



# CAL-VALLEY CONNECTION

## Quarterly Charity Update

We are already moving on to our second quarter charity on our 2023 referral program, but first, let's recap last quarter's charity. For our first quarter charity, Angel Babies, we are happy to have raised \$600 for the organization. Angel Babies offers a perinatal program for families whose unborn child has been diagnosed with a terminal condition. They assist families to welcome and enjoy their baby and, when necessary, say goodbye. We were happy to have supported Angel Babies in our referral program again, and if you are interested in learning more about this amazing charity, you can visit their website by clicking [here](#).

This quarter, we will be supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters. Cal-Valley's, Anusone Keochai, is on the board of directors. This organization provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Big Brothers Big Sisters is another returning charity in our referral program, and we look forward to supporting them for the next three months. To learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters, you can visit their website by clicking [here](#).



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## Angels of Grace Easter Event

Last week, Angels of Grace had their annual Easter celebration for the kids, and we are always happy to contribute however we can. This organization helps take care of children in need, while searching for a loving foster family for them, and we have partnered with them many times before.



Some of our employees got involved in the event once again. Donna Ewy collected candy donations for the egg hunt, and Lisa Hitchcock dressed up as the Easter Bunny, as she has done for the past several years. It was a beautiful day for the party, which was filled with lots of fun and activities. We look forward to celebrating Easter with Angels of Grace again next year.

## Cal-Valley Blood Drive

A few weeks ago, we hosted our Cal-Valley Blood Drive at our Fresno office. It had been a couple of years since we had been able to do one of these, so it was nice to partner with the Central California Blood Center once again. The Central California Blood Center had the Blood Bus in our parking lot, taking blood donations from those who signed up, and from walk-ins as well. We had a great turnout, which is always nice to see since the blood center is constantly in need of donations. Thank you to everyone who donated. We appreciate you taking the time to come out and help save lives. We also want to thank the Central California Blood Center for partnering with us again, and we look forward to teaming up and hosting another blood drive soon.



## Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The National Safety Council recognizes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. This event is intended to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving and encourage motorists like you to minimize potential distractions behind the wheel. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that more than 2,800 people are killed and 400,000 are injured in crashes involving a distracted driver each year—equating to approximately eight deaths and 1,095 injuries per day. Considering these findings, it's crucial to take steps to prevent distracted driving. Whenever you get behind the wheel, keep these distracted driving prevention measures in mind:

**Put away your phone.** Silence your phone and store it in a location that is out of reach while driving to lower the temptation to check it.

**Plan your trip before you leave.** Program your navigation system prior to hitting the road to get familiar with your journey and feel confident in your route.

**Don't fumble with your playlist.** Select a radio station or plug in a predetermined playlist before driving to limit the need for music adjustments.

**Secure passengers.** Ensure kids are properly situated in car seats (if needed) with seat belts fastened. Keep pets stationary in the back seat.

**Avoid multitasking.** Never complete additional tasks—such as eating or personal grooming—behind the wheel.

**Stay focused.** Concentrate your mind on the road by keeping distracting conversations to a minimum and looking straight ahead.



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