

2024-2025 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 2024-25 program year, Hands4Hope - Youth Making A Difference has seen a **5 percent increase** in youth service hours, adding to previous consecutive growth years. These hours were attained through participation in on-campus clubs, as youth explored issues in their communities and decided how to take action; through after-school committees, as youth planned and ran large-scale initiatives and events, or engaged in year-long efforts; through hands-on community engagement opportunities; and through leadership development activities.

Hands4Hope has helped me understand the people in my community who need help. All of the projects have taught me time management, how to be organized, and more.

*Lincoln Garel,
Hands4Hope Youth Participant*

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 14 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 2024

EDUCATION PROGRAM



8,784

Service hours completed by youth participants, including community engagement



52

Youth who attended leadership camp



37

Youth who attended the financial literacy and interview skills workshop



581

Pounds of food collected to fill the Hands4Hope Emergency Food Pantry



28,043 (\$42,410 value)

School supplies, including 650 backpacks, collected and distributed to 650 students and additional partner agencies



2,693

Items distributed through the Winter Boutique to 334 individuals, including 202 children

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



1,245

Volunteer opportunities filled by 256 participants



117

No-sew blankets created and given to economically disadvantaged families



3,977

Items collected during the Warm & Fuzzy Drive



114

Total outreach and at-home service opportunities



621

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



5,535

Meals served

GROWTH THROUGH COMMUNITY

Placerville

Placerville area on-campus clubs include 80 youth, with 18 serving in leadership roles. The Placerville clubs provided games at the Trick or Treat on Main Street event, and marched together for the 4th time in the community Christmas parade. Two monthly outreach opportunities continue with an additional six annual opportunities.



El Dorado Hills / Shingle Springs Area

El Dorado Hills on-campus clubs are full with 127 participants and 20 leaders, and Shingle Springs area clubs include 50 participants and 15 leaders, including the new club at Pleasant Grove Middle School. At six shifts each week, Hands4Hope youth develop positive peer relationships with teens with autism through the MAPS outreach opportunity.



Folsom

The Folsom on-campus clubs include 112 youth, with 20 in leadership roles. Three clubs collected and bundled toiletries for 226 homebound seniors, with a value of \$930. Hands4Hope participants helped collect 55,000 pounds of food on Folsom Community Service Day.



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