



Note from a Friend

As the song says, "school's out for summer!"

Over the past few months, Project Hope Alliance has been a part of senior pictures, proms, first-in-family high school graduations, and college acceptances. Generationally impactful milestones. These moments are precious and a cause for celebration. We've also been a part of other, even more critical, life-changing moments. We've walked alongside our youth when they've had the courage to seek mental health support, shared substance abuse challenges they are battling, and made personal commitments to stay in school and do what it takes to graduate. These quieter moments usher our kids into new hope and possibility.

And so, summer begins! And our work becomes more critical than during the school year as our kids seek connection and activities outside of their motel rooms, doubled-up apartments, and shelters.

Join us in creating Summer #ForTheKids! This initiative will support the myriad of fun activities for our youth this summer, whether it's camp in Catalina or Yosemite, surf camp, museums, art & cooking classes, college tours, or beach days, you can provide a summer that all kids deserve. These activities will be fun and expose them to new discoveries, but importantly, each will help our kids develop social skills, communication skills, learn about healthy relationships, and so much more.

So while school is not "out forever", together we can make this summer meaningful & amazing #forthekids. Please join us!

Our Team is Growing!



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Shining a light on students Experiencing Homelessness



Project Hope Alliance was summoned by the Grand Jury August 2022 to share our experience and expertise concerning student homelessness in Orange County and how it impacts a student's academic journey. We shared our innovative model of care, strategic community partnership model, and successful outcomes. The OC Grand Jury released their report May 25, 2023, entitled, "The ABCs of Educating Children Experiencing Homelessness in Orange County", highlighting what we have always known to be true: there are nearly 30,000 students experiencing homelessness in Orange County and we need to do more together to ensure all of our community's kids thrive inside and outside the classroom.

Says CEO, Jennifer Friend, "For the past decade, Project Hope Alliance's greatest challenge has been the invisibility of our kids. The Grand Jury's report has lifted that and demanded action on their behalf. When we have a community prioritize the unique needs of children experiencing homelessness, meeting the needs of the whole child while measurably improving their academic performance, incredible things happen inside and outside the classroom. We are grateful for our district, city, and nonprofit partners that are enabling us to end the cycle of generational homelessness."

Hope in Action

Spring break is a time to rest and relax before the end of the school year. While some children vacation with their families, for many of our PHA students, spring vacation may be out of reach. Thanks to our loving community, this year our students had a memorable week of their own!

During spring break, our Project Hope Alliance team planned fun activities tailored to our students' interests. We hosted a Picture Day at the beach for our Class of 2023 seniors so they can celebrate the milestone of graduating high school without worrying about the cost of professional photography.

Through a partnership with Pacific Symphony, our students enjoyed listening to and observing professional musicians perform in our community space. Our students also spent time with professional bakers, barbers, make-up artists, and entrepreneurs to learn about their career journeys.

Each thoughtful activity ensured our students could enjoy being kids and opened their young minds to opportunities they never thought possible.





PHA SUMMER #FORTHEKIDS



**YOU CAN HELP OUR KIDS HAVE
A SUMMER THAT ALL KIDS
DESERVE – ONE FILLED WITH
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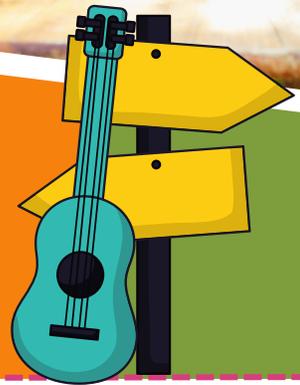


Activities

- ✓ Summer Camp in Catalina and Yosemite National Park
- ✓ Surf Camp
- ✓ Beach Days
- ✓ Museums and Zoos
- ✓ College Tours
- ✓ And so much more!



Give the gift of Summer Fun!
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check Enclosed Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover

Amount \$ _____

Credit Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

- \$100- Aquarium Adventure
- \$300- Beach Days
- \$500- Summer Camp
- \$1,000- Sponsor a student all summer long!

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Coming up:

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December:
Gift Card Drive &
Toy Drive



November:
Thanksgiving
Food Drive



September:
PHA
Open House



July:
Back to
School Drive



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