

***New Area Map Highlights Modesto's Roots and Heart
Non-Profit Launches Project to Highlight Local Resources***

Modesto's motto – Water, Wealth, Contentment, Health underscores its' roots in agriculture and the support for the health of its community. The role of nonprofits in our community is a huge part of this support network.

The IRS lists 577 exempt organizations in Modesto alone, which is 1 nonprofit for every 368 residents. From Therapeutic Playground on Pirrone Rd. offering children Occupational Therapy Services, The Miracle League of Stanislaus County on Pelandale - a facility for children of all abilities to play baseball to Sierra Vista Child & Family Services adding a new location in McHenry Village, Modesto's community has ample resources for residents with special needs.

Color The Skies Guild President, Jessica Coleman conceived of the Modesto map as a way to inform newcomers and existing residents of the support available. She says "Our community has so many resources and I am thrilled that the Valley Children's Pelandale Specialty Care Center will be added to the list in 2018." Modesto was selected as the future home to Valley Children's newest outpatient center because of the clear need for specialized pediatric medical care in the area. More than 18,000 inpatient and outpatient visits from Stanislaus County are seen annually at Valley Children's Hospital and Valley Children's McHenry Specialty Care Center.

Ernie Hergenroeder , Published Author and Illustrator of Fresno and Coleman worked on a Ripon Map in 2014, and are currently crafting a second edition for Ripon set for print in January - in addition to the Modesto Map.

The Modesto Map, sponsored by the Color The Skies Guild of Valley Children's Healthcare and City of Modesto - Community and Economic Development, will highlight the motto arch and the McHenry Mansion. The designers also want to engage the community to decide which other landmarks to include. Send an email with your ideas and thoughts to colortheskies1@gmail.com. Advertisement opportunities are available.

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