

Newsletter

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The Light House
Recovery Center



Director's Desk

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*Commit to the
Lord whatever
you do, and he
will establish
your plans.*

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Dogs Dig 'Em: Employment Training With Purpose



Dogs Dig 'Em is our fourth employment training site, designed to equip women in recovery with practical job skills and real-world work experience.

Each week, participants take part in job-readiness workshops alongside hands-on training in our production space. Women learn every step of the process—from pressing, cutting, baking, weighing, labeling, and bagging dog treats—to preparing finished products for our retail partners.

Beyond production, this training site focuses on the life skills needed to maintain steady employment. Participants learn the importance of attendance, reliability, punctuality, and dependability. They also learn how to clock in, take scheduled breaks and lunches, and properly sanitize workstations at the start and end of each day. They also learn the value of producing a high-quality product they can take pride in.

As part of their job-readiness training, each woman creates a resume that includes her Dogs Dig 'Em work experience, preparing her for the next step in her employment journey. We are proud to partner with the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation, which assists with job placement opportunities for our graduates.

You can find Dogs Dig 'Em treats at local retailers, including White's Pet Shop, Save Mart, and The Market, just to name a few. Customers can also order directly through our website and have treats delivered straight to their front door. Every purchase provides hope, help, and healing—giving women in recovery a second chance.



Annual Graduation Ceremony



Each February, we host our Annual Graduation Ceremony, a beautiful celebration honoring the women who have completed their program. During this special event, each graduate is recognized and crowned, marking a powerful milestone in her recovery journey.

As each woman walks forward to receive her crown, a short testimony in her own words is shared, highlighting her growth, perseverance, and transformation. This celebration is open to the community, and we invite everyone who loves and supports our mission to join us in honoring these incredible accomplishments.



Soup for the Soul

In addition to graduation, we invite you to attend Soup for the Soul, a warm and welcoming gathering that brings women together from across our community—representing churches, businesses, and individuals who share a heart for healing and restoration. Guests enjoy a meaningful time of connection over soup and desserts, creating space for encouragement, conversation, and shared stories.

This year, we're honored to welcome our keynote speaker, First Lady Beth Stephens of Fresno Pacific University, who will share her personal journey and reflections on how healing happens.

Seating is limited and filling quickly. Reserve your spot soon to be part of this special evening.



You can help build brighter futures

Scan the QR code to play part in transforming the lives of the women in our community. Every contribution brings us closer to providing resources for them to flourish.



Pat Lutz

