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In its 36th year, Edible Extravaganza is our annual signature fundraising event. This event features the best restaurants, caterers, bakers, confectioners, vintners, and beverage purveyors that our area has to offer.

We’re taking Edible Extravaganza outdoors this year with a new event location, Venue 833, a new space in downtown Modesto. Elevate your experience by purchasing VIP tickets and gain access to the venue’s elegant indoor space.

Together we can change lives, build futures and help families. With your support, we are able to help over 10,000 children, individuals and families every year. All proceeds from this event directly benefit the people we serve and help fund CHS programs and services.

For tickets & event info: edibleextravaganza.com (209) 526-1476
For those experiencing poverty, there are a variety of barriers that a person must overcome in order to rise up. These can include issues with employment, education, mental health and/or housing instability. While this process is already difficult for an individual, the hardship is even greater for single mothers who are seeking a better life for themselves and for their children.

To help alleviate this burden in Stanislaus County, CHS is repurposing a former shelter location to create a new low-cost residential program for single mothers.

Funded through Stanislaus Community Foundation, the Two Gen Program is a pilot project designed to disrupt the cycle of poverty for single mothers and their children by building protective factors, increasing wellbeing and building capacity to work and thrive.

Our repurposed shelter, Thompson Place, will house up to five single mothers and their children at a time. On site and available for assistance will be a Program Manager, Housing Manager, Navigator, and Residential Advisor.

Single mothers in the Two Gen Program at Thompson Place will have access to life skills coaching, career opportunities, social connections, general assistance, and self-care activities. The heart behind this initiative is a human-centered awareness of the challenges single mothers are facing with a desire to listen to their experiences and meet their needs.

Through it all, the program will affirm the dignity of these women as strong, capable and resourceful individuals.

CHS hopes to serve at least 20 single mothers and their children in the program’s first year and will seek to develop partnerships with other local agencies for the benefit of Two Gen mothers. CHS is thrilled to bring this new program to life and to continue building futures and changing lives in this underserved demographic.

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Center for Human Services
Center for Human Services’ Patterson Family Resource Center (FRC) and Workforce Development Program have moved under one roof.

On June 6, 2022, both programs that serve the Westside communities of Stanislaus County moved to 1010 W. Las Palmas Avenue, Suite E in Patterson. Their office is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

The Patterson FRC is a one-stop shop for families and individuals. It offers a variety of services, including parent education, school readiness programs, emergency assistance with food, utilities and clothes, assistance with enrollment in various aid programs, family advocacy, public computers and more.

The Workforce Development program is an employment program that helps adults receiving CalWORKS cash aid to prepare for and obtain employment. The goal is to help people become employed, transition off public assistance and build their skills, eliminating any barriers to employment. While in the program, participants also have access to services to address other needs that create barriers to employment such as substance abuse, homelessness and domestic violence.

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A Lasting Legacy

For the past 22 years, Rosemary began her days with a commute from her home in Stockton to her work in Modesto. It marks one of many parts to her daily routine that is changing as she transitions into retirement. June 26, 2000 was Rosemary’s first day at CHS, and it was her first time entering the nonprofit world. After years in the for-profit realm, she was looking for a new role and context that aligned with her identity as a people person.

Her first position at CHS was as a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist Intern at Robertson Road Elementary School. After a few years, she took on a Mental Health Program Coordinator role, and 5 months later, she became Associate Director, now known as Behavioral Health Director.

For the past 17 years, she nurtured the partnerships between CHS, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), and Modesto City Schools (MCS). **With a presence in nearly every city in Stanislaus County, the mental health side of this department includes school-based services, Education-Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS), the Academic Success Program (ASP), and behavioral health consultations with MCS.** CHS’s Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services also fall under the behavioral health umbrella, which include intensive and regular outpatient treatment options.

Rosemary oversaw the growth of the Behavioral Health Department from three programs to twenty four, with the most recent addition being the Youth Opioid Response (YOR) program. Her greatest hope for the future of the agency is that CHS continues to build the legacy it has established.

“To me, that’s vitally important — to be a beacon in this community,” she said. “There are others who are doing the work, but it’s not so much just the work as it is the culture and how to maintain that culture.”

She will miss the staff and clients at CHS, but she is looking forward to new things on the horizon. “I’m excited. I’ve never not worked, and not having a regular day-to-day routine will be different.” In retirement, she will enjoy spending time with her grandchildren as well as doing ministry and continuing education and conversations about mental health at her church.

**Even though her time at CHS has come to an end, she leaves behind a lasting legacy of guiding Behavioral Health’s growth and helping it blossom into the robust department it is today.**
Our New Director

Steve Collins first joined CHS in 2003 as a volunteer in the practicum program. He gained experience in the field as he completed his graduate courses, and after earning his license, he took a clinician position at CHS.

By 2011, he was promoted to a coordinator position, and a couple years later, he became Behavioral Health Manager. In this capacity, he has negotiated contracts for programs, hired staff, written reports and provided supervision, among other tasks.

As he steps into his new role of Behavioral Health Director, his goal is to help behavioral health both at the agency level and at the county level.

“We want all of our programs to continue to thrive both in practice and fiscally,” he said. “We can also look outward and think about how we can work with other school districts and counties to address mental health needs.”

As Rosemary, his supervisor of nearly 10 years, retires, he said that he will miss “her presence, her wisdom, and her guidance.” At the same time, he looks forward to the opportunities that await. “It’s exciting to be able to work at this level,” he said. “I enjoy the people I work with, and I look forward to continuing our work together.”

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