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A word from our CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to our latest quarterly newsletter! We are thrilled to share the amazing things happening at Sierra Vista Child & Family Services. First of all, I want to give a warm welcome to our newest Board members! Their fresh ideas, passion, and experience are just what we need to keep pushing forward and making a bigger impact.

Our organization has also embraced a vibrant new look and vision that truly captures our spirit. This transformation is more than just a visual update; it's a renewed commitment to innovation and excellence, driven by our community. Your support and dedication have been instrumental in this bold representation of our present and future, felt these past few months as we have made incredible forward progress.

The future opening of a new wellness center in South Modesto is a significant milestone. It symbolizes hope and progress, providing vital resources to those who need them most. This achievement is a testament to the power of our collective efforts and the impact we can make together.

Your support and generosity have been truly inspiring throughout all our activities, from awareness campaigns to heartfelt community events. These efforts have enriched lives and brought joy and support to many. Thank you for being such an important part of our journey. Let's keep making magic happen!

With appreciation,

Andrew Timbie, CEO



New Faces on the Board Enhancing Our Leadership Team

Dr. Rimmie Pandher

Dr. Rimmie Pandher, a Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine graduate with nearly three decades of experience, has been a part of the Modesto community since 2000. She shares her life with her husband, Kanwal Singh, a lawyer, and their two children: Baaz, a medical student, and Baani, a UC Berkeley freshman. Her family is a source of joy and support in her life.

Dr. Pandher contributes to cultural initiatives at the Gallo Center of the Arts, and volunteers at a Salvation Army soup kitchen providing dental care. She enjoys socializing at Del Rio Country Club, playing pickleball, walking her dog, hiking, skiing, and restoring the family cabin near Yosemite. She also has a passion for repurposing furniture.



Justin Livingston

Justin Livingston, originally from Stockton, CA, earned his English degree from the University of Notre Dame and his JD from UC Irvine School of Law. After passing the bar in July 2021, he began practicing law in December. Justin is now an estate planning attorney at Ramsbacher Prokey Leonard LLP in Modesto, CA. Active in the community, he serves on the boards of Sierra Vista Child and Family Services and the Stanislaus County Estate Planning Council. In his leisure time, he enjoys staying active and cooking. Justin believes that Sierra Vista embodies the alignment of mind and heart to prosper the community empathetically and strategically.



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32nd Annual Golf Tournament

A Huge Success!

Thanks to the incredible support from our sponsors, volunteers, and golfers, our 32nd Annual Golf Tournament on May 10, 2024, was a tremendous success! We welcomed 143 golfers who enjoyed a beautiful day filled with golf, on-course activities, delicious food, and refreshing drinks. The day concluded with our exciting raffle and awards ceremony.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event possible. Our sponsors' generosity was crucial, and our many volunteers were invaluable in handling set-up, registration, and clean-up. Most importantly, we thank our amazing golfers for their enthusiastic participation and support.

We are already eagerly anticipating next year's event. Fundraising events like this, with the continuous support of the Sierra Vista community, bolster our presence and enable us to keep making a difference in the lives of those around us. We are deeply inspired by the generosity and support of our community, and we cannot express our gratitude enough.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. We look forward to hosting another fantastic golf tournament next year!



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**Empowering Youth.
Strengthening Families.
Transforming Communities.**

Sierra Vista Child & Family Services is on a mission to create lasting change in the lives of children, families, and our entire community. Our dedication is centered on the places that matter most – our neighborhoods, schools, and the communities we proudly call home. At the core of our vision is the commitment to expanding our ability to deliver quality resources and services to all those who need them!

After years of extensive listening, collaborating, and understanding the needs of our community, we are excited to share that Sierra Vista is stepping into the next chapter of its growth and purpose. The changes are marked by a new Mission, Vision, and Values and a brand refresh that aligns with our greater purpose. You can explore our new look and feel by visiting our website, www.svcfs.org.

"When we stopped to really understand where the need is in our community and what Sierra Vista has been and can provide, we quickly realized that providing quality services was not enough to truly transform our community. We want to be deliberate in our efforts to bring about sustainable change in various aspects of individuals' lives, communities, and society as a whole. While we can be the best we can be to live out our mission, we also recognize that one of the biggest barriers to change for many people is access to the resources they truly need. So, as we look to cultivate this last change, we want to expand our vision to provide healthcare equity in our community. We hope to lead in this area through strong collaborations and innovation while still rooted in our caring hearts."

Andrew Timbie, CEO

Community Impact

A Glimpse into Our Recent Activities and Outreach



Turlock Noon Rotary

Andrew Timbie was honored to speak at the Turlock Noon Rotary, where he shared our organization's mission and the impact we're making in the community. We appreciate opportunities to connect with the public and communicate our vision for positive community change. These engagements strengthen our commitment to serving and uplifting those around us.

Mentor Appreciation Dinner

On May 8th, we hosted our Mentor Appreciation Dinner, where we reflected on a year of growth and the profound impact of relational equity on our youth and schools. We are grateful for our partnerships with Stanislaus County, Modesto City Schools, Gallo, and the Modesto Police Department. Most importantly, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our mentors. This year, we honored Jennifer Viss as our Mentor of the Year. Since 2015, she has mentored three students, exemplifying the mutual enrichment of mentoring.

Thank you, mentors, for your unwavering dedication!



Mental Health Awareness

Sierra Vista's Promotoras spearheaded a community-driven initiative, hosting a memorable Mental Health Awareness Day event. The event, marked by engaging discussions and resource sharing, left a lasting impact on the community, underscoring the importance of mental well-being. Their commitment to community upliftment was evident, fostering an environment where seeking help was not just encouraged, but celebrated.

Porges Family Tour

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Porges Family Foundation for their generous support of our Kirk Baucher Non-Public School. Their dedication to enhancing learning environments and promoting well-being within our school is truly valued. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing commitment to empowering our students and enriching their educational journey.



Social Gathering

We're grateful to board member Victoria Gaffney and her husband, Michael, for hosting a fantastic social gathering for Sierra Vista and our friends to spread awareness and build connections. We also thank Debbie Sanders, another valued board member, and her husband, Brian, for joining us. Sharing our vision with the community is an opportunity we sincerely appreciate.



South Modesto Wellness Center

For years, Sierra Vista has operated our South Modesto Family Resource Center out of a community church room. As our operations have expanded, so have our needs. We are excited to break ground for our new facility, the South Modesto Wellness Center at 908 Imperial Avenue, this summer in 2024. This marks the beginning of a new chapter for the community in South Modesto.

Sierra Vista's mission is to cultivate lasting change in the well-being of our communities by strengthening youth and families. The South Modesto Wellness Center will provide programs and opportunities for families within their neighborhoods. This will allow families to meet their needs in a flexible, family-focused, and culturally sensitive environment. Services are designed to be unique to each individual and draw on their strengths to help them reach their goals.

Mireya Santibanez has been a bridge that connects our community members to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive in South Modesto. With her passion Sierra Vista is transforming our local neighborhoods. Learn more about our new South Modesto Wellness Center at svcfs.org/southmodesto.



The South Modesto Wellness Center, a community hub, will foster connections among families and local community resources. This sense of community support can reduce isolation and promote a network of mutual assistance among residents, instilling a sense of hope and optimism in the community.

Sierra Vista South Modesto Wellness Center looks forward to working collaboratively with all

community partners to bring together resources and activities that are accessible and responsive to the community's needs. We hope you join and support us through this journey and celebrate the inauguration of South Modesto Wellness Center in the beginning months of 2025.





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Donations Needed!

Support the kids in our community as they begin their 2024 school year by donating new backpacks and school supplies. Be part of the effort to make a difference and provide every child with the tools necessary for success!



Donations such as 17-19 inch new backpacks, #2 pencils, mechanical pencils, pens, highlighters, erasers, glue sticks, crayons (box of 24), notebooks, folders, earbuds, and similar items are acceptable.

For information and to make a donation, please visit svcfs.org/givingback.