

#### **Program Highlight**



#### Prevention & Education: Empowering Youth to Make Positive Choices

Prevention & Education (P&E) is on a mission to make a real impact in the lives of young adolescents by reducing drug use and empowering them with the tools to make positive choices! The program focuses on delivering prevention-related education, promoting strong anti-drug values, and providing vital drug refusal techniques. But that's not all—they're also helping youth build personal self-management and social skills that will benefit them for a lifetime

#### What P&E Offers: Key Program Components

Prevention and Education Services help children, youth, and families build on strengths, build protective factors to manage situational change, access appropriate community support and resources, and improve functioning in daily activities at home, at school, at work, and in the community. Services are provided on-site at RCS, in the community, and on school campuses throughout Santa Clara County. Some key skills participants learn are:

- Drug Resistance Skills Teaching youth how to confidently say "no" to drugs.
- Personal Self-Management Helping them manage emotions, set goals, and make responsible decisions.
- Social Skills Building their confidence to navigate social situations and peer pressure.

#### What Sets Us Apart: Creativity Meets Learning

P&E believes learning should be fun and interactive! Through games, art, and creative icebreakers, they bring each lesson to life, making sure our youth stay engaged and excited to participate. P&E services include:

- School-based Small Groups & Healing Circles
- Parenting Workshops & Support Groups
- Substance Use Prevention Workshops & Presentations
- Community Education & Outreach

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### **Community Connections: Engaging Local Youth**

P&E is proud to serve local youth from our community! Most of the adolescents they work with come through partnerships with local schools and outreach events. By staying connected with our community, they can ensure we're reaching those who need us most.

#### Looking Ahead: Expanding Our Reach

The Prevention & Education program is growing! In recent years, P&E has successfully expanded into San Jose and partnered with schools across Santa Clara. And they're not stopping there—the goal is to bring our life-changing services to even more areas in need. Stay tuned as we continue to reach new communities and empower even more youth to make positive, healthy choices!



## Save the Date for Upcoming Events

#### Toy Drive Car Show

Join us for Rebekah Children's Service's first-ever Toy Drive Car Show in collaboration with The Chosen Ones Car Club and Street Style Car Club! This family-friendly event will feature a DJ, delicious food trucks, raffles, vendors, and fun activities for the kids. This event is free and open to the community. Let's rev up the fun while giving back!

Date: Saturday, November 2nd Time: 12PM - 4PM (Roll-in 8AM - 11:30AM) Car Entry Fee: \$10 donation + 1 unwrapped new toy (teen gifts are especially needed!)







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CINNABAR HILLS GOLF CLUB 23600 MCKEAN RD, SAN JOSE CA



Join us for our 21st Annual Festival of Trees on Saturday, November 23rd, from 6 PM - 10 PM, at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club. Mark your calendars and get ready for an evening of excitement and giving!

Prepare for a high-stakes evening packed with, live and silent auctions, lucky draws, and fundraising for a great cause. Get your tickets today and don't miss this fantastic evening!



# **NIGHTS**

Get ready to light up your December! Join us for Night of Lights from December 6th to 8th. Enjoy an incredible holiday lights display, live DJ, and indulge in delicious treats from food trucks! Plus, don't miss your chance to meet the jolly man himself—Santa! Bring your family and friends for a festive celebration you won't forget!

# DECEVHBER 6TH - 8TH FRI, SUN 5 PM - 8 PM, SAT 5 PM - 9PM

## Philanthropy Corner

#### Second Harvest Starbucks Volunteers

Huge thank you to Starbucks for their incredible support and dedication to our community! Each month, Starbucks volunteers generously come out to assist with our Second Harvest free grocery distribution, helping to ensure that families in need have access to fresh groceries.

Their ongoing commitment to giving back is deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for their time, effort, and partnership in making a positive impact on our community. Thank you, Starbucks, for helping us provide essential resources and for being such a valued part of our mission!

REMEMBER

THE TOOTHFAIRY



#### **Remember the ToothFairy**

We are excited to announce a special donation from Remember the ToothFairy, a student-led nonprofit organization based in the South San Francisco Bay Area. Dedicated to promoting healthy brushing habits in children, Remember the ToothFairy is helping to close the oral health gap by making dental hygiene products accessible to children from lowincome and disadvantaged backgrounds. This amazing nonprofit is donating personalized goody bags filled with essential dental hygiene items, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss, to support the clients we serve. Each goody bag comes with a handwritten card, thoughtfully made by one of their volunteers, adding a personal touch to the gift. Thank you, Remember the ToothFairy, for making a difference!

# Philanthropy Corner (cont)

Share The Warmth **Coat Drive** November 4th-22nd

Stratford School is partnering with Rebekah Children's Services for their Share The Warmth Coat Drive. Donate new or gently used coats, jackets, and sweaters for both kids and adults. Drop off your donations and help keep our community warm.

Drop-off at: 410 Llagas Rd, Morgan Hill, CA. 95037



#### Share the Warmth Coat Drive

We're excited to highlight the incredible support from Stratford School and CMAP TV, who have partnered with us to host the Share the Warmth Coat Drive this winter season. These two agencies are stepping up to help us collect new and gently used coats, jackets, and sweaters for both kids and adults, ensuring that members of our community stay warm during the cold months.

Thanks to Stratford School and CMAP TV, we're able to reach even more families in need. Their generosity in hosting this drive will have a lasting impact, providing comfort and warmth to those who need it most. We are grateful for their partnership and for helping us make a difference this winter!



#### We're Pumpkin Up with Gratitude!

This fall season, we're delighted to recognize George Chiala Farms for their generous donation of a truckload of pumpkins, bringing seasonal cheer to our children and families! Our agency has been able to spread joy, creating a warm and festive atmosphere for our programs and fall celebrations. From carving and painting to sharing smiles, these pumpkins have added extra magic to our fall festivities. Thank you, George Chiala Farms, for helping make this season brighter for our community!

### Look Back on 6th Annual National Coming Out Day Celebration



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 6th Annual National Coming Out Day Flag Raising and Resource Fair on October 9th. We celebrated with Santa Clara County and San Benito communities, featuring music by Lavender Fields, delicious appetizers from Kneaded Bakery and Catering, exciting games and activities with the Hollister Game Truck, and a captivating Folklorico performance by Son de Mi Corazon.

We are also incredibly honored to have received a Certificate of Recognition from Speaker Robert Rivas in recognition of our efforts to celebrate and uplift the LGBTQIA+ community. This acknowledgment highlights the significance of our event and the positive impact we strive to make.

Thank you to our partners, performers, and attendees, your continued support and leadership mean the world to us, and we look forward to celebrating many more milestones together! Don't miss next year's 7th Annual Coming Out Day on Wednesday, October 8th, 2025.

#### Halloween Trunk or Treat Event Recap 🎃

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Halloween Trunk or Treat event in October! Your participation and generous donations of candy and treats helped make this a memorable day for families in our community. This event would not have been possible without your time, support, and enthusiasm. Together, we created a safe and fun environment for children to celebrate Halloween, all while shining a light on our Foster Care and Adoption Program in collaboration with our dedicated Foster Care partners!





Rebekah CHILDREN'S SERVICES

RCS SERVES OVER 1200 LOCAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGH OUR ANNUAL TOY DRIVE.



The holiday season is almost upon us, and we're ready to make this year's Toy Drive at Rebekah Children's Services the merriest yet! Last year, with your help, we brightened the holidays for over 1,200 children and youth, and we can't wait to spread even more cheer this year.

Here's how you can be a holiday hero:

1. Donate Toys: Bring new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages to any of our participating locations by Dec 12th (donations welcomed all month long!).

2. Toy Bin Placement: Spread the holiday spirit by hosting a toy collection bin at your business or organization for your staff, customers, or community to fill with gifts.

3. Organize a Toy Drive Event: Host a toy drive event, bringing people together to collect toys and spread holiday cheer.

4. Monetary Donation: Help us purchase toys directly for the children we serve by texting "toys" to 366283 to donate or visit our website.

Let's make this season sparkle with joy and generosity!

Donate to Our Toy Drive

# **TOY BIN LOCATIONS**

• Rebekah Children's Services 290 I.O.O.F Ave. Gilroy, CA. 95020

- Edward Jones 8060 Santa Teresa Blvd. Gilroy, CA. 95020
- La Quinta Inn & Suites 17043 Condit Rd. Morgan Hill, CA. 95037
- Intero Real Estate Office: Los Gatos 518 North Santa Cruz Ave. Los Gatos, CA. 95030
  - South Valley Oral & Facial Surgery 7880 Wren Ave. E152, Gilroy, CA. 95020
    - CMAP TV 7500 Monterey Rd, Gilroy, CA 95020
    - Fifth Street Coffee 7501 Monterey Rd. Gilroy, CA. 95020
    - Fortino Winery 4525 Hecker Pass Hwy, Gilroy, CA. 95020
    - Peet's Coffee 755 Cochrane Rd. Suite 100 Morgan Hill, CA. 95037
      - Happy Hearts Preschool 8985 Monterey Rd, Gilroy, CA 95020
        - Sandy's Cafe 6120 Monterey Rd, Gilroy, CA 95020



#### Ways to Support

## Toy Drive & Night of Lights Volunteer Opportunities

The holiday season is approaching, and we need your help! We have several ways you can support our upcoming events and spread joy in the community:

- Toy Drive Volunteers Needed: We're seeking volunteers to assist with gift wrapping and sorting during the week of our Toy Drive from December 11th 18th. You can also donate new, unwrapped toys at any of our partnered drop-off locations or make a monetary donation to help us purchase much-needed toys for children.
- Night of Lights Volunteers: Help us make our Night of Lights event a magical experience! We need volunteers for set-up, assistance during the event, and breakdown. This free, family-friendly event will feature a DJ, dazzling holiday lights, food trucks, and a visit from Santa. It's a great opportunity to give back to the community, and we would love your help to make it all happen! Sponsorship opportunities are also available for those who want to support this special event.

Volunteering with us is a great way to fulfill community service hours for graduation requirements or to engage your team or business in meaningful community service. If you're interested in helping out or partnering with us, please contact us at fd@rcskids.org. We'd love to chat more about how you can get involved!



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