



HAWKCARES
PROGRAM



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THE ISSUE

- In 2019, nearly 167,000 students responded to the [#RealCollege survey](#):
 - 39% of students were food insecure in the prior 30 days
 - 46% of students were housing insecure in the previous year*
 - 17% of students were homeless in the previous year
- In 2019, more than 23,000 parenting students responded to the [#RealCollege survey](#):
 - 53% of parenting students were food insecure in the prior 30 days
 - 68% of parenting students were housing insecure in the previous year
 - 17% of parenting students were homeless in the previous year

ADDRESSING THE ISSUE

Setting College Priorities

- Started off small, grass roots efforts
- Conducted surveys
- Joined #RealCollegeCalifornia Network
- Discussed resources needed to address issue (space, funding, staffing)

Student Leadership Involvement

- Student Ambassador Projects
 - Housing Insecurity
 - Food Insecurity
- Associated Students of CRC committed to basic needs advocacy

Pre COVID-19



- **The Hawk Spot (Food Pantry)**

- Partnership with Sac Food Bank
- Open three days a week
- Fresh produce on Thursdays

- **The Hawk Swap (Clothes Closet)**

- Provided access to new or gently used clothing to students in need

- **Gowns for Grads**

- Created by the CRC Alumni Association to provide students with access to graduation caps and gowns

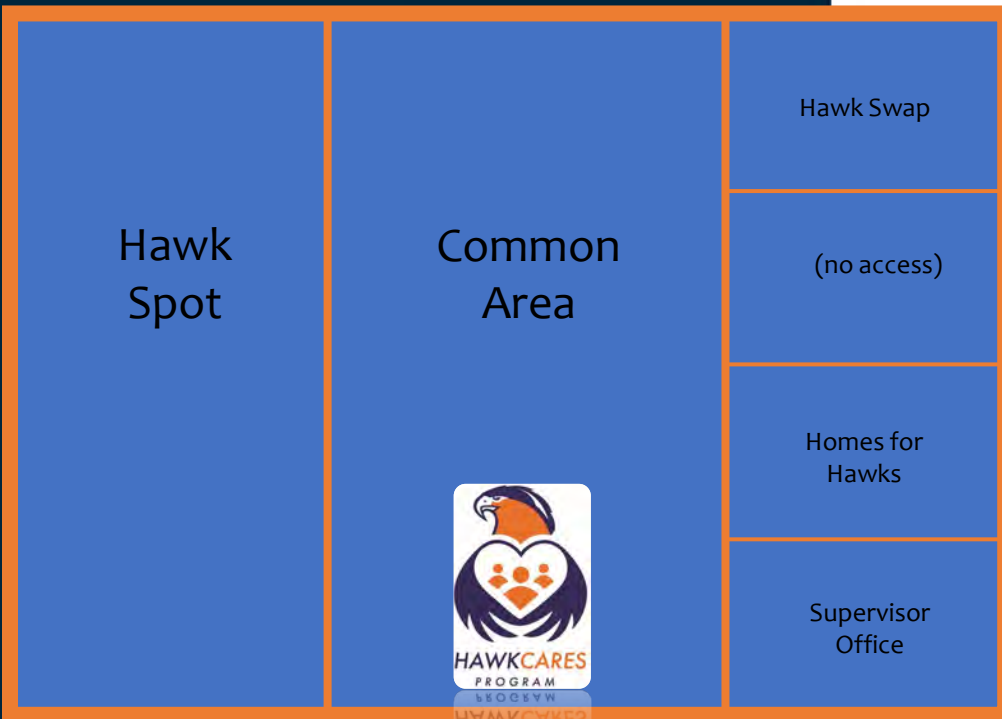
During COVID-19



- **Grocery Gift Cards**
 - March: \$25 grocery cards sent to 100 students (\$2500)
 - Mid-August: 440 e-cards sent to 295 students (Hunger Free Grant)
- **Emergency Hotel Program**
 - Established relationship with Extended Stay America
- **Home for Hawks**
 - Partnership with Lutheran Social Services and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
- **Food Distribution Drive-Ups**
 - Our last day on campus, before the closure, we provided nearly 100 bags of food to students
 - On November 6th, we plan on providing nearly 400 bags of food to students

Re-opening plans

- Ribbon Cutting for Hawk Cares Center: Opening Fall 2021
- CRC to host Basic Needs Summit: Summer 2021
- CalFresh Collaboration with CSU Chico's Center for Healthy Communities
- Basic Needs Advisory Group: Forming 2021-2022
- Continue connections with #RealCollegeCalifornia and The Hope Center for College, Community and Justice for resources



- Through partnership, created LSS Case Manager/Hawk Cares Advocate
 - Housed at CRC
- Provided 10 housing vouchers to CRC students between the ages of 18-24
- Provides case management for three years

Partnership between Lutheran Social Services (LSS), Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), and CRC



LSS Case Management

- Provides expertise in locating housing and service provision to students
- Provides assistance with navigating the housing voucher process
- Provides assistance with finding housing
- Provides assistance with setting goals for school and housing, along with maintaining personal wellness
- Provides information and coaching on how to be a good tenant

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I wanted to thank you so much for the assistance! It has helped me and my family especially at this time.

- Sherie (CRC Student/ Received gift card)

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Awesome, thank you so much! I appreciate your help through these hard times. Have a blessed day!

- Marisa (CRC Student/ Received gift card)



A photograph of a modern, multi-story building at dusk. The building features a mix of brick, concrete, and large glass windows. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font in the center of the image. The building's entrance is visible on the left, with a sign that reads "WINN CENTER". There are some small trees and a paved walkway in the foreground.

Questions?

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