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PLACERVILLE SCHOOLS: HERBERT GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARKHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL, EL DORADO HIGH SCHOOL, AND UNION MINE HIGH SCHOOL

Fire and snow and COVID, oh my!
– Nothing Keeps Us Down!

Nothing can keep the Hands4Hope Placerville Service Learning Clubs down! These youth show the ability to pivot using their ingenuity and flexibility in the face of adversity. They accomplished new endeavors and promoted inclusivity. The youth translated a Parent Information Video to create a new Spanish version. They crafted 75 Holiday Cards for youth in foster care and participated in the Annual Placerville Christmas Parade.

Separately, each club has chosen a local non profit with a specific need. Together, these 60 students are undertaking efforts to positively impact youth in foster care, support rescue efforts of local wildlife, increase the survival rate of kittens, and pay vet fees of a rescued German Shepard. When asked how their project was going, one youth said, “It’s going really well. This is fun! But, I think we should patent what we are doing so we look more professional!”
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE PROVIDES 430 BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES TO YOUTH IN NEED

Things are starting to take off at the Hands4Hope - Youth Making a Difference Placerville Youth Center. Since the Grand Opening in late July we have hosted a successful school supply distribution at Schnell Elementary School where the Hands4Hope youth distributed backpacks and supplies to 430+ students in the community. Students “shopped” for the items to fill their backpacks, making it much more fun for all.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

In June 2021 the Emergency Food Pantry moved into a larger space of the Placerville Youth Center. The Committee facilitated community food drives, collecting more than 3,500 pounds of food for families in need and an additional 1,114 pounds for Caldor Fire evacuees. In total, approximately 3,800 pounds of food have been distributed since June 2021.

“The Emergency Food Pantry Committee has been hands down where I have gathered the majority of my leadership and problem solving skills. The pantry entails something new every time and I am always excited to get to meet with my fellow committee members from across the county.”

~ Tarika, Emergency Food Pantry Committee member

ASPIRE OUTFITTERS COMMITTEE

For the first half of the program year, the ASPIRE Outfitters Committee set up and organized their space next to the Placerville Hands4Hope Youth Center. The committee also worked on assisting with the Winter Boutique Project, as well as building the relationship between Hands4Hope and ASPIREKids.

Moving forward the ASPIRE Outfitters Committee has decided to reach out to six school districts in the Placerville area in hopes of partnering to create clothing closets at their schools. Schnell School will be the first one the ASPIRE Outfitters Committee will work with.

“Being a part of the ASPIRE Outfitters Committee through Hands4Hope - Youth Making a Difference has made me a more well-rounded person by giving me the opportunity to learn about and experience how other nonprofit organizations work and by giving me an opportunity to meet new people.”

~ Simone, ASPIRE Outfitters Committee Secretary