



Joint Youth Ministry

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing on behalf of the Joint Youth Ministry, which represents 6th-12th graders from approximately 130 youth from 28 different schools and many neighborhoods in and around San Jose. Our purpose is to provide youth with relationships and experiences which enrich their lives and the lives of others. At least 40% of our students need scholarships to help participate in trips and events and we are asking for your support. Some examples of the programs we do that help impact their understanding of the world and themselves are below.

- In November, students spent three days in San Francisco in relationship with each other and with those in need. We partnered with multiple nonprofits, served meals, handed out care kits, and learned about racial, religious and socio-economically diverse communities.

- Each month throughout the year, our students "Feed the Need." While learning cooking skills and cooperation, they prepare an entire home-cooked meal for those in need in our neighborhoods and deliver to those struggling.

Students meet multiple times a week to grow in their faith, learn communication skills, build relationships with mentors, participate in team building games and do projects to serve our local community.

- In June 2019, a group of 45 our high schoolers traveled to Pine Ridge, South Dakota in partnership with Next Step Ministries. We focused on understanding the history of the Lakota-Sioux people and learn from their experiences as well as helping to repair their homes and community centers.. In June 2020 we will travel to Crownpoint, New Mexico to the Navajo Nation to participate in a similar trip to help expand our understanding and lend our skills in ways that might be helpful.

Every year our Junior High students attend summer camp and we will be returning to Sugar Pine this year in July. They will learn about living in community, develop friendships and deepen their faith.

To help support this important, life-altering program, we are holding our annual fundraiser — *An Afternoon at the Ballpark* on March 29. **We are asking you to donate an item, service, or gift certificate for our auction.** Your donation will be acknowledged in our event program and is tax deductible as allowed by law (Tax I.D. 94-1546106). All proceeds go directly to Joint Youth Ministry program needs, such as frequent service projects, scholarships for mission trips, middle and high school camps, leadership training, and other year-round programs.

Thank you for your support of the Joint Youth Ministry. Please contact us if you have any questions.
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