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MISSION STATEMENT

Provide essential and equitable education opportunities to the underserved and vulnerable populations ensuring that ALL students have the opportunity to win and achieve future success.

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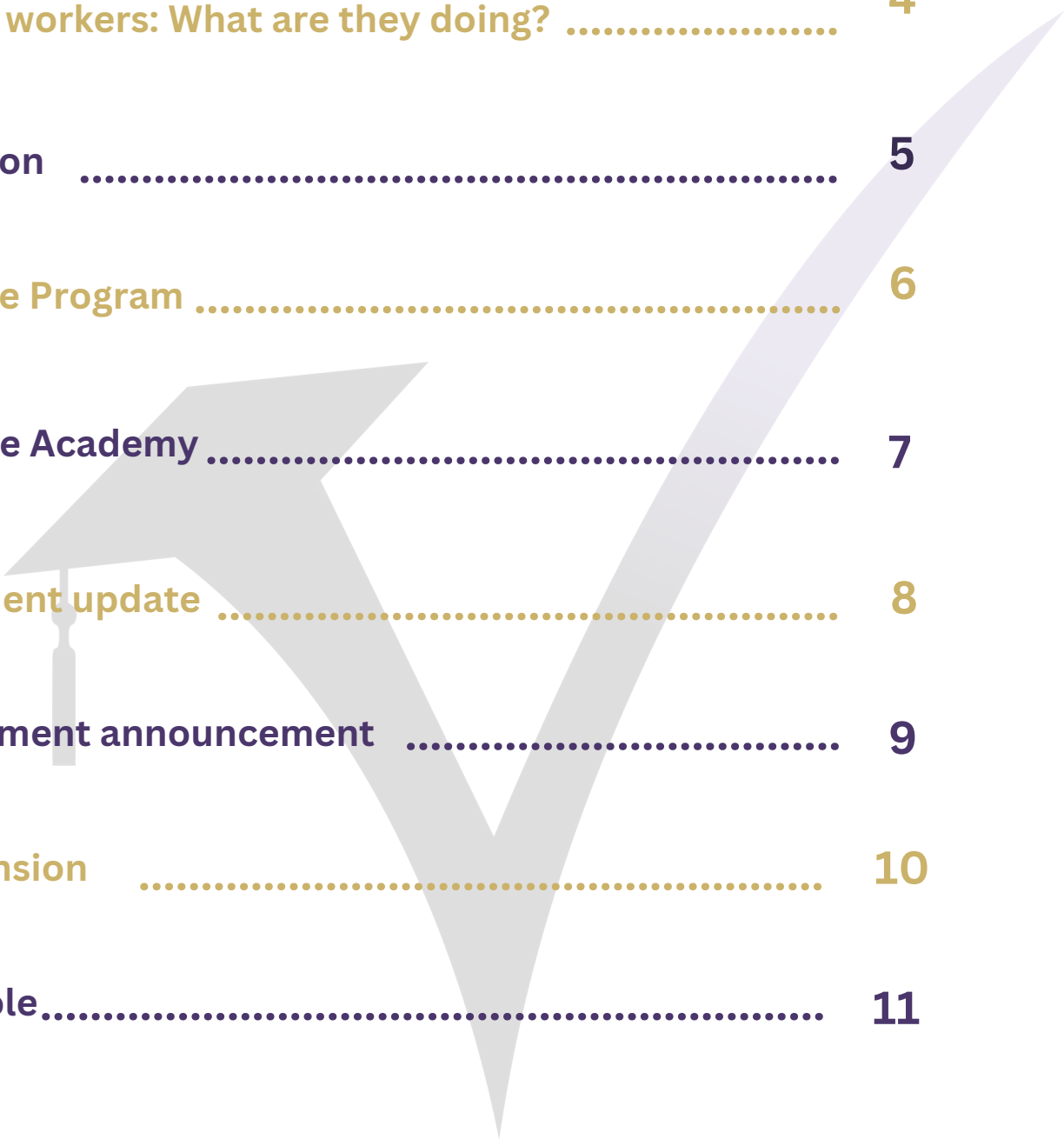
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DICK'S SPORTING GOODS INVESTS \$10,000 IN EXPANDING COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS AT VICTORY

Victory Foundation is proud to announce that it has been selected as a recipient of a \$10,000 Sports Matter Grant from Dick's Sporting Goods, recognizing our commitment to expanding athletic opportunities for students with disabilities and those living in underserved communities. The Sports Matter initiative supports nonprofit organizations across the country that are removing barriers to youth sports participation. Victory Foundation was selected because of our mission to provide equitable access to competitive athletics for students throughout Victory Schools and the Maryvale community—ensuring that every child, regardless of ability or financial circumstances, has the opportunity to experience the life-changing impact of sports.

For many families, the cost of uniforms, equipment, league fees, tournament registrations, transportation, and coaching places organized athletics out of reach. This investment helps eliminate those barriers, allowing more students to participate in high-quality athletic programs where they can develop confidence, leadership, teamwork, resilience, and lifelong healthy habits.

The grant will support several of Victory Foundation's athletic initiatives, including the continued growth of Victory Hooptown, our competitive club basketball program created through the Leveling the Playing Field Initiative, as well as the expansion of our Special Olympics programs across Victory Schools. Over the past several years, Victory has grown from a single Special Olympics team into one of Arizona's largest school-based adaptive athletic programs, providing hundreds of student-athletes with opportunities to train, compete, and proudly represent their schools.



Funding will also help purchase athletic equipment, uniforms, adaptive resources, tournament fees, and program materials that allow students of all abilities to compete at the highest level possible. As Victory continues expanding opportunities through new programs—including the upcoming launch of Victory Hooptown Girls—this investment ensures that more students can participate regardless of their background or financial situation.

This grant represents more than financial support—it is an investment in the potential of every student we serve. Victory Foundation is deeply grateful to Dick's Sporting Goods and the Sports Matter initiative for believing in our mission and partnering with us to build healthier communities, stronger athletes, and brighter futures. Together, we are proving that when access is created, opportunity follows—and every student deserves the chance to compete, belong, and succeed.



HOOPTOWN PROGRESS

A group of young girls in green and blue basketball uniforms are walking on a court. The uniforms have "Victory" and their numbers (16 and 20 are visible) on them. They are smiling and looking towards the camera.

EXPANDING ACCESS THROUGH THE LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD INITIATIVE

Every child deserves the opportunity to experience the lessons that athletics teach—discipline, teamwork, confidence, resilience, and leadership. Unfortunately, for many students with disabilities and those living in underserved communities, those opportunities are often limited or simply unavailable.

That reality inspired Victory Foundation's Leveling the Playing Field Initiative, a commitment to removing barriers and ensuring every student has access to meaningful athletic opportunities regardless of ability, income, or circumstance. Through this initiative, Victory has invested in adaptive athletics, expanded Special Olympics programming, and developed competitive sports experiences that allow students to thrive both on and off the court.

One of the initiative's greatest successes has been the launch of Victory Hooptown.

What started as a vision to provide high-quality basketball opportunities quickly exceeded expectations during its inaugural season. Competing against some of Arizona's top club basketball organizations, Victory Hooptown proved that our student-athletes belong on the court with anyone. The team enjoyed an impressive breakout year, demonstrating not only athletic talent but also tremendous growth in teamwork, leadership, discipline, and sportsmanship. More importantly, the program gave student-athletes an opportunity to compete at a level many never thought possible while proudly representing Victory Schools and the communities they call home.

Now entering its second season, Victory Hooptown is taking another exciting step forward.

This fall, Victory Foundation will officially launch Victory Hooptown Girls, expanding opportunities for female student-athletes and increasing accessibility to competitive women's basketball throughout the communities we serve. The addition of a girls program reflects Victory's ongoing commitment to creating equitable athletic opportunities and ensuring that every student—regardless of gender—has the chance to compete, grow, and succeed.

The future of Victory Hooptown extends far beyond wins and losses. As participation continues to grow, the program is building confidence, strengthening communities, and opening doors for students who deserve the same opportunities as every other young athlete. Through the continued support of our community partners, donors, and volunteers, the Leveling the Playing Field Initiative is helping transform lives—one game, one team, and one student at a time.



THE TEAM THAT KEEPS VICTORY MOVING

When students walk through the doors of a Victory campus each morning, they are welcomed into clean classrooms, safe hallways, well-maintained playgrounds, and learning environments that are ready for another day of success. While much of that work happens behind the scenes, it is only possible because of the incredible dedication of Victory's Maintenance Team.

Long before the first student arrives and long after the last bell rings, our maintenance professionals are hard at work preparing campuses, completing repairs, improving learning spaces, and responding whenever a need arises. Whether it's replacing an air conditioning unit during the Arizona summer, preparing classrooms for the first day of school, assembling furniture, repairing playground equipment, or ensuring every campus remains safe and welcoming, they consistently demonstrate what it means to do Whatever It Takes for our students.

But their impact extends far beyond the buildings they maintain.

Our maintenance team understands that every interaction with a student is an opportunity to teach. Throughout the year, they spend time working alongside students, introducing them to mechanical skills, construction concepts, problem-solving, tool safety, and everyday life skills that can serve them long after they leave Victory Schools. These hands-on experiences help students explore potential career pathways while building confidence, independence, and practical skills they can use for a lifetime.

For many students, these moments become some of the most memorable learning experiences outside the classroom. Whether teaching a student how to safely use a tool, explaining how electrical or plumbing systems work, or simply encouraging a student who is eager to learn something new, our maintenance staff serves as mentors as much as technicians.

The Maintenance Team also embodies one of Victory's greatest strengths—showing up when it matters most. When emergencies happen, classrooms need to be transformed, events need to be set up, or a campus requires immediate attention, they are the first to answer the call. They don't look for recognition or applause; they simply get the job done because they understand that every repair, every improvement, and every hour invested ultimately supports student success.

Behind every great school is a team of people making sure everything works exactly as it should. At Victory, that team is our Maintenance Department. Their hard work, servant leadership, and unwavering commitment ensure that our students have safe, inspiring places to learn while also gaining valuable life lessons from the people who keep our schools running every single day.



VICTORY HORIZON LIFEWORKS

BUILDING WHAT'S NEXT

For many families of students with autism, one of the biggest questions isn't just about succeeding in school—it's about what comes after graduation.

Victory Horizon was created to answer that question.

Designed as a full-time transition program for young adults graduating from Victory Autism Academy, Victory Horizon provides a seamless pathway from the classroom into adulthood. Rather than ending support at graduation, the program extends Victory's commitment by helping students develop the practical skills, confidence, and independence needed to thrive in the next chapter of life.

Every student's journey is unique, which is why Victory Horizon focuses on individualized transition planning that prepares students for employment, independent living, community engagement, and lifelong success. Through structured instruction and hands-on experiences, students build essential life skills such as money management, cooking, transportation, communication, workplace expectations, problem-solving, personal responsibility, and self-advocacy.

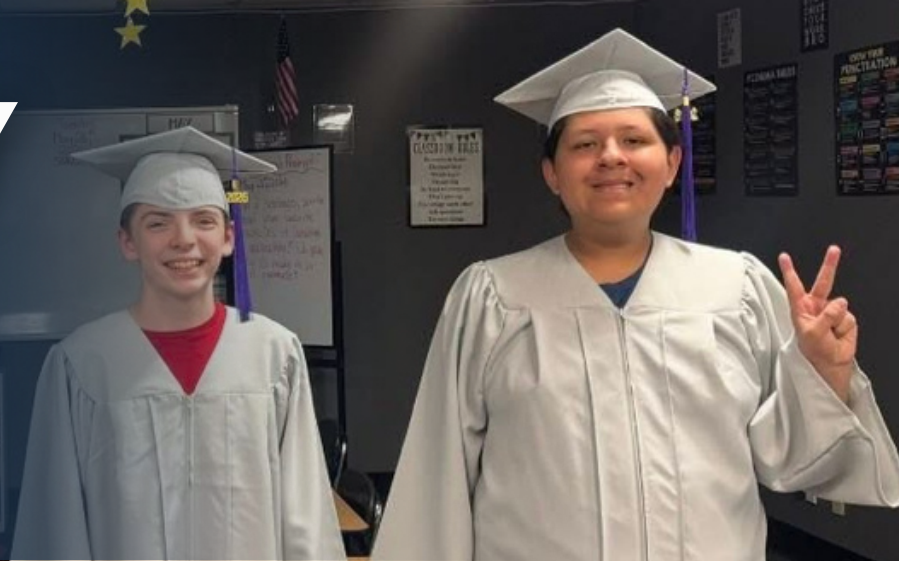
Learning extends far beyond the classroom.

Students regularly participate in community-based instruction, volunteer opportunities, career exploration, and work-based learning experiences that allow them to practice their skills in real-world environments. These authentic experiences help students gain confidence while building the independence needed to navigate life after school. Whether learning how to interview for a job, manage a daily schedule, use public transportation, or interact with customers in a workplace, every experience is intentionally designed to prepare students for adulthood.

Victory Horizon also partners with local businesses and community organizations to create meaningful employment opportunities where students can discover their strengths, develop marketable skills, and gain valuable work experience before entering the workforce.

Most importantly, Victory Horizon provides peace of mind for families. Parents who have trusted Victory Autism Academy throughout their child's educational journey know that support doesn't end with a diploma. Instead, students continue growing in an environment that understands their unique abilities, celebrates their potential, and equips them with the tools necessary to live fulfilling, productive, and independent lives.

VICTORY BRIDGE



Every student deserves the opportunity to grow, challenge themselves, and prepare for life beyond high school—but every student's path looks different. For some students, transitioning directly from a highly specialized educational setting into a traditional high school environment can feel overwhelming. Victory Bridge was created to make that transition intentional, supported, and successful.

Launching this school year as one of Victory's newest and most innovative programs, Victory Bridge provides students in grades 9–12 with a unique opportunity to build independence while continuing to receive the specialized support they need to thrive. Housed at Victory Futures Academy, the program creates a bridge between specialized autism services and a less restrictive educational environment, allowing students to take meaningful steps toward greater independence without losing the individualized supports that have helped them succeed.

Victory Bridge is led by experienced special education professionals who understand that successful transitions happen gradually. Students remain surrounded by educators, therapists, and support staff who specialize in autism and individualized instruction while being immersed in a high school setting that encourages increased independence, social engagement, and personal responsibility.

Throughout the program, students develop academic, social, communication, executive functioning, and self-advocacy skills while participating in the daily routines and expectations of a traditional high school campus. This intentional model helps students become more comfortable navigating new environments, building relationships, managing responsibilities, and preparing for the opportunities that await after graduation.

More than simply changing campuses, Victory Bridge provides students with the confidence to take their next step. By gradually increasing independence while maintaining the structure and support families value, students are empowered to reach milestones that once seemed out of reach.

As Victory launches the inaugural year of this groundbreaking program, Victory Bridge represents another example of the organization's commitment to creating innovative educational pathways that meet students where they are while preparing them for where they are going.

VICTORY ONLINE

REDEFINING PERSONALIZED LEARNING ACROSS VICTORY SCHOOLS



Education is not one-size-fits-all. Every student learns differently, progresses at their own pace, and deserves an educational model that meets their unique needs while preparing them for lifelong success. That belief inspired the creation of Victory Online Academy (VOA)—an innovative program designed to redefine individualized learning for students across Victory Autism Academy and Victory Futures Academy.

Victory Online Academy provides students with the flexibility to complete their core academic courses and elective classes remotely through Victory's online learning platform while remaining fully connected to their school community. Rather than choosing between a traditional classroom or online education, VOA combines the best of both worlds, giving students a personalized educational experience that adapts to their individual learning style, medical needs, therapy schedules, family circumstances, or post-secondary goals.

What truly sets Victory Online Academy apart is its commitment to maintaining meaningful, in-person connections.

Students have the opportunity to participate in learning and enrichment through Victory's regional Hub locations, where they can attend specialized electives, receive therapies and related services, participate in athletic programs, attend field trips, engage in extracurricular clubs, experience school dances and sporting events, and build lasting friendships with peers. These in-person opportunities ensure students remain connected to the Victory community while enjoying the flexibility of online instruction.

For students with autism, Victory Online Academy provides the individualized supports and structure they need to be successful while reducing barriers that may exist in a traditional educational setting. For Victory Futures Academy students, the model creates greater flexibility to pursue career exploration, employment opportunities, internships, and other experiences while continuing to receive high-quality academic instruction.

The program also empowers families by creating educational pathways that fit their student's unique needs without sacrificing academic rigor, specialized support, or social engagement. Students continue to receive guidance from certified teachers, individualized learning plans, consistent progress monitoring, and access to the specialized services that have become the hallmark of Victory Schools.

Victory Online Academy represents more than an online school—it represents the future of personalized education. By blending flexible virtual instruction with meaningful in-person experiences, VOA ensures students never have to choose between academic excellence and community. They can learn in the environment where they are most successful while remaining connected to the relationships, opportunities, and experiences that make school meaningful.

As Victory continues to innovate, Victory Online Academy is pioneering a new model of education—one that proves individualized learning doesn't mean learning alone. Instead, it creates a pathway where flexibility, connection, and opportunity come together to help every student reach their fullest potential.



DRIVING IMPACT ON AND OFF THE COURSE

Victory Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament once again proved what is possible when a community comes together with a shared purpose: creating brighter futures for students and families.

This year's tournament was one of our most successful fundraising events to date, bringing together business leaders, community partners, volunteers, and supporters who believe every child deserves access to an exceptional education and the resources needed to succeed. Throughout the day, participants enjoyed friendly competition while making a lasting investment in the lives of the students Victory Schools serves every day.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our Presenting Sponsor, Duncan Family Farms, whose leadership and generosity helped make this event possible. We also want to recognize Leonard Workforce Solutions, ManagedIT365, and QQS Construction, whose continued partnership demonstrates an incredible commitment to strengthening our communities through education. Their support, along with the generosity of every sponsor, golfer, volunteer, and donor, helped make this year's tournament an overwhelming success.

Funds raised through the tournament will directly support Victory Foundation's six impact initiatives, including student scholarships, emergency family assistance, adaptive athletics, specialized therapies, assistive technology, post-secondary opportunities, and innovative educational programs serving students with disabilities and underserved families throughout Arizona and Mexico.

Every swing, every sponsorship, and every donation helps remove barriers that stand between students and their potential. Together, our community is creating opportunities that extend far beyond the golf course and into classrooms, homes, and futures filled with possibility.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated and look forward to continuing this tradition of impact for years to come.



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VAA QUEEN CREEK EXPANSION



As the need for specialized educational services continues to grow throughout Arizona, Victory Schools remains committed to ensuring more families have access to the individualized support their children deserve.

Construction is well underway on the new Autism Academy for Education and Development (AAED) Queen Creek Middle and High School, representing another exciting milestone in Victory's continued growth and commitment to serving students with autism.

The new campus will create space for approximately 60 additional middle and high school students, helping address the increasing demand for specialized educational programming throughout the East Valley. Designed specifically for neurodivergent learners, the expansion will feature thoughtfully designed classrooms, sensory-friendly learning environments, collaborative spaces, and resources that support individualized instruction and student success.

More than simply adding classrooms, the Queen Creek expansion reflects Victory's belief that every family deserves access to high-quality educational options close to home. As more students receive autism diagnoses each year, the need for specialized schools that understand their unique strengths and challenges continues to increase. This new campus will allow Victory to welcome additional families while maintaining the individualized approach that has become the foundation of our success.

Students attending the new campus will benefit from evidence-based instruction, related therapies, transition planning, extracurricular opportunities, and a supportive school culture where every child is known, valued, and challenged to reach their full potential.

The Queen Creek expansion represents more than physical growth—it represents hope for families searching for a place where their child can thrive. Victory Schools is proud to continue investing in innovative educational environments that prepare students not only for academic success but for meaningful, independent futures.



WELCOME NICOLE

Victory Schools is proud to welcome Nicole Voigt as our new Executive Director of Operations, bringing with her a wealth of leadership experience, operational expertise, and a passion for serving students, families, and educators.

Nicole joins Victory during an exciting season of growth as our organization continues expanding campuses, launching innovative educational programs, and serving more students than ever before. In her new role, she will oversee operational excellence across the organization, helping ensure our campuses have the systems, resources, and support necessary to provide an exceptional educational experience for every student.

Behind every successful classroom is a strong operational team working to support teachers, students, and families. Nicole's leadership will play a vital role in strengthening those systems while fostering collaboration across departments and campuses. Her commitment to servant leadership, continuous improvement, and organizational excellence aligns perfectly with Victory's mission of providing essential and equitable educational opportunities to underserved and vulnerable populations.

As Victory continues to innovate through programs like Victory Online Academy, Victory Horizon, Victory Bridge, and the expansion of our Autism Academies, strong leadership is more important than ever. Nicole's experience and vision will help guide the organization through this exciting chapter while ensuring we continue delivering on our promise to students and families.

Please join us in giving Nicole a warm Victory welcome. We are excited to have her on our leadership team and look forward to the tremendous impact she will make as we continue building brighter futures for the students and communities we proudly serve.



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