FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

As the days get shorter and the weather changes to cool mornings, I find myself eager for the change in seasons and scenery. Perhaps you are like me and feeling fatigued from all that COVID has shifted for us in the way we operate as a business, socialize, play, and rest. A new season presents an opportunity for change and growth, but recent events in our world seem to be ongoing with no end in sight. Our counseling center has experienced a significant increase in new clients since the pandemic began, both in our community as well as among the missionary community, so I know that I am not alone in managing difficult feelings and experiences. At Link Care we are grateful for specialized training and skills so that we can meet people where they are in their mental health journey and walk with them toward restoration and healing. An increase in anxiety, fear, worry, depression, hopelessness, and irritability are just a few of the common symptoms our counselors are working with. I am especially grateful for a gracious Heavenly Father who provides for all our needs and restores hope to what often feels like a hopeless world. As we enter a new season of weather patterns and holidays to celebrate, my prayer for you is to take a moment each day to connect with God and focus on the hope and healing that is taking place in your life, and the hope that will carry you through when life is overwhelming.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the ministry at Link Care. Your prayers, financial contributions, words of encouragement, and value of Christian counseling resources is encouraging and meaningful to many!

JENNIFER SMITH, PSY.D | CEO

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AT LINK CARE CONTINUE TO BE HIGHLY UTILIZED

People are experiencing losses in their lives at an increasing rate, especially related to jobs and careers, housing, loss of loved ones, and academics. The combination of mental health needs being greater than in years past and financial difficulties related to job loss being high, we know that those who need counseling resources will struggle to find an affordable option. Link Care is honored to offer reduced fee, high quality, services through the Benevolence Fund and Pastor CARE fund. Thank you for continuing to partner with us! Your financial contributions are directly benefitting pastors, community members, and missionaries who need assistance paying for counseling services.

All donations are tax deductible! As Giving Tuesday is right around the corner (November 30th), we encourage you to use the QR code to donate today and help reduce the cost of counseling for those in need!

A NEW WAY TO DONATE,

turn on your smartphone camera and click the link
Facilities Transformation

“Link Care is here to prepare God’s messengers, restore those with difficulties, and to be a resource to the Christian Community. These wise words from founder, Dr. Stan Lindquist, continue to hold truth today as the ministry of Link Care continues to serve God by helping people grow in emotional health, personal integrity, and spiritual wholeness. We know that people heal better in surroundings that are safe, clean and pleasant. Our team is working hard on deferred maintenance projects, reimagining new use for old spaces, and updating our use of electronic forms where possible. Please join us in our facilities improvement.”

Link Care is Proud to Welcome Two New Counselors to the Team!

Pattie Krohn, M.A.
Pattie joins the Link Care team with over 20 years in ministry and holds a Master’s in Counseling. Her passion for witnessing how life and scripture meet to transform the lives of fellow sufferers and sinners is making a great impact in our community!

Juan Wall, LMFT
Juan has many years of experience serving the Central Valley as a pastor and licensed marriage & family therapist. He provides services to the Spanish-speaking community, and enjoys working with adults on a wide-variety of issues.

Our clinical training program continues to thrive with two new trainees joining our team this academic year. Our trainees are supervised by an experienced licensed clinician who oversees the client’s care and closely supervises the therapist in training. We are happy to provide reduced fee services through our trainees and Associate MFTs.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Our Growing List of Supportive & Connecting Churches

Ark Christian Fellowship
Bethel Christian Center
The Bridge EFC
California SBC
Central Calif. District
Christian Temple
Clovis Evangelical Free
College Church of Christ
CrossCity Christian Church
Crosspoint Church
First Presbyterian Church
God’s Family Church
Kingsburg Community Church
Lifebridge Community Church
New Harvest
New Hope Community Church
Northpark Community Church
Northwest Church
Pentecostal Church of God
The Peoples Church
Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church
The River
The Well Community Church
University Presbyterian Church
Woodward Park Baptist Church
The Word Community Church

Conference Update

It has been exciting to connect with supporters and referrals in person again! In September Dr. Fujikawa and Dr. Smith traveled to Dallas, TX for the Missio Nexus conference. What an amazing time of learning more about innovation in missions and connecting with those in the communities we serve! Another trip to Texas is scheduled in November where both Dr. Fujikawa & Dr. Smith will engage at the Mental Health and Missions conference. Both of these conferences provide important resources for those we serve at Link Care, as well as connect our team with other leaders serving missionaries.

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