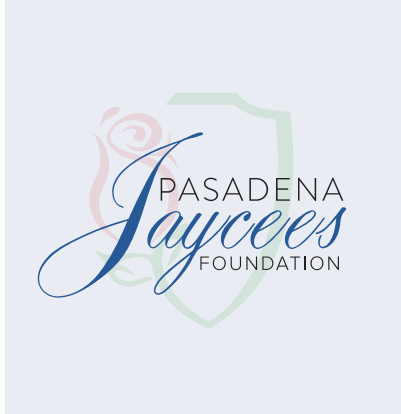




A MESSAGE FROM FOUNDATION

I'm thrilled to introduce this second annual report for the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce Foundation. We hope it provides you with some insight into the great work we have been doing in and around the Pasadena community.

For those who don't know me, my name is Mike Wehbe, and I'm the current president of the Pasadena Jaycees Foundation. I'm also a JCI senator, and served as the 87th president of the Pasadena Jaycees chapter in 2016. I want to take a moment to thank former President Cheryl Pool for her time and service to the foundation over the past few years.

The last three 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. In 2022, Pasadena Jaycees Foundation projects like Operation Santa and Operation Gobbler were finally able to return to pre-COVID-19 operations; with Operation Santa returning to Santa teams visiting homes and Operation Gobbler lifting the limited volunteer restrictions. Our chapter

also created a new project to support Ukraine by partnering with JCI Ukraine to raise funds to help build refugee centers.

2022 was the most successful fundraising year in recent memory for the Pasadena Jaycee's Foundation, with over \$35,000 donated by various people and organizations through multiple campaigns. Past Presidents, current and past members, honorary life members, politicians, parents, grants, and Facebook campaigns, all came together to support each one of our projects.

The Pasadena Jaycees were also recognized by JCI USA this past year and received several awards. The fundraiser for Ukraine received the 2022 Project of the Year and Top Overall 2022 Outstanding Local UN SDG Program awards. In addition, Operation Santa was awarded the 2022 Outstanding Long-Term Local Community Empowerment Project.

I want to offer my sincerest gratitude to those of you who volunteered your time or donated to one of our projects. We are excited for this year as we hope to build upon the great work of our volunteers and donors and have an even more successful 2023.

- **Mike Wehbe**, Foundation President

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FIVE ACRES

In 2022, the Pasadena Jaycees celebrated 15 years of our partnership with Five Acres.

Five Acres was founded as an orphanage in 1888. It is the oldest non-sectarian child

“It’s always a joy to spend time with the children and see the smiles (and be chased around with water balloons).”

- IRENE GUILLEN, 93RD PRESIDENT OF THE PASADENA JAYCEES

services center in the San Gabriel Valley. They help abused and neglected children through prevention, treatment, and education for both children and their families.

The Pasadena Jaycees have built a 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, and the children eagerly anticipate the

parties and activities every year.

This year’s event kicked off with a water balloon toss, slip and slide, arts and craft tables, followed by snow cones,

By the numbers...

45 CHILDREN SUPPORTED

16 YEARS OF SERVICE TO FIVE ACRES

100 PERCENT FUNDED BY DONATIONS

popcorn, pizza, basketball, soccer, and more!

The event was fully funded by donations to the Pasadena Jaycees Foundation.





“JCI believes that the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations. On behalf of JCI Europe, thank you for the support of our members in JCI Ukraine.”

- JENNI AHLSTEDT,
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SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

In response to devastating global events, the Pasadena Jaycees swung into action to support JCI Ukraine.

Through a detailed social media marketing campaign and regular updates at Jaycee events, the Pasadena chapter raised over \$2,800 to donate to charitable efforts in Ukraine.

The funds have been used to build and equip refugee centers during the ongoing humanitarian crisis and war with Russia.

JCI Ukraine has created refugee centers, or hostels, where they are providing valuable resources to refugees fleeing to other parts of the country and across Europe. JCI is providing meals from local restaurants, psychological support, and integration support.

JCI Ukraine has been able to offer valuable resources to their community, and the Pasadena chapter is grateful to have been able to contribute to their cause.



By the numbers...

36

INDIVIDUAL DONORS TO UKRAINE

\$2,831

RAISED TO SUPPORT JCI UKRAINE



OPERATION GOBBLER

In 2022, the Pasadena Jaycees continued its long-standing tradition of providing Thanksgiving meals to those in need in the greater Pasadena area—serving over 400 families this year.

Jaycee honorary life member Jay Rineheart. For 36 years, the Jaycees have continued this service project by collecting ingredients to make Thanksgiving meals and then distributing them to the

households that need them the most.

In 2022, we were able to provide meals to over 400 families, an \$11,000 value, which was almost entirely

funded by grants and community donations.

We are grateful for the efforts of Friends In Deed Pantry and

By the numbers...

36 YEARS OF GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

400+ TURKEYS DISTRIBUTED WITH FID

90% FUNDED THROUGH GRANTS

“Op Gobbler is a wonderful tradition that brings our community together to serve our neighbors in need during the busy holiday season...We are so grateful for the Pasadena Jaycees and their hard work to pull this together each year.”

- TIM NISTLER, DIRECTOR OF THE FRIENDS IN DEED FOOD PANTRY

their continued support of this amazing project.

We are also proud to announce that the 2022 Operation Gobbler project was awarded The President’s Volunteer Service Award, a civil award bestowed by the President of the United States.

Operation Gobbler was first organized in 1987 by Jaycee members Nancy Elchones, Phil Raycroft, and Pasadena





OPERATION SANTA

For 88 years, the Jaycees have continued the tradition of spreading joy through Pasadena during the holiday season. This year, the Jaycees returned to in

Chairperson Shawn Sauerwein and her committee worked especially hard this year to appreciate the 133 volunteers that helped the project return stronger than ever.

The project was covered by KNX and Pasadena Now. Op Santa also had overwhelming support from The Pasadena Police Department, Reading to Kids, Toys for Tots, and Sparks of Love.

“Op Santa is like the best part of every Christmas movie rolled into one...one of the many things that makes Pasadena special and why I’m proud to call it home!”

- SHAWN SAUERWEIN,
OPERATION SANTA CHAIR 2022

person deliveries with 30 Santa Teams including Elves, Mrs. Clause, and Santa himself who hand delivered thousands of toys on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to generous donations from The Notley Family and Becon Property Management, each child received multiple hand selected toys based

By the numbers...

965

CHILDREN
RECEIVED
TOYS & A VISIT
FROM SANTA

100%

OF CHILDREN
RECEIVED
STEAM TOY & A
BOOK

31

TEAMS OF
SANTAS &
HELPERS

on a child’s specific wish to Santa. Each child received a STEAM toy to promote science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to the Pasadena Jaycee’s longest running project.





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.

After holding a virtual exchange for 2 years, the Pasadena Jaycees welcomed 6 adults in person to stay with host families for 7 days and held a virtual student exchange with 10 students each from Kasukabe and Pasadena. The group held a joint meeting, met with Pasadena City Council member Gene Masuda for a tour of City Hall, visited the Griffith Observatory, went to the Magic Castle, attended an Angels Game, hiked Vasquez

Rocks, and spent time creating lasting memories with Jaycee members, family and friends.

The Jaycees also contribute to help outside volunteer groups, volunteering at the LA Food Bank, the Masters of Taste event, Escondido Jaycees Christmas Parade, and more.

The Jaycees also frequently partner with Five Acres, Friends In Deed, and Union Station.

Please reach out via our website or info@pasadenajaycees.org to sign up or get future updates on a particular project.



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