



**IT TAKES  
A VILLAGE  
TO RAISE  
A CHILD**



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Empowering Under-Resourced  
Neighborhoods to Thrive



For too long we have  
looked for what is  
'wrong' in  
South Merced.

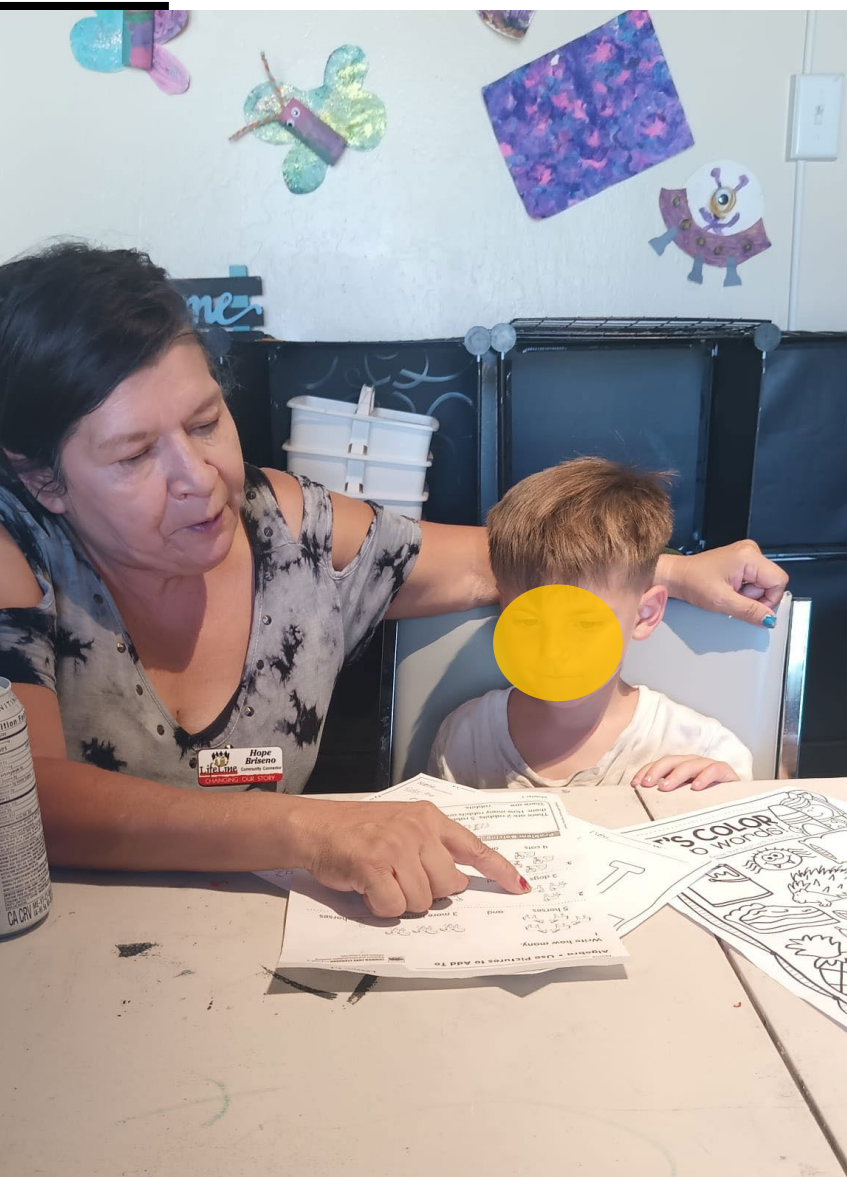
**Let's focus on what is  
'strong'!**



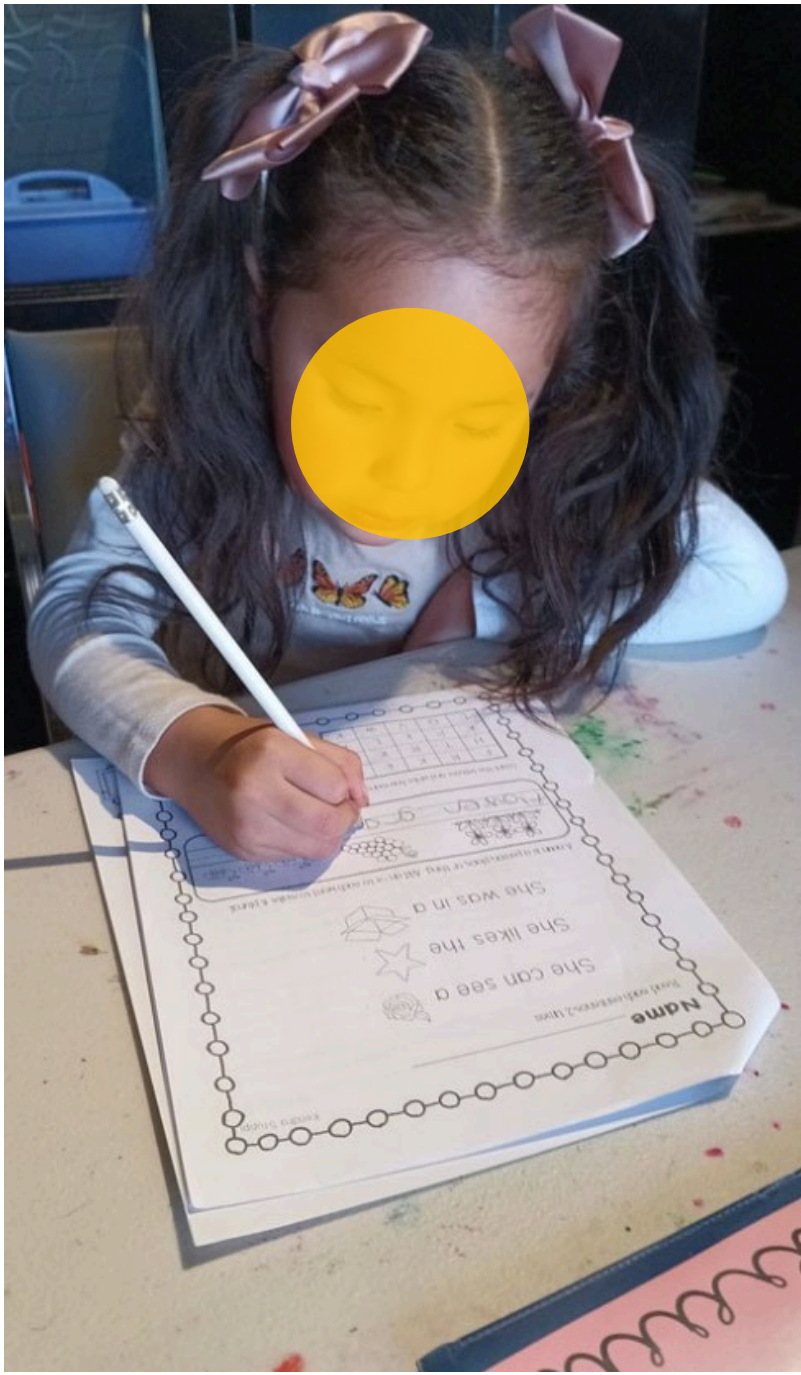
"What we see  
depends mainly on  
what we look for"

- John Lubbock



















— **TO HAVE A  
SUSTAINABLE  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER,  
WE NEED TO  
ENGAGE  
EVERY SECTOR  
OF THE  
COMMUNITY**







Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is a process by which we focus on the the good things in a community, by:

- Walking the neighborhood
- Learn the community story
- Discover the gifts of the community
- Learn what people care enough about to act
- Bring people together around common goals
- ACT
- Celebrate!



# TimeLine

3-6 months meeting with stake holders, building relationships, meeting with community members

6-9 develop with the community a sustainable program that serves the whole community

3-6 months have the community center open for meetings etc. and dream sessions

7-12 months work with the community to have the center open five days a week for community activities and youth time. Depending on the outcome, we will partner with the youth organizations for activities.

If successful – we will have a fully functioning community center with activities for all ages





“Your life story is not your life sentence.  
Your current location is not your destiny.  
You get to write the story of your life.”

Thank you!

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