

Potter Valley Youth & Community Center

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To whom it may concern:

Potter Valley Youth and Community Center would like to graciously request a total of \$200,000.00 to help in the completion of our newest resource facility that is currently under construction in downtown Potter Valley.

During the time of the fires in 2017, this exact building served as a main hub in our community to provide services to individuals all throughout the county. The Fire Resource Center, as it was called was in operation for 8 months and served over 250 families throughout that time period. It became apparent through conversations with community members at this time that Potter Valley desperately needed a more permanent place to fulfill these services with the threats of PSPS events and fires nearly certain in the upcoming years. Through these conversations and many community surveys, a plan was drawn up to revamp the current run-down building into a beautiful facility that houses a community kitchen, 100 person conference room, a fitness room, a community store for local goods to be sold and a small cafe as well as internet access, charging ports all ran by a large built in generator during any such event. This facility will be open to the public on a year round basis and will be the hub for communication, clothing and food resources and community support. In the event of an emergency, this facility will be used as safe place for people to evacuate, be able to cook a meal and keep informed on any new information regarding that particular emergency or event.

We immediately began fundraising and raising financial support for this project after the Fire Resource Center was no longer needed on a daily basis in Potter Valley in 2018. We received a large amount from community members as well as some from The Community Foundation of Mendocino County and other community partners interested in supporting our goal. Unfortunately, COVID hit and all in person fundraising efforts were put on hold. Family Resource Center funding was rearranged to help support the increasing number of families that began to struggle with food insecurity and other needs as a result of the continuing pandemic. At this time, we have an outstanding need of approximately \$200,000.00 to finish the necessities that will allow us to open the doors to this dream facility. This \$200,000.00 will be used to complete the construction of every room, the outside patio area, parking and all the items necessary for a commercial kitchen. As stated previously, this is crucial to being able to support our community during future emergency events that occur..

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions as we are eager to share this with you! We greatly appreciate this given opportunity and look forward to your support.

Best Regards,
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Potter Valley Youth and Community Center (PVYCC), is a non-profit organization that was established in 1995 after the death of 2 teenage girls in our community. The Potter Valley community as a whole was devastated by the tragedy of these young teens and decided to take action to make our community a safer place for our youth. Since then, we have grown into an extremely busy Family Resource Center, grant funded after school program and summer program as well as a low cost preschool Enrichment Program and the information and resource hub for the greater Potter Valley area.

PVYCC runs a very successful After School Program in conjunction with Potter Valley Community Unified School District, providing a safe environment where students can receive homework help, tutoring and a quiet place to study. All after school programs are free and open to students 5 days a week. Volunteers can teach classes in cooking, computers, karate, health, science, crafts, and much more!

PVYCC's Family Resource Center offers outreach services such as Medi-Cal and CalFRESH enrollment, adoption assistance, First 5 parenting information and programs and child abuse prevention support. We have also developed into a food pantry, delivering pantry bags to the elders as well as families in need weekly and offer 3 computers and printers for community use. Triple P Parenting classes are also available as well as coping activity bags and classes for both adults and children of all ages. Support groups and many active clubs are ran at the current facility and our goal is to be able to expand this with the completion of the new Downtown Project. We currently have a small meeting room that is open for all members of the community to rent or host events. Through our Family Resource Center, we also run a 5 day a week enrichment program to provide an alternative preschool option to those families who do not qualify for state preschool. We provide a half day preschool for \$6 per day as well as a full day option for \$20 for up to 15 students. Our overall goal is to help our community as a whole and to create inclusive environments, opportunities and support for everyone in the greater Potter Valley area.

Mission Statement

To foster and promote the physical, mental, social, educational, vocational and character development of the greater Potter Valley area. To establish and maintain a drug free facility where a contribution to recreation, physical, social and educational needs of all community members are provided on a greater scope.

Values

PVYCC values the emotional, social and educational growth of children and all members of the Potter Valley community. We value your input.

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