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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

*Looking back, moving forward*



*Celebrating  
85 Years in 2025*

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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

# 85 Years: A Milestone to Celebrate



As I reflect on 2024, I am filled with so much gratitude and awe, seeing the incredible work that Jesus Christ did and continues to do here at The Mission. Thank you to our friends and family of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission – our donors, our volunteers, and our staff, for the continued support and dedication to help us serve the homeless and addicted in our community and beyond. We could not do it without your help.

As I look forward to the New Year, I am filled with excitement for what is to come!

***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself.”***

*~Matthew 22:37,39*

that started the Gospel Center Rescue Mission in 1940. What started as a soup kitchen in the post-depression era in 1939 quickly turned into a shelter for homeless men. On April 6, 1940, a non-profit was established, and the Gospel Center Rescue Mission was initiated. With the help of people of faith from San Joaquin County, programs were added to ensure the homeless were fed, clothed, sheltered, and received addiction treatment and medical care.

The churches in Ripon, along with many other faithful churches throughout Stockton, San Joaquin County,

and beyond, continue to help save the homeless and addicted in our community by praying and supporting us monthly.

Today, The Mission serves men and women and reunifies children back with their families.

Our campus currently has seven buildings, with an eighth one now under construction. The

New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center will add 130 more beds in a beautiful new building.

The Mission 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. Our vision is to restore and redeem the lives of the unsheltered homeless and addicted in San Joaquin County and beyond.

We are truly blessed by your love and support. We simply cannot thank you enough.

This is my prayer for you this year: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”  
~ Numbers 6:24-26

God Bless,

*David Midura*

David Midura, CEO, GCRM

# Happy New Year!!!



**15.3**  
*million*  
meals served



**11,230**  
Students have graduated  
from our New Life Program  
since 1995 and counting



**57,081**  
Occupied beds in our  
Bill Brown Building, serving  
women with children,  
since December 2019



**819,419**  
Occupied beds in our  
Emergency Lodging  
Program to anyone that  
needed a bed over the  
past 23 years



**116,135**  
Occupied beds in the  
ONLY shelter to provide  
a Recuperative Care  
Program in San Joaquin  
County since 2008



**5,046**  
Occupied beds in the  
ONLY COVID positive  
shelter that continues to  
provide care to those that  
have no other place to go  
in San Joaquin County

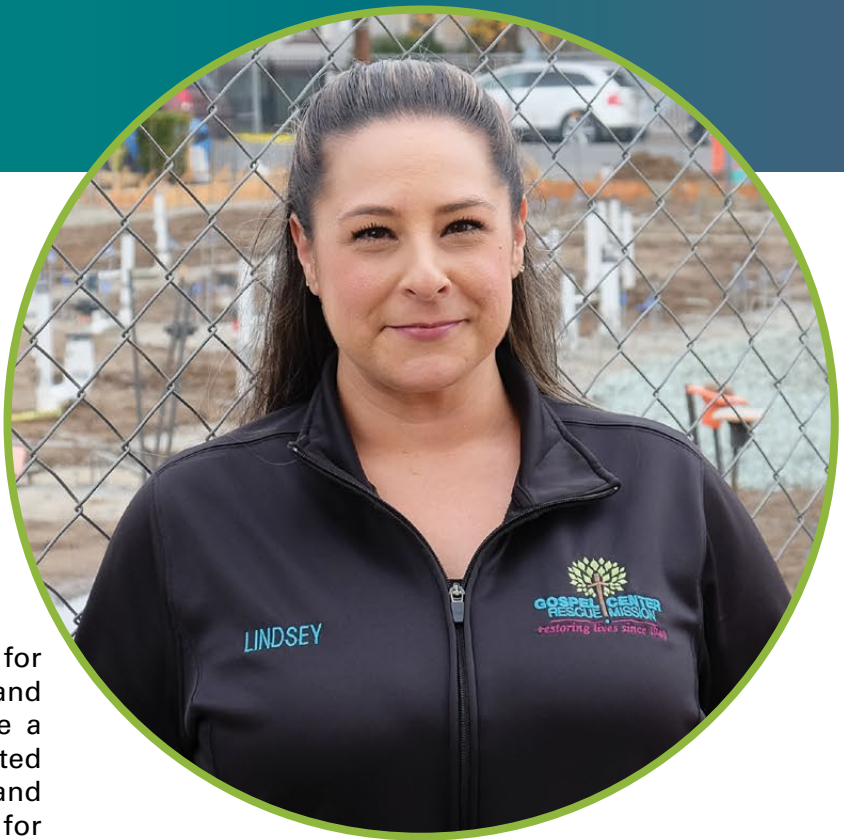
# Empowering Men, Transforming Lives

**Lindsey Pierzina**  
*Men's New Life Program Director*

This was a very rewarding year for the Men's New Life Program (MNLP), our residential addiction treatment program that continues to reap rewards for clients who learn the tools they need to navigate spiritual, emotion and physical issues. We held six successful graduations with a total of 33 MNLP graduates in 2024. We also celebrated the accomplishment of assisting 18 men in finding housing or reunifying with family.

Our proven program has three proven phases for success. Almost 95% of the men in our second and third phases have obtained employment or have a source of income. Two of our MNLP graduates started working for our own Clean Slate Paint company, and another became our Assistant Project Manager for our New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center, which will house men in our New Life Program and Recuperative Care.

We are proud of our MNLP volunteers, who graciously give their time and energy across our campus to work, whether it be in the Clothing Room, the Recuperative Care department, or any other area that needs attention. In addition, our MNLP students gain experience and trust by working at high-profile community events, from food drives and distribution events to trunk-or-treats and fall festivals. They have



gained self-worth and made us proud by providing helping hands at Pixie Woods, Bread of Life's crab feed, the San Joaquin County Prayer Breakfast, Festa Italiana, and more.

It's important to socialize in a safe and sober setting, whether it's by going bowling, to the movies, the Stockton Port's Faith Night game, a Men's Conference at First Baptist Church of Stockton, bingo with 2023 Stocktonian of the Year Sharon Benninger of Loads of Hope, or a camping trip with our CEO, David Midura. Our MNLP participants even came together in fellowship to watch the Super Bowl at The Mission.

This is the first year we have had dads and their children live on campus and be a part of the program, which gave the men their first opportunity to participate in the summer activities with their children. It was a lively and rewarding experience.

I give thanks and appreciation to my amazing team and my department. This program wouldn't run so smoothly without their hard work and dedication to our students and The Mission itself. I would like to give a much-deserved shout out to my Assistant Director, Pastor Tyson Fite, and our Men's Case Manager and Counselor Cody Walker. These two are simply the best and make my job fun. I always say with confidence that we are not just a program, we are family. And it's true.

33

Men successfully graduated from  
the Men's New Life Program

18

Men found housing or reunited  
with family for a place to stay

# A Year of Milestones for Women at GCRM

**Carrie Williams**

*Director of Women's Programs*

We accomplished so much on the women's side of the Gospel Rescue Mission's New Life Program campus in 2024 that we want to acknowledge. We held six successful graduations with 38 Women's New Life Program (WNLP) graduates. We helped 50% of those graduates obtain employment, with 15% on social security or disability. We also helped 50% of those graduates secure and maintain permanent housing.

In May, our amazing Board Member Sharon Benninger hosted a baby shower and bingo for Kaila and Dominique, two of our Women's New Life Program students. We were blessed to welcome five precious babies who were born this year! Twins Alivia and Amore were born on April 7, 2024. Baby Emiliano was born on April 10, 2024, baby Ronan was born on May 5, 2024, and baby Antonio was born on September 13, 2024.

Our Summer Program was a much-needed respite for all involved. Each week our staff took our Mission children and their parents on a different field trip. Fall and winter is always a special time with lots of reasons to celebrate the holidays. We took our WNLP students to 3 different movie outings, all faith-based films, funded by proceeds from recycling we collect on campus.

We are so proud of our graduates who have joined the workforce. Bianca Valenzuela, an alumna of the WNLP, now works for our own Clean Slate Paint, and is doing an amazing job. Laurie Holloway and Amanda Etzler, also alumni of the WNLP, are spearheading our coffee company, Church Street Coffee. I would be remiss if I didn't highlight one special story. Sytra Fleming, a WNLP alumni turned case manager, who recertified her drug and alcohol counseling certificate, landed a job in Southern California teaching DUI classes, and bought her own home in Southern California. Although we miss her, we are proud to see her spread her wings and fly.

Even though the women's side operated short-staffed this year, they have gone above and beyond to help our students thrive. I would like to thank our Assistant Director, Monica Kimball, our case managers, Jessica, Anna, and Martha; and our housewomen, Monica S., Tamisha, Kimberly, and Mohini. I can't thank them enough.

38

Women successfully graduated from the Women's New Life Program

50%

Of our Women's New Life graduates found jobs

5

Babies were born to women in our Women's New Life Program, including twins



# Serving Meals with Love and Purpose



**Bobby Smith**  
**Food Service Director**

Thanks to the blessings of our God and the generosity of our community partners, The Mission Kitchen served approximately 185,349 flavorful and nutritious meals to the homeless and most vulnerable in our community this year.

But we didn't just serve up meals. Our New Life Program gave participants safety training required by law to work in food service. We have successfully processed over 50 ServSafe Food Handler certificates to our New Life Program (NLP) graduating students in 2024.

In The Mission Kitchen, it is our crew who makes all the difference. We have 2 full-time and part-time kitchen staff who deserve our praise and recognition. Ronalle Haney and Tammy Fay are working full time to provide healthy meals to those who visit us for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We are thankful for all the New Life Program students who work in the Kitchen for their ministry assignments and those who have volunteered their time to serve hot meals to those in need.

Ronalle Haney is a graduate of our NLP and has worked as a cook in the Kitchen for about 6 months. He recently moved off campus and into his own place. You can read more about his inspirational and heartwarming story in the November 2024 edition of *The Vision* Newsletter.

This year, our beloved Alicia Whitfield who served faithfully as our lead cook for 4 years, moved with her

family to Nevada. While we missed her talents and dedication, Tammy Fay stepped up to the challenge. Tammy Fay, who is an excellent cook and a dedicated worker, took the initiative to relocate from Sonora to the Stockton community to serve the homeless and addicted in Stockton and beyond in The Mission Kitchen.

We are thankful for our community partners who provide us with food and or storage space. These providers include the California Department of Aging, which donated over 100,000 pounds of food to us this year. We were also blessed with generous food donations from the Stockton Emergency Food Bank and Bread of Life. Although our kitchen and dining room was expanded in 2021, it is still challenging to store the massive quantities of frozen food that agencies can provide. Van Groningen & Sons stepped up to the challenge and is helping us store several pallets of frozen meat from the Department of Aging. We cannot thank them enough for their support.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, we were able to lovingly prepare and serve over 350 dinners to the homeless and needy in our community. This would not be possible without the generous help of our NLP students who served our guests and stayed to clean up. We are thankful for the NLP students who help us run the kitchen 365 days a year.

**100,000+**

Pounds of food were donated to the Mission Kitchen

**185,349**

Meals dished up at the Mission Kitchen

**50+**

Number of ServSafe Food Handler certificates were earned by graduating New Life Program students

# How We're Helping the At-Risk Heal

## Sandra Maple-Deaver Recuperative Care Director

This year in Recuperative Care, we were blessed to serve 66 clients in need of a safe place to heal with 3,577 bed days and 10,731 meals. Our groundbreaking Homeless Recuperative Care program offers individuals who have been released from the hospital a place to continue their medical recovery. Recuperative Care continues to be the only non-profit program of its kind in San Joaquin County that provides 24-hour shelter beds and meals to people are too well to stay in the hospital but too fragile to be on the streets.

We are so thankful for HPSJ and HealthNet. Our work with these Medi-Cal managed care providers to care for the at-risk is paying off. We had 46 Health Plan of San Joaquin (HPSJ) clients, 14 HealthNet clients, and six clients with other health insurance.

In addition, we are proud to report that our program helped 14 individuals gain and maintain permanent housing in 2024 and we helped nine individuals reunite with family members.

In 2020, we opened the only COVID isolation unit in all of San Joaquin County. Between January 1, 2024, and

June 30, 2024, we served 17 clients with 112 bed days and 336 meals. As cases dwindled, we were able to close the unit on June 30th, 2024.

We are so thankful and proud to have hired a new Recuperative Care Aide, Carla Rogers, a recent graduate of the New Life Program, who will oversee CalAIM billing as well as assist with other Recuperative Care tasks. I would also like to thank my Assistant Director of Recuperative Care, Yvonne Ferrell, for all she does for those in need.

66

Clients found healing in our  
Recuperative Care program

3,577

Bed days



A special shoutout must be given to all the attentive and kind-hearted staff for all their hard work and dedication to helping those in our care as they provide a safe space for our clients to recuperate. Homelessness can complicate healing and our program makes it possible for clients to continue their wellness journey without disruption.

The importance of our trailblazing mission has not gone unnoticed. I am humbled and honored to share that I received the Recuperative Care Trailblazer Award for 2024, presented at the 2024 California Recuperative Care Symposium on September 12th in Sacramento. This first-time 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. You can read more in the October 2024 edition of The Vision newsletter on our website at [www.gcrms.org](http://www.gcrms.org).

# A Home for the Men's New Life Program

**Bill Irons**  
*Assistant Project Manager*

This year, we broke ground on our new New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center, which is a 3-story, 130-bed facility for our Men's New Life Program and Recuperative Care. This facility was developed with the flexibility to adapt depending on our overall needs.

During four months of construction, from September to December 2024, we removed the original, contaminated dirt, brought in dirt and leveled the ground, passed all inspections, ran the underground storm drain, installed the underground plumbing, set up the underground electrical, stubbed out for both the domestic water services and the fire suppression system, poured the concrete slab, and started framing!

We are thrilled about the progress that has been made and are excited to complete this much-needed project this year.

We are so thankful to our partners, Health Plan of San Joaquin, the Grupe Company, San Joaquin County, and the City of Stockton, for providing the funds to start this project and move forward toward completion.

This project will help us restore and redeem so many lives, by not only giving each one a warm place to lay their head each night and 3 fresh, nutritious meals a day but also giving them the opportunity for a chance at a new life.

We are so excited to announce our anticipated opening date is Fall 2025!



# 130

Number of beds our under-construction multipurpose center will hold for our Men's New Life Program when it opens





# Mission Kids Celebrate a Joyful 2024

We were blessed by God to serve 296 precious children, who we call our Mission Kids, in 2024. Our goal was to bring hope and joy to their lives.

Throughout the year, the Mission Kids made their mark by adding their handprints and names in the newly poured cement in front of our New Hope Family Shelter and making Valentines for loved ones.

Carol Burns with the Stockton Garden Club led our Mission Kids and their parents in arts and crafts to make trees to celebrate Arbor Day. For Easter, our Mission Kids decorated eggs and had an egg hunt, received Easter baskets courtesy of Nancy Lamb with 209 Cares and Rebecca with Rebecca's Baskets. The Easter bunny visited, courtesy of Reggie and Kattie Galindo! It wouldn't be spring without baseball and three Mission kids attended Stockton Ports Faith Night with their dads who were in the New Life Program.

Four of our Mission Kids were dedicated to the Lord at First Baptist Church. Three other Mission Kids were dedicated to the Lord at His Way Community Church. Some of our staff and students honored one of our Mission Kids who participated in JROTC at his high school.

We had our wonderful summer program featuring weekly field trips to places such as the Sacramento Zoo, which was very kindly funded by Britton and Monica Kimball. Other trips included Lodi Lake, the Elk Grove Aquatics Center, and more. These excursions are so important for our Mission Kids to instill positive core memories with their parents. For Independence Day, our Mission Kids and their parents walked in the City of Stockton's Fourth of July parade and enjoyed fireworks, generously donated by Ron and Bonnie Barber.

We received many backpacks and school supply donations from Feed the Children, Niagara Water and from Cortney Reese and Hannah Goldsmith.

Our Mission Kids and their parents were blessed to attend the Stockton Symphony's "Heroes and Villians" concert. We want to thank Scott Watkins, Stockton Symphony Association CEO, for

providing over 30 of our students to listen to the beautiful music played by performers all dressed up in their best Halloween costumes! Our Mission Kids also enjoyed our annual Trick-or-Treating at The Mission. They also enjoyed multiple Trunk-or-Treats and First Baptist Church's Candyland events.

The holidays are always festive for our Mission Kids who enjoyed Christmas parties, visits from Santa, the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who, and even snow at The Mission! An abundance of gifts was given to our Mission Kids from First Baptist Church, Pastor Tyson Fite, SASS Public Relations, and Community Medical Centers. We are so thankful for their generosity.

We are excited to see what God has in store for 2025!



# Offering Hope, Healing, and a Path Forward

Kyle Porter  
Men's Emergency Lodge Director

# 84,400

Meals were served  
to men at the  
Emergency Lodge

# 1,547

Men received services  
at the Emergency Lodge



In June, I became the Director of the Men's Emergency Lodge. Taking on this position has been one of the highlights of my year and I am inspired by the Bible verse in Colossians 3:12, which reminds us "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Knowing that The Mission trusts me to provide emergency services to these homeless men inspires me to practice these traits day in and day out.

We had 1,547 individual men come through the Emergency Lodge and stay 23,401 bed nights and 84,400 meals were served. They received clothing, chapel services, addiction counseling and a supportive environment encourage them to take the next steps needed to change their lives.

It is exciting when we witness men willing to take those necessary next steps. We were able to steer some of these men who came in as Emergency Lodge Guests (ELG's) into our New Life Program (NLP). I want to highlight two of those men who are doing exceptionally well. Dwight Thomas was an ELG for two to three months before he entered our New Life Program, a

transformative three-phase effort to rebuild his life. Dwight was moved to enter the NLP after I and a couple of NLP men led a chapel service for the Emergency Lodge men. He joined the program on June 25 and is doing so extremely well that we expect he will graduate from the first phase of the NLP in January. The second man I would like to highlight is Jim Mathis. Jim was one of our ELG's on and off for a couple of years. During this time, he got a job, relapsed, and returned to our Emergency Lodge. This is when he decided it was time to change his life and come into the NLP. He is also making great progress and we also expect him to graduate with Dwight in January.

We have four incredible housemen on staff at The Mission. Without them, the Emergency Lodge would not run. It is a hard job that requires a lot of patience. I am so thankful for them. We also have the best guard dog around, Staff Sergeant Ranger, who is our ground security. When he starts barking, I know to come out and check it out.

Many local churches come to The Mission two to three times a week and host evening Chapel Services for our ELG's. We really appreciate those who dedicate their time to lift up and encourage the homeless in our community.



**Laurie Holloway**  
**Church Street Coffee**  
**Team Member**

In May of 2024 Church Street Coffee was born. Church Street Coffee is a part of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission (GCRM) based out of

Stockton, California, providing jobs for our New Life Program students.

We have partnered with The Well of Stockton to bring our dream to life! So far we have set coffee tables up at the September Homecoming Graduation at GCRM, November Graduation at Lincoln Presbyterian Church, the New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center Groundbreaking ceremony, Quail Lakes Baptist Church's Halloween party, First Baptist's Candyland event, and a couple of tours here at The Mission. We also sell the coffee bags online at [Churchstreetcoffee.com](http://Churchstreetcoffee.com).

here at The Mission. We roast, bag, and ship all of the coffee beans.

We encourage you to be a part of the change! Purchasing a bag of coffee helps a student in the New Life Program! Buy a bag to save a life at [Churchstreetcoffee.com](http://Churchstreetcoffee.com).



**Laurie & Lindsey**

Myself, Laurie Holloway, and manager Lindsey Medina make up Church Street Coffee. We are graduates of the New Life Program



**Mitchell & Bianca**

2024 was filled with many blessings, one of which was the launch of Clean Slate Paint (CSP), a commercial and residential paint company that hires New Life Program graduates from the Gospel Center Rescue Mission (GCRM).

We have two amazing CSP crew members: Bianca Valenzuela and Mitchell Teem. We work well together as a team and have accomplished many projects this year.

The first project I would like to highlight is the Van De Pol rental property. This house had 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and 2 living rooms. We started by patching the drywall and then painted the entire interior of this house.

A second project we completed was painting the exterior of a house in Ripon.

A third project we completed was power washing the outside of a house, landscaping around the entire house, and cleaning all solar panels.

We've completed many painting projects at The Mission, including the New Hope Family Shelter (NHFS), the Chapel/Dining Room, and the conference room, hallways, and the lobby in the Administration Building. We also patched the drywall in the basement of the Chapel/Dining Room and have cleaned and maintained all solar panels on the GCRM campus.

We are in the process of working with several churches around San Joaquin County to provide services to serve our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

In November 2024, we received funds from San Joaquin County for equipment for CSP, including our brand-new van! We are so blessed and excited to be able to get to and from job sites and to be able to store our equipment and paint supplies in our new van.

Please don't hesitate to call us at (209) 937-3938 for all your painting needs. We are here to serve you.

Thank you for your support!

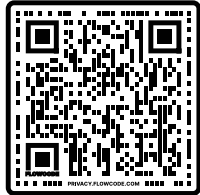


# CLEAN SLATE PAINT

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CAMPUS MEMORY VERSE

*“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. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”* Philippians 2:5-8, NIV

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Be one of 500 partners to commit \$20 or more each month for two years! If you are currently giving to The Mission, consider an additional \$20 per month for this two-year plan. Together, we can raise close to a quarter of a million dollars. The impact would be life-changing for so many people. Please use the enclosed envelope to indicate your level of giving or donate directly online at [www.gcrms.org](http://www.gcrms.org).

2025 GRADUATION DATES

<p><b>Sunday, January 19</b> <i>First Baptist Church of Stockton</i> Keynote Speaker: Pastor Grant Hawes</p>	<p><b>Sunday, May 18</b> <i>Quail Lakes Baptist Church</i> Keynote Speaker: Mayor Christina Fugazi</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 21</b> <i>Homecoming Graduation Celebration</i> Keynote Speakers: 2025 Distinguished Graduates</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 16</b> <i>Calvary Reformed Church, Ripon</i> Keynote Speaker: Supervisor Robert Rickman</p>	<p><b>Sunday, July 20</b> <i>Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, Ripon</i> Keynote Speaker: TBD</p>	<p><b>November 16</b> <i>Lincoln Presbyterian Church</i> Keynote Speaker: Pastor Brett Dood</p>