

# HANDS4HOPE - YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE



## EMPOWERING YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE SINCE 2008

EXPLORE. ACT. LEAD.

A photograph of three young women in a kitchen setting. They are all smiling and holding plates of food. The woman on the left is wearing a white shirt and a brown shawl. The woman in the middle is wearing a white t-shirt with the Hands4Hope logo. The woman on the right is wearing a white t-shirt with the Hands4Hope logo. The kitchen has wooden cabinets and a window in the background.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

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.



## CENTERING YOUTH VOICES

We have created a safe place for youth who want to step up and take action.

Youth participant survey results:



Felt safe during meetings & events



Felt my voice and ideas were heard



Felt inspired to volunteer in the community again



Learned how, or improved my ability to create a service-learning project

## DEEPENING OUR REACH

Youth find opportunities to connect with each other and those around them, while making a difference for those in need in their communities.

In the 2024-25 program year, the numbers of Hands4Hope participants continued to grow following last year's astronomical growth. More importantly, youth showed an increase in the depth of their involvement.

2023-24 Program Year

2024-25 Program Year



627

Youth participants

INCREASED BY 9%

501

Youth who participated on a regular basis

INCREASED BY 2%

84

Trained youth leaders

INCREASED BY 11%

Through Hands4Hope, I've gained management and communication skills that I wouldn't have gained anywhere else and that I now use constantly! They're vital skills that I'm glad I gained so early in life, which will help me in college and the professional world.

Morgan Pangborn  
Youth Participant



View all the Club project demonstrations

## PROJECTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Youth in 15 Hands4Hope Clubs on middle and high school campuses **investigate** needs in the community, **plan** a project to address an unmet need, **take action**, **reflect** on their project, and create a **demonstration** that showcases their year of service-learning.



The Folsom High School Hands4Hope Club provided nine birthday baskets to children hospitalized with heart illness.



Rolling Hills Middle School Hands4Hope Club organized a car wash fundraiser and toiletry drive to support unhoused individuals.



El Dorado High School Hands4Hope Club held toiletry and food drives to stock their school's emergency pantry and other supply locations.



# 2024-2025 | HIGHLIGHTS

**14,841** Total youth service hours



Hands4Hope youth participants made a lasting impact this year, showing up for the community with purpose and heart. They set strategic goals for donation drives and partnered with more community agencies than ever before to expand their reach. As their efforts continue to grow, dedicated adult volunteers are needed to help guide and support their efforts.

People served

**14,609**

Meals served or delivered

**9,289**

Total outreaches and projects

**351**

Youth attended summer leadership camp

**52**

Adult volunteers consistently lead youth in outreach events

**30**



**1,059** Crafts, cards, and desserts made by volunteers



Number of items collected in youth-led drives **35,565**

Pounds of food collected & distributed **1,114**



**702** Students in need in grades K-12 received \$43,000 worth of backpacks and school supplies



Raised by youth-led projects to benefit causes close to their hearts **\$40,060**



**\$110,285** Total value of items collected in youth-led drives and distributed to those in need



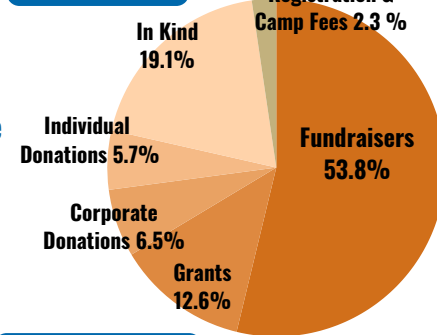
# HOW WE DO IT

During the 2024-25 program year, Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference's adult volunteers continued to play vital roles in organizational leadership, lending their time and talents to the Board of Directors, Folsom Steering Committee, Placerville Steering Committee, and the Internal Affairs, External Affairs, and Governance Committees. Their commitment helps ensure Hands4Hope remains focused on high-quality programming, responsible stewardship, and sustainability.

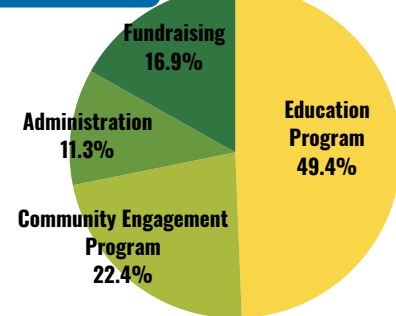
The foundation of Hands4Hope's long-term success is built on adult volunteers who step up to lead critical fundraising efforts, planning and implementing the 4th Annual Endless Summer Beach Party, and the 2nd Annual Nashville Songwriters Live events; as well as the team participants in the Sacramento region-wide Big Day of Giving. The volunteers who make these events possible raise 54% of the organization's budget.

We are sincerely thankful to YOU, our generous community of donors, sponsors, and partners, who share in the Hands4Hope vision of creating a community of civic minded and socially responsible citizens for generations to come. Your belief in this work fuels real impact, supporting those in need and empowering young people to grow into changemakers. We are endlessly grateful for all you do to make this possible.

## 2024 INCOME



## 2024 EXPENSES



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS & DONORS

I am thrilled to have Hands4Hope on our campus. The participants get so much more out of this than we could ever give them from textbooks. Seeing how proud they are of the work they do to help others is something that the world needs more of. I'm very thankful for Hands4Hope.

*Debbie Bowers*  
Principal, Rolling Hills Middle School



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