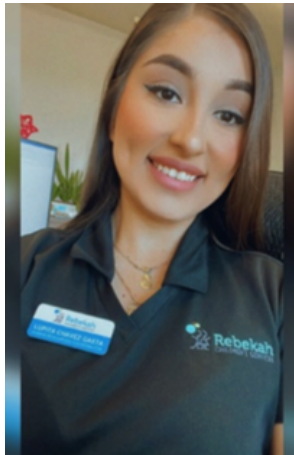




### Introducing our Employee of the Year!

Here's what our Employee of the Year has to say: "Working at Rebekah Children's Services has been an incredibly fulfilling journey for me. The environment here is incredibly supportive, fostering personal and professional growth. The emphasis placed on individual development and placed on individual development and the collaborative culture make it an inspiring place to work. Through the opportunities provided and the camaraderie among colleagues, I've experienced significant personal and professional growth. I attribute this growth to the guidance and support received from everyone around me, from my managers and supervisors to my coworkers, even up to our CEO. Being part of a team that values its employees and actively contributes to positive change is something that makes me immensely proud."

- **Lupita Chavez Gaeta** HR Coordinator



### Save the Date

Exciting times lie ahead! We have upcoming fundraising events that promise not only to be enjoyable but will also make a significant impact on our programs. Your participation and support are key to the success of these events. Mark your calendars, invite friends, and join us in making a difference.



### Meet Martha Prevention & Education

Martha resides in GUSD with her two children: her 12-year-old daughter who attends South Valley Middle School and her two-year-old son. Martha walked into RCS, located directly across the street from South Valley Middle School, during what she refers to as the most challenging period in her family's life. Martha was going through the process of a painful divorce, feeling lonely and isolated, and struggling with behavioral problems with her children. Her daughter began to complain about going to school in the morning, and her grades began to drop as well. Martha knew her family needed help. At RCS, Martha was warmly received by a Community Worker who immediately connected her to resources at RCS including food, clothing, diapers, and mental health support, and enrolled Martha in our Building Resilient Families parenting workshops, as well as our Parent Child+ home-based literacy program. The RCS team also reached out to the SLS Coordinator at South Valley Middle School to refer Martha's daughter to the RCS SLS program. Currently, she is participating in an RCS early intervention small group where she is building relationships with peers, demonstrating improved attendance, and learning about the services and supports she can access at school and in the community.



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## Pop A Cork

Last year's 7th annual Pop A Cork was held at MOHI Wines. It was truly an amazing event! Over 300 community members and supporters enjoyed creative delectable delights and fine wines, all while raising funds for the Kneaded Academy at Rebekah Children's Services.

This event benefits the Kneaded Culinary Academy which provides students in our community with no-cost, hands-on culinary training under the supervision of a credentialed, professional chef.

[For more info and to purchase tickets click here!](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

### Save the Date for Pop a Cork 2024

When: Thursday, May 9th, 2024

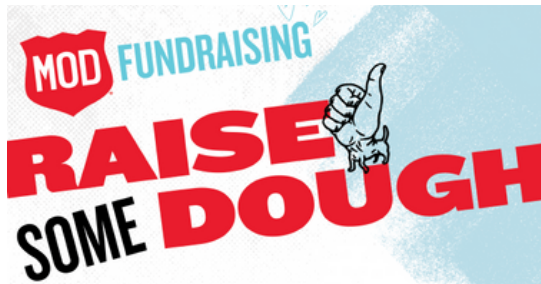
Location: Clos LaChance Winery

### Save the Date for The Squeeze 2024

When: Saturday, July 20th, 2024

Location: Leal Vineyards

## Dine for A Cause



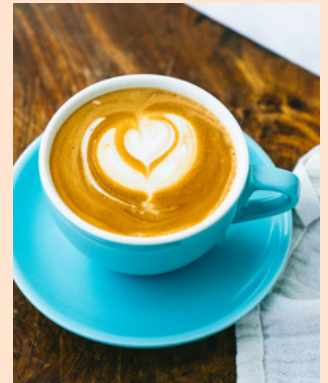
Unite for a Cause! Indulge in a delicious meal from your favorite local businesses on select days, knowing that a portion of your purchase goes towards supporting our organization. Every month, participating local businesses will be helping us fundraise! Follow us on social media to get the latest news and updates on where you can go to support.

Thursday, March 7th - MOD Pizza, Morgan Hill, CA (Don't forget to mention you're there to support Rebekah's). Order online with code MODGIVES20

Thursday, March 28th - BJ's Brewhouse 925 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA. Order online with code MAR161

## Upcoming Parent Cafe Workshops:

Join us for a variety of workshops designed to support families and build a stronger community. The Parent Cafe is a safe space to meet and talk with other families about the joys and challenges of parenting. It is a fantastic opportunity to connect and grow as a family!



## Purpose of Cafes:

Families will learn to build protective factors, build a positive community, and empower parents to raise strong healthy children. This is a chance for families to learn from other parents in a fun, safe, and supportive atmosphere.

If you are interested in joining our Parent Workshops, contact the program coordinator Nora Cabrera Mendoza at (408) 846-2146 or email [ncabrera@rcskids.org](mailto:ncabrera@rcskids.org).



## Strengthening Families Workshop:

Our Strengthening Family Workshops embark on a transformative journey towards building stronger family bonds and fostering a positive environment for your loved ones. Our workshops are meticulously designed to enhance parenting skills, nurture healthier family relationships, improve social skills, boost school performance, address problem behaviors, and prevent delinquency and drug abuse in children.



# Unveiling Progress: Hollister Site Renovation



We are excited to expand to San Benito County with our new site in Hollister, which was previously Chamberlain's Youth Services Campus. The new seven-acre site to be named "Rebekah Children's Services - Chamberlain's Campus" will serve San Benito County's most vulnerable children, youth, and families by providing a full continuum of mental health, educational, housing, and supportive services. Phase One of construction is underway and includes remodeling the five cottages on site and demolition of previous structures, as well as paving and grading.

Thanks to the generous support of Housing Industry Foundation (HIF), Prometheus, and Advanced Restoration the housing units have undergone a complete transformation including new floors, kitchen, bathrooms, lighting, paint, appliances, and furniture. These beautiful new homes will provide a safe place for families in our community facing housing insecurity. Please stay tuned for updates on the ongoing process. If you would like to be involved or donate, please contact us at [FD@rcskids.org](mailto:FD@rcskids.org).



## Ways to Support RCS



- **Donate:** Your contributions directly support our programs, bringing us one step closer to achieving our goals. We also accept new toys, new strollers, new car seats, books, arts and crafts. We do accept new and gently used children's clothes, and please keep in mind these donations should have no tears, no stains, and should be washed prior to drop-off.
- **Legacy Giving:** Legacy Giving leaves our supporters with a lasting impact on the causes they care about by securing a future commitment by putting us in a will or making estate plans to benefit RCS after their lifetime.
- **Volunteer:** Make a difference by volunteering your time with us to help with our fundraising, putting together supplies to donate, or helping with our parent workshops.
- **Partnerships:** We believe in the power of collaboration. If you know of potential partnerships, sponsors, or organizations that align with our mission, please connect us! These alliances can play a crucial role in helping us expand our impact and reach even more individuals in need.
- **Spread the Word:** You are the heart of our community, and your voice is a powerful force for change. Help us spread awareness by sharing our mission and impact on social media, with friends, and within your networks. Every share, like, and mention of what we do amplifies our message and extends our reach.

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