



Visionary
Home
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BUILDING Connections

WINTER
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A Brighter Future

Building homes for the people that occupy your heart – your family!

For more than thirty years, Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc. has been committed to building housing for low to moderate income families and individuals. Despite the disruption of COVID-19, we are pushing forward to build a

brighter future for Central Valley residents. We are very excited to update you on the progress of these much-needed communities that are at various stages of construction, all within San Joaquin County!



LIBERTY SQUARE

In April of this year, we broke ground on Liberty Square, located in Midtown Stockton. This former three-story commercial building is being converted into affordable housing to serve low-income Stockton families, with a focus on Veteran residents. It is conveniently located close to parks and public transportation.

- 74 studios to 3-bedroom units
- Community Center with a computer lab and teen center
- On-Site Head Start program
- Energy efficient appliances
- New bike lanes, bus stop lighting, and trees

Message from the CEO



As we turn the corner on 2020 and welcome in the new year, even in the midst of the pandemic, I am thankful and encouraged. As I reflect on the milestones that have been reached this past year, I am very proud of our staff at Visionary Home Builders. This amazing team reached unprecedented success in their commitment to ensure every child and adult have access to safe, decent, and affordable housing. Our team of essential workers has been diligent in continuing to build new communities to meet the housing needs of many, as well as keep their daily responsibilities moving forward.

As an example, the dedication to see through the completion of our new community in Oakdale – Oak Leaf Meadow – speaks volumes of their willingness, even in the midst of a pandemic, to step up and serve the needs of these residents. We were blessed to have amazing community partners on this project and worked closely with Great Valley Housing Development Corporation and the Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority. Because of COVID-19, *every single* process to open a new community had to be rewritten. Yet these essential workers pressed on. With masks in place, and protocols outlined and adhered to, they were able to welcome new residents to Oak Leaf Meadows in early December.



With strict protocols in place, our Visionary Home Builders Team is masked up and ready to receive new residents in early December 2020.

And it wasn't just Oak Leaf Meadows. Our team of essential professionals continued to serve our residents in twenty-seven properties throughout the Central Valley. And while doing so, kept Oak Leaf Meadows and two other new residential projects moving forward. I am so very proud of each team member and their willingness to be flexible, keep positive attitudes, and pivot responsibilities at a moment's notice.

Outside of new construction and management, the VHB team continued to reach out to those in need. This has been a

very difficult year for many individuals, families, veterans and farmworkers. To help support them, our team partnered with businesses, individuals, and non-profits to assist in providing books and backpacks for kids, food, and PPE to more than 1,200 property residents.

In addition, as a direct response to COVID-19, the VHB team partnered with the Gospel Center Rescue Mission, San Joaquin County District Attorney, United Way of San Joaquin, Child Abuse Prevention Council and many other organizations to provide housing for San Joaquin homeless citizens as they transition to a more stable environment. These partnerships were created to assist in rebuilding the community by identifying and providing case management services for our homeless families and children. Together we

can strengthen the family unit, increase access to basic necessities, enhance safety, and support families on their path to permanent housing.

As we approach the end of 2020, we thank you, our friends, partners, and sponsors for your on-going support of Visionary Home Builders. Even during this pandemic, many of you continued your generosity, and also stepped up to sponsor the VHB 'non-event golf tournament.' Your on-going

partnership with the VHB team gives us the opportunity to continue to provide shelter and programs for those in need of housing. We are so grateful for all of you.

In closing, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to continue to live out our passion by 'Building Homes for the People that Occupy Your Heart – Your Family.'

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol J. Ornelas".

Carol J. Ornelas, CEO
Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc.

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GRAND VIEW VILLAGE

Located in the heart of Downtown Stockton, Grand View Village is a new construction project that will be transit oriented. Construction began on the Grand View Village in August of this year and will provide much needed affordable housing downtown.

- 75 studios to 3-bedroom units
- Community Center
- On-Site Head Start program
- Energy efficient appliances
- Each resident will be offered a FREE bus pass for three years!

OAK LEAF MEADOWS APARTMENTS



Oak Leaf Meadows is a community in Oakdale, providing affordable housing for working people who reside there. It

is a new construction development that is in close proximity to schools, a library, and a grocery store.

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ANNETTE SANCHEZ NAMED CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



We are pleased to announce that Annette Sanchez has been named Chief Operating Officer (COO). In her new role, Sanchez will lead top management to ensure a high level of organizational administration, staffing, infrastructure and governance. Previously with El Concilio, Sanchez brings more than twenty years of operational and leadership experience in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, including expertise in fundraising, community relationships, and team management. She has been an advocate for low-income and Spanish speaking families throughout her career. We are pleased to welcome her to our team!

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to create and advocate for healthy, vibrant, and safe communities through the development of affordable housing and educational opportunities for families, seniors, and individuals of low and moderate income.



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Please consider a gift to continue the work of VHB in your community!



VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

Throughout the year we've had the opportunity to serve on a number of committees and panels to advocate for affordable housing.

AUGUST

- Housing California

SEPTEMBER

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Family Day at the Park

OCTOBER

- Federal Housing Finance Agency
- San Joaquin County Hunger Summit



COMMUNITY SUPPORT DURING COVID-19

In the midst of all the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, we received an outpouring of support from the community. Because of generous people and organizations in San Joaquin County, we were able to provide much needed help individuals, families and children living in our communities.



We provided:

- Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Fresh Fruits & Vegetables
- Beans
- Rice
- Honey
- Kind Bars
- Books
- Backpacks
- Crayons
- And Much More

