

# 2023-2024 MID YEAR UPDATE



## OUR MISSION

At Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference, our mission is to inspire and empower youth in leadership and service. We do this by giving youth a platform to make their voices heard on issues affecting our community and providing them the opportunity to take action in their own way.



## HIGHLIGHTS

At the midpoint of the 2023-24 program year, Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference has seen a **19 percent increase** in youth service hours, representing growth not only in the services provided to the community by Hands4Hope participants, but growth in participation as well. In addition, we have added **new committees, community engagement partnerships, and outreach opportunities**. The on-campus Clubs investigated and selected their areas of need, and began planning their service-learning projects.

I found a community that accepted me with open arms. It's taught me so much **more than just volunteering** for the hours, but volunteering to make an **impact and change** in my community.

*Mia George,  
Youth Board Executive Committee*

## ENCOURAGING & EMPOWERING

The program year kicked off with Leadership Camps for elected leaders of Hands4Hope's after-school service-learning committees and on-campus clubs, which span 13 high school and middle school campuses from Folsom to Placerville. Camp participants experienced a series of workshops and team-building activities, discovered their own strengths, and left with skills and motivation to push themselves to the next level of leadership.



# EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER 2023

## EDUCATION PROGRAM



**8,405**

Service hours completed by youth participants, including community engagement



**57**

Youth who attended leadership camp



**24**

Youth who attended the financial literacy and interview skills workshop



**2,256**

Pounds of food collected to fill the emergency food pantry



**17,751**

School supplies, including 725 backpacks, collected and distributed to 707 students and additional partner agencies



**4,238**

Items distributed through the Winter Boutique to 741 individuals

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**1,406**

Volunteer opportunities filled by 348 participants



**145**

No-sew blankets created and given to economically disadvantaged families



**5,827**

Items collected during the Warm & Fuzzy Drive



**174**

Total outreach and at-home service opportunities



**659**

Crafts, desserts, and gift bags distributed to economically disadvantaged seniors and women



**3,800**

Meals served

## GROWTH THROUGH COMMUNITY

### Placerville Highlights

Participants in Placerville area Clubs increased by 15 percent, with 18 youth in leadership positions. The new Empty Bowls Committee was launched with 16 youth participants. The Placerville Clubs provided games at the Trick or Treat on Main Street event, and marched together in the community Christmas parade.



### El Dorado Hills Area Highlights

The majority of the on-campus service-learning clubs in this area are full with waiting lists. Oak Ridge High School Club participants assisted with the EDH Town Center Spooktacular.



### Folsom Highlights

The Folsom on-campus Clubs include 106 youth, with 20 in leadership roles. Folsom High and Sutter Middle collected and bundled toiletries for 220 homebound seniors. Hands4Hope participants were part of collecting 61,000 pounds of food at Folsom Community Service Day.



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