



A MESSAGE FROM FOUNDATION

I'm thrilled to introduce this Annual Report for the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce Foundation. We hope it gives you some insight into the work we have been doing in and around the Pasadena community.

The last two years have undoubtedly been some of the most challenging years in a generation. Businesses, schools, and non-profit organizations have all struggled to navigate constantly changing environments, while also trying to operate in a manner that protects employees and members.

The Pasadena Jaycees Foundation recognized that COVID-19 presented opportunities to further the Junior Chamber mission of "leadership training through community service." Projects like Operation Santa and Operation Gobbler were successfully adapted to thrive in a community dealing with a pandemic and subsequent lock downs. We also created new projects, like Operation Strong, that provided necessary personal sanitation items to unhoused individuals. Instead of simply canceling projects, the Foundation and Chapter worked together to come up with innovative solutions to keep these projects successful.

For those of you that volunteered your time or donated to one of our projects, I want to offer my sincerest gratitude. We hope to build upon the great work of our volunteers and donors and have an even more successful 2022.

- **Cheryl Pool**, Foundation President

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FIVE ACRES

Five Acres was founded as an orphanage in 1888. It is the oldest non-sectarian child services center in the San Gabriel Valley. They help abused and neglected children through prevention, treatment, and education for both children and their families.

mutually beneficial relationship through community awareness as well as participation in various volunteer events including a spring and summer party. During these two events, the Jaycees spread fun and joy to the children of Five Acres with theme-based activities.

“Volunteers are so important because they are like the family we don’t have.”

- STAYSI SILL,
FORMER FIVE ACRES RESIDENT

The Pasadena Jaycees started working with Five Acres in 2007. Over the years, the two organizations have had a

service to the community. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the children of Five Acres received STEAM

By the numbers...

54

DIY LAVA
LAMP KITS
FROM NELA
BIG BRAIN
ACADEMY

15

YEARS OF
SERVICE
TO FIVE
ACRES

100

PERCENT
FUNDED BY
DONATIONS

activities kits from the Jaycees as in-person events were not possible.





“It was inspiring to see the organization come together and look for ways to help people when there were so many hardships and unknowns in the world. We identified a need and found a way to help faster than any other project in our (recent) history. It was a great way for our entire chapter to be involved and contribute to our community when they needed it most.”

- TESSA YOUNG,
OPERATION STRONG CO-CHAIR

OPERATION STRONG

In response to COVID-19, the Pasadena Jaycees partnered with community organizations to distribute hygiene kits in August of 2020 to individuals of lower income with a specific focus on those without housing. Each kit consisted of face masks, hand sanitizing wipes, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrush, razor, shampoo, deodorant, socks, hair elastics, body soap, antibiotic ointment, and a card with local resources. We successfully

distributed 1,566 kits with 500 allocated to the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), 300 to Friends in Deed, 300 to Foothill Unity Center, 300 to the Downtown Women's Shelter, and 100 individuals.

Fundraising events included a virtual magic show as well as several individual donations. Special thanks to Arroyo Insurance Services who donated feminine hygiene products and Mrs. Holly of Drinkers Hall of Fame who donated socks.



By the numbers...

20 ITEMS PER KIT
1566 HYGIENE KITS
4 ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED
(PLUS 100 MORE INDIVIDUALS)



OPERATION GOBBLER

Last November the Pasadena Jaycees, along with Friends in Deed (FID), distributed Thanksgiving meals to over 350 local families in need. This annual event, cleverly called Operation Gobbler, was first organized in 1987 by Jaycee members Nancy Elchones, Phil Raycraft and honorary life member Jay Rinehart.

meals to thousands of families in the San Gabriel Valley.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, Operation Gobbler has looked a little different lately. Unlike previous years, volunteers did not solicit food donations in front of local markets. Instead, the Jaycees procured turkeys for each family through both monetary and food donations.

In a time when clients of Friends in Deed continue to face increased levels of food insecurity,

the Pasadena Jaycees Foundation was able to provide over \$4,500 to ensure

By the numbers...

35

YEARS OF
GIVING
BACK TO THE
COMMUNITY

350+

TURKEYS
DISTRIBUTED
WITH FID

85%

FUNDED
THROUGH
GRANTS

“Thanks to the Pasadena Jaycees and Friends in Deed, I can prepare a Thanksgiving meal for my children, grandchildren, and mother.”

- ELISIA FARMER, FRIENDS IN DEED CLIENT

For 35 years, the Jaycees have continuously collected, sorted and distributed Thanksgiving

they had a turkey and pie on Thanksgiving.

A special thanks to the vigilant efforts of Friends in Deed pantry manager, Tim Nistler, and 2021 Op Gobbler chairpersons, Crystal Diaz and Irene Guillen, for making the project possible with these modifications.





OPERATION SANTA

Since 1934, the Pasadena Jaycees have received “letters to Santa” from local school children and delivered toys to those children on Christmas Eve.

“I checked in a woman who was on the verge of tears. She had four kids and lost her job due to COVID and said she didn’t think she would be able to give her kids gifts if it weren’t for us.”

- JUSTINE GRAY, JAYCEES BOARD MEMBER

In the face of a global pandemic, the Jaycees and volunteers from the community were more determined than ever to make the holiday season

a little brighter. Thanks to the hard work of the committee and the contributions of community donors, the Jaycees were able to re-imagine the project and create a drive-

through toy pick up at Santa’s workshop delivering toys to over 1000 children.

The drive-through experience brought children to the North Pole where they could wave to Santa and take photos safely from their vehicles while Santa’s elves loaded up their vehicles with

By the numbers...

100% OF CHILDREN RECEIVED STEAM TOYS

3000 TOYS GIVEN OUT

60 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

toys. With the help of a generous grant from the Tournament of Roses Foundation and donors like The Notley family, we were able to deliver STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) toys to 100% of the children.





OTHER THINGS WE DO

Along with our benchmark projects, the Pasadena Jaycees and Pasadena Jaycees Foundation also connect with the community in other ways.

Since 1986, the Pasadena Jaycees and the Kasukabe Jaycees of Japan have participated in an annual cultural exchange for both Jaycee members and local high school students. Each year the project takes place in either Kasukabe, Japan, or Pasadena, California, as a way to foster international relations and forge bonds across the globe.

While the project was forced to take a hiatus due to COVID-19, the Pasadena Jaycees Intern Program is also a hugely impactful experience for the community. Approximately 10 to 20 local high school students get the chance to work hand-in-hand with the Board of Directors to plan and execute projects, namely Operation Gobbler and Operation Santa. Several of our former student interns have ultimately joined the Pasadena Jaycees once they turned 21, and they were able to step in and lead projects almost immediately.

The Jaycees also contribute to other outside volunteer groups, regularly staffing Friends In Deed's Bad Weather Shelter, a weather activated shelter for unhoused individuals, and also volunteering frequently to support foster children in need, the unhoused, and many other members of our community. The Jaycees frequently partner with Five Acres, Friends In Deed, and Union Station.

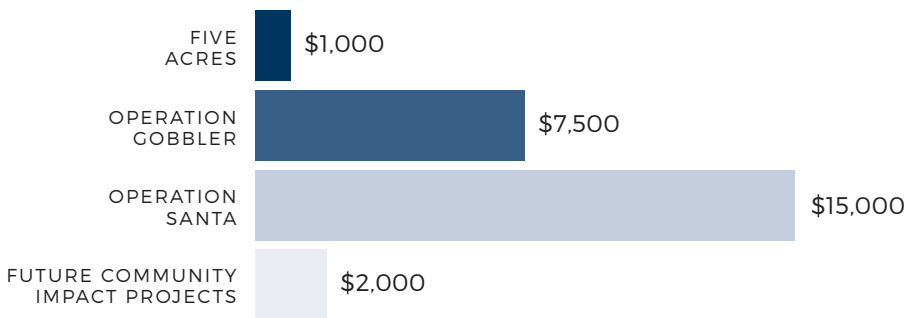
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