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## **HANDS4HOPE OFFERS PLACERVILLE YOUTH CENTER SHOWCASE & OPEN HOUSE**

Local nonprofit Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference is celebrating three years of operating their Placerville Youth Center with the 2nd Annual Open House and Showcase event, to take place Tuesday, April 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Hands4Hope Youth Center at 905-A Spring Street in Placerville.

This event presents an opportunity for community members to learn more about Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference, a youth led organization whose mission is to inspire and empower youth in leadership and service, what the organization has been up to, and how to get involved, if interested. . In addition, families and parents of Hands4Hope Club, Committee, and Community Engagement participants are invited to tour the Youth Center and learn more about the projects that their children have been engaged in. Lastly, this event offers supporters of the organization an opportunity to see the impact of their support through youth demonstrations.

Information stations will focus on Hands4Hope's four Placerville area on-campus Clubs at Markham Middle School, Herbert Green Middle School, El Dorado Union High School, and Union Mine High School. Stations will also be offered for three of Hands4Hope's after-school committees: the Emergency Food Pantry, ASPIRE Outfitters, and School Supply Drive & Distribution.

Attendees will have a chance to meet members of the Hands4Hope Placerville Steering Committee, Board of Directors, staff, and youth participants, while enjoying sweet and savory sacks generously provided by Diane Wilkinson Catering.

The Hands4Hope Placerville Youth Center is a key facility for youth engagement, development, and skill building. Designed for middle and high school youth, it provides a welcoming space where teens and preteens can gather and meet to create and implement their service learning projects. Youth of all backgrounds feel safe and accepted, and work collaboratively, to serve those most in need in and around Placerville. Current facility uses include: meeting facility for Hands4Hope Clubs and Committees; coordination site for the School Supply Drive and Distribution events, Toiletries Drive, and other popup events as needed; distribution site for the Hands4Hope Emergency Food Pantry; and storage and coordination of clothing distribution for the ASPIRE Outfitters program.

Founded in 2008, Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference is a nonprofit, youth driven organization with the mission to inspire and empower youth in leadership and service. Hands4Hope offers hands-on education and community engagement opportunities to youth from K-12th grades through on-campus and after-school programs in Sacramento and El Dorado Counties. Hands4Hope was selected as "2023 Nonprofit of the Year" for California Senate District 4. In addition to the Placerville Youth Center, Hands4Hope has one other Youth Center facility in El Dorado Hills, which also houses the organization's administration.

For more information about Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference, visit [www.hands4hopeyouth.org](http://www.hands4hopeyouth.org) or call 916-294-7426.