

2021 - 2022 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.



"My life has been made a million times better with Hands4Hope. I've felt safer, happier, and most of the time I HATE being around a lot of people, but not when I'm volunteering. When I'm doing that, I feel the strongest I've ever felt. In fact, one of the only things that got me through COVID was Hands4Hope. Though some things changed, the basic idea stayed steady. I got to see everyone on Zoom, I always had a day to look forward to each week. There's nothing like it."

~Sophia Hinchliffe
Freshman, Virtual Academy

FROM JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER 2021:



5,604

Hours served by youth participants



65

Students attended leadership camp



5,135

Clothing items distributed to families in need through the Winter Boutique and Grizzly Feast Coat Closet



3,153

Pounds of food collected to fill the emergency food pantry



10,297

School supplies, including backpacks, collected and distributed to 405 students



90

Outreach events and at home projects organized and implemented



508

Cards, Crafts, Gift Bags, and Stockings distributed to seniors, women, and children



\$12,594

Raised to support those impacted by Caldor fire



7,513

Total necessities distributed to Caldor Fire Victims



6,349

Total individuals served

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



CALDOR FIRE VICTIM RELIEF EFFORTS

Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference, partnered with the El Dorado Foundation to aid those affected by the devastating Caldor Fire. We had an outpouring of support from our own community and the Bay Area. Acting quickly, community members and local businesses stepped in to help evacuees. Restaurants donated meals, gas stations provided gas gift cards, and businesses and community members donated immediate necessities, including tents, tarps, blankets, sleeping bags, lanterns, batteries, clothing, food and toiletries.

Read the entire article at [this link](#).



WINTER BOUTIQUE

Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference hosted its 12th Annual Warm and Fuzzy Drive in October and Winter Boutique in December 2021 at El Dorado Hills Town Center, serving over 140 struggling families (543 individuals). Through the incredible generosity of the community, over 5,000 warm clothing items were collected and 120 no-sew blankets were made.

"It was amazing to see the happiness on people's faces as they selected items not only for themselves but also for family members for the holiday season. It was amazing to see our planning and sorting efforts come together and have such a huge impact on families in need."

- Mishti Shah, Winter Boutique youth committee chair

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ENCOURAGING & EMPOWERING



LEADERSHIP RETREATS: PLANNING FOR SUCCESS IN 2022

The Hands4Hope - Youth Making a Difference Youth Leadership Mid-Year Retreats were a huge success! Thirty high school and twenty-five middle school Hands4Hope club and committee leaders from 14 schools and 4 committees came together on January 22nd and February 5th, respectively, to participate in Jurassic Park...Don't Become Extinct Mid-Year Retreats.

The goals for the retreats were to build on skills taught at leadership camp in the areas of service-learning and marketing and branding, while also providing time for leadership team check-ins, personal goal review, and of course fun team building!

"I really liked the Lego activity because it helped me understand each person on my team more and use teamwork to get the project done."

- Middle School Leader

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