

SIERRA VISTA CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

Reaching Out



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
Summer 2021

A WORD FROM OUR CEO ANDREW TIMBIE



I have heard many times that “Every sunrise is a new chapter in your life waiting to be written.” I am thankful to witness each sunrise and the gifts and opportunities it brings to our community.

At Sierra Vista, we are celebrating the new beginnings, the new hopes, and the next chapters of so many family and friends, and community partners. I am grateful that each of you are taking the time to celebrate new hopes, accomplishments and successes with us as we continue to relish in the hope and joy that each new day brings. It is an honor to serve this community.

With gratitude,

Andrew Timbie
Chief Executive Officer

WELCOME NEW BOARDMEMBERS KATHIE CRONIN, M.D.



Kathie Cronin, M.D., received her Undergrad and Medical degrees from the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania and her Family Medicine

Residency through the University of Davis Medical School. From there, she went to Golden Gate Theological Seminary for one year. Her passions in addition to God, family, and medicine, are traveling and ministry; including teaching English and medical care.

Kathie was in private practice for many years and is now with Sutter Gould since 2013.

WANDA BONNELL



Wanda Bonnell is the former Coordinator of the Promise Scholars Program at CSU, Stanislaus with 30 years' experience in education and

program management. She has a BA in Psychology and a Master's in Advanced Educational Counseling from CSUS.

For 25 years she worked in higher education, with extensive experience in serving the educational needs of first-generation students and former foster youth.

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EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

END THE STIGMA

Our Sierra Vista Merced program was at Atwater, Buhach, and Gustine High Schools for their End The Stigma events, and it was a huge success! We reached out to over 100 students and received feedback about how we can help the students on campus regarding bullying. Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy.

Sierra Vista Merced offers many services to families both in our office and in the community. Services are provided in 16 cities within Merced



County. Clinicians provide screening and assessment to identify social, emotional, and behavioral symptoms. In addition, individual, family, parent, and crisis counseling are available to assist students with specific issues that significantly interfere with their

level of functioning. We work with families with children 0-5, children enrolled in Head Start, children enrolled in school K-12th grade, and families with Alliance healthcare.

SIERRA VISTA GRADUATES

Congratulations to our Sierra Vista staff from the Class of 2021, receiving their Bachelor's and Master's degrees. You were up for the challenge of studying and working hard virtually due to the pandemic to reach your goals. Sierra Vista is so pleased to see our team accomplishing great things and would like to recognize them!



KIRK BAUCHER NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL



Sierra Vista would like to highlight the excellent teachers and staff at our Kirk Baucher Non-Public School. Our Non-Public School provides special education for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. This specialized setting offers individualized education services, social skills development, behavior management, crisis intervention, and family support.

Three of our board members toured and visited with the staff and gave high praise for the great work they are doing with our students.

29TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



and the positive change it makes in the lives of so many children and families. Rick's first involvement with the agency was as a member of the Board of Directors when it was Therapeutic Homes, Inc. back in the late 70's and early 80's. Rick, we are so thankful for your enthusiasm and commitment to this tournament over the years! You have made our golf tournament a memorable day for all involved while helping the children and families in our communities transform their lives.

Sierra Vista appreciates the tournament committee, many of whom have been on the committee since the tournament's inception. This year's committee members: Rick Kindle, Nelson Aldrich, Incoming Chairman for 2022; Judy Kindle, Gary Ericksen, Danny Kamplain, Joe Donohoe, Randall Kelley, Jordan Amarant, Danny Price, George Carr, and Roxanna Smith, along with Sierra Vista staff Christian Montague, Bonnie Childers, Stephanie Hilson, and Sherri Darpinian. We are very grateful for the committee's support in making this a fun, fantastic day that our golfers look forward to each spring. Thank you for all that you do!

This year we set a record with six Eagle Sponsors: Bay Fleet Supply Co, Diamond Pet Foods, G3 Enterprises, Pacific Atlantic Crop Exchange, Inc., Rolling Hills Nut Co., and Winton Ireland Strom & Green. We are thankful for their continued support to Sierra Vista.

In between golfing, the players enjoyed a delicious lunch, local foods, and beverages throughout the golf course, from Beer & Brats, Margaritas and Smoothies to Spaghetti and Sushi. We'd like to thank our local vendors and sponsors,

Our 29th Annual Golf Tournament was held this year on May 14, 2021, at Turlock Golf & Country Club on a beautiful sunny day. After a year off due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, we had a sold-out tournament of 180 golfers, who had a shotgun start with two teams on each hole. For close to 45 years Sierra Vista has been a constant in this community and it's with the help of fundraising events such as the Golf Tournament that enable us to continue making a difference in the lives of those around us. The generosity of our supporters humbles us and we can never say "Thank You" enough.

Our Chairman, Rick Kindle, who founded this tournament 29 years ago, was honored with a special award at our dinner for his dedication and commitment for achieving over two decades of successful tournaments. Rick helped start this tournament primarily with companies in the almond industry and grew the event by encouraging businesses to play and support Sierra Vista. He loves getting the teams together for a fun day of golf. Still, he is most proud of and committed to supporting Sierra Vista





many of who support us each year: Angelini's Restaurant, Bronco Winery, Yosemite Foods, Alhambra Water, E&J Gallo Winery, Hilmar Cheese, Blue Diamond Almonds, Grizzly Almonds, Pepsi Co., Dust Bowl Brewery, Grumbleby Coleman, Never Boring, Reed & Roxanna Smith, Garton Tractor, Arnold's Catering, and The Modesto Bee. A big welcome to our new course vendors: Katana Sushi, Agave Azul, and Carlos Vieira Foundation. We're so happy that you joined us!

We'd like to thank our Hole-In-One Sponsors: Price Ford of Turlock, along with Winton Ireland Strom & Green Insurance and Central Valley Automotive

of Modesto. We also appreciate Campos Brothers Farms for sponsoring the golf carts and Turlock Golf & Country Club for hosting us again this year.

We couldn't have such a wonderful tournament each year without the support of our caring volunteers. They work behind the scenes, ensuring everything runs smoothly on the day of the tournament. We truly appreciate your dedication to our mission. We are honored to have your participation each year; it means the world to us.

We look forward to hosting another fantastic tournament next year; mark your calendar for Friday, May 13, 2022!



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

STANISLAUS MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE

The Stanislaus Medical Society Alliance (SMSA) is a nonprofit organization whose members are the spouses of physicians. Together and in partnership with Stanislaus Medical Society (SMS), SMSA promotes the health and wellbeing of our community. SMSA encourages all of the spouses of the physician members to join their organization and welcome the opportunity to tell you more about the group and the various educational and fundraising projects. SMSA has been a consistent influence for more than 100 years, the SMS has been a constant voice for the local medical community. Nidhi Vyas, SMSA President, shared, "Stanislaus Medical Society Alliance aspire to support our community by helping local charities via fundraising. I



believe that women supporting women makes the world a better place."

Along with local nonprofits, Sierra Vista Child & Family Services, Children's Crisis Center of Stanislaus County, Bethany Christian Services, and Haven

Women's Center of Stanislaus were participants in a donation helping the children and families we serve in the Central Valley. Sierra Vista is truly grateful for SMSA's philanthropic spirit in the community.

DELHI HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB



Sierra Vista would like to thank Delhi High School Key Club. Key Club member Paulina Medina organized donations of food and school supplies for Sierra Vista's children and families. Paulina, along with the support of her principal,

Dr. Christian Miley, Advisor Ms. Keeney, and fellow Key Club members collected donations for the community. Paulina would like to attend the University of California Los Angeles or University of California San Diego for college,

and believes, "Never give up at the first failure. Keep trying until you are surprised with what you've accomplished."

Thank you, Delhi High School for having a philanthropic heart in your community.



WORKING TOGETHER

Dr. Pao Lee has been working at Sierra Vista since 2007. As a Program Supervisor in The Bridge Family Resource Center, he is a social worker, interpreter, translator, parent education presenter, English As A Second Language (ESL) instructor, cultural advisor, and tutor for individuals and families in the Southeast Asian community.

The Bridge Family Resource Center is a cross-cultural family resource center that provides family support, case management, interpretation, and acculturation to Southeast Asian refugee families and their descendants in Stanislaus County.

From his own experiences as a refugee who came to the United States after the Vietnam War, he is passionate about helping those in need of assistance. He enjoys utilizing his multilingual skills and the knowledge gained through education and life experiences to help individuals, families, and professionals. Dr. Lee earned his Doctorate of Education in International and Multicultural Education from the University of San Francisco. He speaks, reads, and writes five languages fluently, including Hmong, Lao, Thai, French, and English.

Recently, Sierra Vista and Dr. Lee helped a Hmong family of 6 with children ages 1 to 16 years old. The father lost his job last year due to COVID-19, which put a lot of strain on their family financially. Their family's only source of income had come from his wife's part-time job at an Asian restaurant in Turlock, which was not enough to support their family.



Dr. Lee assisted them with receiving Unemployment Insurance Benefits, Cal Fresh, and Medi-Cal. They were approved, which helped relieve some stress for them financially. The father has contacted Dr. Lee regularly by phone to assist him in completing forms, translating, interpreting, asking for advice, and assisting their children with homework and literacy when needed. Due to their financial circumstances, Dr. Lee assisted the family by giving them food boxes donated from local farmers' markets and referred them to the local food bank and clothes closet when needed.

The family tested positive for COVID-19. While they were in quarantine, Dr. Lee utilized the CARES financial assistance from the Corona Virus Relief Fund and bought food, diapers, and household supplies for the family and delivered the supplies to them. The family has expressed great appreciation for what The Bridge and Sierra Vista has done to assist them with their many struggles during the pandemic. Together, we are working together to make the Central Valley a better place for all. Thank you, Dr. Lee, for paying it forward.

JOY IS A GIFT AWAY



Dear Friends,

The hardships of COVID-19 are just being realized. It has not been easy, and our work is far from over. The hardships of our families, friends, and neighbors will not lessen in the year to come. The care and commitment we have for our children will never change, even though our whole community has had to adapt and innovate. There have been job losses, business closures, and school closures, along with the overwhelmingly negative effects of isolation and social distancing.

As we anticipate the increased challenges to our youth and families, services and support are needed now more than ever. Your donation will directly support these children and families as our clients often struggle to meet even their most basic needs. The children we serve are some of the most vulnerable in the community. To have a successful future, they will need your support more than ever.

We deeply appreciate your steadfast trust, friendship, and partnership.



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We will be highlighting local restaurants serving tasting size portions of their best dishes, and we will also have signature beverages.

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