

AN UPDATE ON THE CRAYCROFT YOUTH CENTER



Dear Faithful Supporters:

The Craycroft Youth Center is closed. The children are gone. The dedicated staff of the Center has moved on. This is a bittersweet time for the Fresno Rescue Mission. I ask with all my heart that you pray for children who are abused, abandoned and neglected... and also that you pray for the dedicated and talented Craycroft staff, many of whom are still looking for other employment. We owe them a debt of gratitude for the years they served the 11,000 neediest children in our community.

Even though this is painful, we must not dwell on what has happened. We need to look forward to the possibilities that are ahead for us in our efforts to meet the needs of abused children in our community. Our joy comes from knowing that our staff and board of directors have strategically planned for our new Rescue the Children campus for the children and their mothers. If you have given to the Craycroft Youth Center during the past 15 years, either through financial or in-kind

donations, or through volunteerism, you have no idea how much your support has meant to the children of Fresno County. Are you wondering what to do now? We encourage you to continue giving to the Mission for purposes of serving children. Currently we offer services to children through our Emergency Family Shelter.

In the very near future, our new Rescue the Children campus will serve mothers and children from our Emergency Family Shelter, Samaritan Women, and children who are working towards reconciliation with a parent who was at one time abusive to their child. Most importantly, our goal is to reach vulnerable children before the County finds it necessary to remove them from their homes... giving these children and their mothers a safe haven where they can experience true life change through Christ, through life skills training, and through the love of our staff and volunteers.

Our new reality... Rescue the Children!!! We'll keep you posted on the progress.

God bless you for supporting the Craycroft Youth Center over the last 15 years!

Your friend,

Rev. Larry J. Arce, CEO
Fresno Rescue Mission



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"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

Matthew 19:14