



Anniversary Gala

50 YEARS

"Celebrating Our Past – Inspiring Our Future"

**October 20th, 2017
Visalia Convention Center**



A Welcome Message

Welcome to the Proteus 50th Anniversary Gala.

On behalf of the Proteus Board of Directors, I thank you for joining us this evening. Much of the success and longevity of Proteus were made possible by the visionary minds of past leaders. Founding CEO, Tom McCormick, and his predecessors, William M Maguy and Michael McCann, all believed that disadvantaged individuals would work hard to improve their lives if given an opportunity. Proteus was the avenue to provide that opportunity. Proteus was initiated via a grant given to the Tulare County Community Action Agency by the Farmworker Division of the national Office of Economic Opportunity and was born in 1967. As the needs of our customers evolved over 50 years, Proteus evolved with them. Today, Proteus has a service delivery area expanding five counties and offers over 30 diverse programs being operated out of 30 offices, individual one-stop locations, and mobile units. Our Mission was, and continues to be, "to serve those in need." For that reason, I must thank those who served on the Proteus Board of Directors and those who served as employees, both past and present. Most of all, I thank the thousands of customers who, through the last 50 years, chose Proteus to be their lifelines. Without

their motivation to succeed, Proteus would not exist. Tonight, you will be introduced to some of these amazing individuals that we have had the honor of serving.

In addition to recognitions, an exciting evening has been planned for you. You will be wined, dined, and entertained. Thank you to the event-planning committee and the many volunteers who have organized a jam-packed celebration, full of excitement.

Last, a special thank you to all of tonight's contributors, many with whom Proteus has shared a long partnership. Your generous contributions and support of tonight's program are very much appreciated.



 *Robert Alcazar*
CEO