboration with National Institute for Medical Respite Care and National Health Care for the Homeless Council. This award honors the outstanding work of one influential leader in the advancement of recuperative care services in California, where leaders are blazing a bold path forward for the entire nation in the advancement of medical respite services and innovation.

Sandra was nominated by Annette DePauli, Senior Director of Programs for St. Mary's Community Services. GCRM staff that were in attendance to celebrate and honor Sandra were: David Midura; Britton Kimball; Bill Brown; Yvonne Ferrell; Carla Rogers; Monica Kimball; and Kendra Kaiserman.

The Gospel Center Rescue Mission family extends their sincere congratulations to Sandra for her exemplary work on behalf of the homeless who find rest and peace at the Gospel Center Rescue Mission Recuperative Care program. And we thank the many agencies and organizations in San Joaquin County who have supported our efforts to provide these services to the homeless in our community.



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Our Mission

Gospel Center Rescue Mission, Inc. is a ministry to the people of San Joaquin County where the homeless and addicted in our community are presented the opportunity for spiritual, physical, emotional restoration and equitable inclusion through the love of Jesus Christ.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Multi-Purpose Center Groundbreaking

On Thursday, September 19, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center – a huge milestone in our journey to provide 130 additional beds to unsheltered homeless individuals. This 3-story, 12,400-square-foot facility will include sleeping rooms with one to four beds each, shower rooms, laundry facilities, and classroom areas.

The support we received at the groundbreaking celebration was overwhelming. Prayers led by City Council Member Michael Blower, and board members Bill Stoermer and Pam Regan remind us of God's hand in this important project to serve the homeless and addicted seeking a new life through Jesus Christ.

Dr. Lakshmi Dhanvanthari, Chief Medical Officer at Health Plan of San Joaquin gave words of encouragement and support. Health Plan of San Joaquin has been a faithful supporter of The Mission in recent years, and we are so thankful for our relationship with them. New Life Program Student Graduate Laurie Holloway blessed us with her testimony on how her journey at The Mission has changed her path in life. And it's always a blessing to have Fritz and Phyllis Grupe join in the festivities. Proceeds from their event, The Grupe Country Fair created a considerable amount of funding to get this project started.

City and County officials, including Supervisor Robert Rickman, Supervisor Tom Patti, Gina Calder, on behalf of Supervisor Paul Canepa, Dana Sovinec on behalf of Mayor Kevin Lincoln, Adam Cheshire on behalf of Congressman Josh Harder, and Stockton City Manager Harry Black were on hand to lend encouraging words, provide us with accommodation certificates, and join in



the groundbreaking with the purple and gold shovels. Supervisor Miguel Villapudua, Supervisor Steven Ding, and Supervisor Paul Canepa were on their way back from Washington D.C., and sent their regards. They have been great partners in funding and support on behalf of the homeless.

This project would not be possible without the ongoing support of organizations, city, county and state programs that help fund this, along with the many individual supporters who faithfully provide funding every month.

Your help is continually needed to fund our programs, help raise the Mission Kids who call GCRM home, as well as maintain a safe and clean campus. Thank you so very much. As we near the end of the year, would you consider giving a substantial gift to help us continue our mission? Your help is having life-changing outcomes for women, men, and their children which affects all of us. We would greatly appreciate a gift of any size. Thank you for your generosity.

On behalf of all those who have been touched by your love and compassion, thank you.

We love and appreciate you!

God Bless,

David Midura

David Midura, CEO
GCRM

2024 Homecoming Graduation Ceremony

The 2024 Homecoming Graduation Ceremony on Sunday, September 15 was engaging and powerful.

The weather was beautiful, and our afternoon began with a delicious Trip Tip Lunch – prepared by the Stockton Host Lions Club, as we kicked off the 2024 Homecoming Luncheon and Graduation Ceremony. The luncheon and graduation ceremonies were enjoyed by students, graduates, staff and guests.

Mitchell Teem and Laurie Holloway shared their powerful testimonies of God’s guiding hand through their journeys through the New Life Program. We all celebrated our 2024 Distinguished Graduates Maurice and Viola Dinkins, who shared their experiences at The Mission and how they have been blessed in their professional and personal lives since they graduated from the New Life Program.



Thank you Stockton Host Lions Club!



Mitchell Teem, NLP Graduate with Distinguished Graduates Maurice and Viola Dinkins.



Laurie Holloway, NLP Graduate with Distinguished Graduates Maurice and Viola Dinkins.

Congratulations to our September New Life Program Graduates



(Back Row L to R): Britton Kimball, GCRM COO; Richard Cavazos; Devarian Gordon; Manuela Moreno; Aaron Amigable; Maurice Dinkins and Viola Dinkins, 2024 Distinguished Graduates; Mitchell Teem; Kerianne Kendall; William Irons; Sesar Roman; Walter Snow; and David Midura, GCRM CEO. (Front Row, L to R): Alycia Mclear; Dominique Hildago; Esther Almendarez; Shemika House; Laurie Holloway.

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