

2022-2023 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.



I really appreciated having been involved with Hands4Hope in all capacities and am deeply grateful for how Hands4Hope has helped me develop my interpersonal and organizational skills. I am also very thankful to have met many youth and adults who have been so determined to positively influence our communities.

To this day, I continue to be inspired by all that Hands4Hope has done and is continuing to do. I sincerely thank you for allowing all of this to become a reality!

-Aidan Campbell, Hands4Hope Alumni Committee Chair

FROM JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER 2022:



6,795

Service hours completed by youth participants



51

Youth who attended leadership camps



1,000

Pounds of food collected to fill the Emergency Food Pantry



19,973

School supplies, including backpacks, collected and distributed to 640 students



12,349

Items collected during Warm & Fuzzy Drive and distributed to families in need through the Winter Boutique and partner agencies



128

Total outreach and at-home service opportunities including 71 no-sew blankets made for distribution at Winter Boutique



440

Crafts and gift bags distributed to low-income seniors and women



1,018

Volunteer opportunities filled (includes volunteers at Fall Festival, School Supply, and Winter Boutique)

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Hands4Hope School Supply Drive Committee added a second distribution event in Cameron Park this year to meet demand and make supplies more accessible to families. The youth-led committee has helped local students in need for nine years start the school year off on the right foot! With support from our generous community, 19,900 school supplies and \$8,800 in donations were collected in 2022. Both the Cameron Park and Placerville distribution events provided supplies and backpacks to 650 students before the start of the 2022-23 school year, a 37% increase over 2021.

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WINTER BOUTIQUE

The Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference 13th Annual Warm & Fuzzy Drive, Winter Boutique and Blanket Making Party took place October through December 2022. This year, over 12,000 warm clothing items were collected, sorted and distributed through our Winter Boutique events and through partner agencies. This event has almost doubled in impact from 590 individuals in 2020 to 924 individuals in 2022 thanks to generous donations from local families and the community.

For me, the Winter Boutique illustrated the importance of warm clothing and how many people don't have access to this necessary clothing. Additionally, the fact that we were able to create a whole clothing boutique in just a few months was incredibly satisfying.

- Jennifer Cole, Winter Boutique Marketing Committee

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ENCOURAGING & EMPOWERING



LEADERSHIP CAMPS

At the beginning of each program year, Hands4Hope youth leaders attend a summer leadership camp facilitated by the Hands4Hope Youth Board Executive Committee, which offers a customized, fun, skill-building experience for the youth leaders of Hands4Hope Service-Learning Clubs and After-School Committees. This year the theme was "Reach For The Stars." Fifty-one new and returning youth leaders (24 from middle school and 27 from high school) took part in a series of workshops and team building activities that provided them with the tools needed to lead their clubs and committees successfully in the new program year.

I feel very prepared and motivated to begin the school year because I have a great leadership team that will help me along the way. During camp, I also learned what I do well and things that I need to improve on. Now I feel like I know how the year is going to play out because of the month-by-month breakdown, and I feel prepared and comfortable with my leadership team.

- Hands4Hope Youth Leader

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