

NCL Acalanes Area Chapter continues volunteer efforts during pandemic



Pam and Kelsey Severson

Photo Todd Severson

Submitted by Jillian Esopa

Members from the National Charity League, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter, continue to serve NCL's mission and its commitment to service by helping the local community and disaster relief efforts.

NCL is evolving with the current shelter-in-place restrictions in Contra Costa County and beyond, finding creative and meaningful ways to be of service to the community. Sewing masks, making face mask strap adapters for healthcare workers and weaving life-saving paracord bracelets for first responders and troops are just a few of the many new efforts at hand. They are also transitioning from previous on-site volunteer efforts such as weekly help at Aegis Senior Living running Bingo and brain games, to off-site projects. These new, off-site efforts include

video making, window posters and birthday drive-by parades for resident seniors to help foster connection during this socially distant time.

The mother and daughter members of NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter collectively contributed 8,531 hours to various local philanthropies during the previous year, which ended March 31. NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter currently partners with 33 local philanthropies and is always looking for new ways to serve the community including expanding its list to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about the NCL, Inc., Acalanes Area Chapter, visit <https://acalanesarea.nationalcharityleague.org/> Established in Los Angeles, California in 1925, and incorporated in 1958, National Charity League, Inc. is the nation's premier mother-daughter nonprofit organization.

Lamorinda teens shield the vulnerable



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Submitted by Carly Hoskins

People during this pandemic have been in more need of medical attention and care than ever, and thousands of first-line medical workers risk their own health and safety to help others in need, relying only on facial protection to keep themselves safe from the deadly virus. It Takes a Village, a local nonprofit organization created to help solve the supply versus demand mask issue, took charge by gathering 30 teenagers from Lamorinda to assemble 4,300 face shields for these modern-day heroes within six days.

Materials were distributed to the teens, who assembled 100-200 shields each. Like any project with a time crunch and no time for planning, some issues arose, such as missing materials, logistical hiccups, and a need for over 80 large boxes. However, the motivated teens rose to the challenge, and just six

days later all 4,300 shields were boxed and ready to be distributed. "At first it was challenging because we had to figure out how to correctly assemble the masks. After my family and I got the hang of it, the time passed by quickly, and it was super fun making them," Ellie Foster, a teen volunteer, said.

The face shields were delivered on May 15 to Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and San Leandro's Fairmont Hospital. In caravans of 14 cars stuffed with shields, teens and parents delivered the masks personally to the nurses and doctors. During the drop off, the volunteers were greeted with sincere gratitude and joy. "It was really cool to meet the doctors that would be using the shields, and I felt like all the hard work was worth it," expressed Miramonte student Lauren Cunningham.

It Takes a Village is just one example of everyday people doing what they can to help those who help us the most.

Campo Key Club food drive continues through end of June



Submitted by Tim Freeman

Sophia Taylor picks up a donation for the Campo Key Club Food Drive benefitting the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. The food drive extends through the month of June. Donations of non-perishable food items in paper bags, placed near mailboxes, are picked up each Friday at your doorstep. Email campokeyclub@gmail.com to arrange a pickup.

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Troop 234 offers food drive through June 28

Submitted by Kindra Sampson

Moraga's Boy Scout Troop 234 is holding a food drive to benefit those impacted by the coronavirus in Contra Costa County through the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. There are a variety of ways to donate: by donating food at a local drop-off location (see below), by donating cash at the troop's table at the Moraga Farmers' Market (June 28) or by simply donating online: <https://give.foodbankccs.org/team/301118>

Drop-off barrel locations:

- Campolindo Cabana Pool Club
- Campolindo High School
- 500 Rheem Blvd. in Moraga
- 1070 Larch Avenue in Moraga
- 256 Draeger Drive in Moraga
- Saklan School

Food Drive shopping list:

- Natural Peanut Butter
 - Whole grain cereals
 - Hearty Low-Sodium Soups
 - Beans and Lentils (dry or canned)
 - Canned Tuna and chicken in water
 - Canned Fruit in Juice
 - Nonperishable, low-sodium chili, ravioli, etc.
 - Low-sodium canned vegetables
 - Brown Rice
 - Whole Wheat/Grain Pasta
 - Canned Tomato Products
- Troop 234 and the Contra Costa community appreciate your support.



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Rhys Pullen and Colin Sampson in front of one of the collection barrels at Campolindo.

For information, contact Colin Sampson (925) 388-9352 or Rhys Pullen (925) 388-9172.

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