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GOD IS ON THE MOVE

GOD is moving here at the Valley Dream Center and we are excited to bring you this newsletter with the new thing God is doing here at VDC!

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19

Love Notes Classes

One of the pivotal moments of our first year was the launch of the Love Notes program, a series of evidenced-based relationship-building classes. Over the course of 15 hour sessions, 35 students delved into the intricacies of building healthy and resilient relationships. The impact of these classes was evident when our students presented their newfound knowledge and experiences to the Fresno City Council and Mayor. These presentations showcased our commitment to empowering our youth and highlighted the power of open dialogue about relationship health. In recognition of their hard work and successful graduation from the program, each student received a \$500 stipend, reinforcing our belief in investing in our youth.



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Welcome Clovis Christian School

We are excited to welcome Clovis Christian School (CCS) to the Valley Dream Center campus for the 2023-2024 school year. Our campus is for their 6th - 12th grade students where they use the classrooms, cafeteria, kitchen, the multipurpose room, community garden, and the gym for P.E. and sports. It is an answer to prayer for the VDC to see the joy of the Lord through the adults and kids here on campus five days a week. We are also pushing back darkness as we spread the good news Gospel of Jesus Christ here on campus and then out to our community.



Our partnership with CCS has allowed them to expand their educational offerings and allowed us to further our mission by creating a dynamic educational environment that benefits both organizations and, most importantly, the students.



Message from Craig Jones

As I reflect on my first years as Executive Director of the Valley Dream Center, I am humbled and inspired by the incredible journey we have embarked on together. We have witnessed the transformation of a once vacant campus onto a vibrant hub of community service, learning, and growth. It is with great excitement that I share some of the remarkable highlights from our journey. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our team, volunteers, partners, and supporters who have made these accomplishments possible. Your dedication and belief in our mission are the cornerstones of our success, and together, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve!

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

How 5 acres changed a zip code!"

It has been 8 years since the Valley Dream Center saved a 5-acre campus from demolition and more high-density apartments. You helped us turn the facility into a community center to serve our neighbors, the majority of which live under the poverty level. Since then, thousands of families have been served through our strategic partnerships at our facility.

Your faithful giving has allowed us to retrofit several buildings to provide a year-round safe haven for local families. However, city codes require many to safely serve those in need. The cost is over \$250,000 to complete these necessary upgrades. Would you prayerfully consider a generous year end gift to help us complete these important upgrades and continue investing in children where the majority of its residents live at or below the poverty level? Our services are making a huge difference, especially in the children who live around us. Thank you again for your continued support.

Blessings, Rene M. Charest, President

Welcome Savannah

Welcome our new Community Missionary Pastor, Savannah Dyer!

I am so excited to join the VDC team and help to unify the body of Christ. God has called me as a community missionary here in the Southeast area of Fresno.



I'm excited to bring people together, build relationships and help rebuild our community for the kingdom of God. I am looking for help and I would love for you to join me! Please email me if you would like to

connect and get more information.
savannah@valleydreamcenter.org

Blessings,
Savannah Dyer

Exceptional Parents Unlimited (EPU)

Exceptional Parents Unlimited (EPU) is another partnership we have here at VDC. EPU offers services to the community here on campus five days a week. Some of their services include a diaper distribution and parenting classes. EPU helps struggling parents become exceptional parents to their exceptional children.



Come Join the Valley Dream Center Team!

Investing in the Valley Dream Center

We have been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Council President, Tyler Maxwell and the City of Fresno to install a state of the art HVAC system in our gym and 3 classrooms. This crucial upgrade will allow us to provide a comfortable, safe and welcoming gym throughout the year, allowing us to offer a wider range of programs and services. Our commitment to supporting local youth groups with our full size gymnasium has been a driving force in our mission and we are thankful to receive this grant to help further our mission!



Give at [Valleydreamcenter.org/donate](https://valleydreamcenter.org/donate)

If you have a heart to serve people in our community we would love to hear from you. We need your help and are looking for volunteers to serve our community. Here's how you can help:

- Partner with us as a monthly donor, any donation amount helps
- Join our prayer team, come together to pray for VDC, CCS and our community
- Sports program and donations to help provide more equipment for the kids
- Help partner with Clovis Christian School
- Outreach team, help us host block parties here at VDC and in neighborhoods with music and BBQ as we begin to build relationships with the people in our community

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