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A Season of Hope

Season's Greetings,

My name is David Rages II and I am a board member with the Ecumenical Hunger Program. I am also a longtime resident and native of East Palo Alto.

I was motivated to volunteer as a board member with EHP because of the incredible impact the agency makes in my community.

As a former Kinship Case Manager at Edgewood Center for Children and Families, I often sent my clients to EHP for help.

The organization provides food, clothing, furniture and other safety-net resources to a remarkably diverse array of individuals and families.

These resources are especially critical as our community endures the pandemic and economic downturn. Many of our families have lost work and income and need EHP services now more than ever. I am no stranger to this struggle as I was laid off due to the pandemic in June.

Even still, I offer a ray of optimism and hope for the future. I appeal to those in these situations to never give up, lean on your support system, and research and utilize the available resources in our beautiful community.

During the holiday season, EHP also provides gifts and toys to families in need. My father, David Sr., is a former social worker and often credits the safety-net that EHP has been able to provide, as the reason why many of his youth and families were able to become successful.

And I, in my role as president of Ravenswood Little League Baseball in EPA, have counted on EHP's program sponsorship, supporting the team for the 2021 season and offering to provide participating youth with snacks and water for practices and games.

I am moved by the generosity and support of our many donors, who help to ensure that EHP's very important services continue to be provided to families in need for generations to come.

I am inspired by our wonderful staff and volunteers. Your hard work and sacrifice, especially during this pandemic, shows your dedication to the local community. Thank you for all that you do.

Stay safe and take care,

David Rages II



David Rages II



Youth that Inspire

Tyler Wong loves to bake. The 9th grader and Duveneck - St. Francis resident is now selling his signature dessert – key lime pies – and using money from sales to help people in need.

"I started baking when I was in 6th grade. I really liked baking for my friends and loved seeing their reactions when they tasted my desserts. During the COVID-19 crisis, I wanted to help families in need. I decided to donate to the Ecumenical Hunger Program, helping to feed families struggling to make ends meet," he said.

From Aug. 9-15 alone, he baked 14 key lime pies, raising \$160 for EHP.

As of October 23rd, Tyler has baked and sold 50 pies and raised \$750. The Market at Edgewood generously matched Tyler's donation for a total of \$1500!

Thank you Tyler! You inspire us!



Ryan Lee is an Eagle Scout and this is his story:



Tyler Wong

In Scouting, the Eagle Project is one of the last requirements before a Scout can achieve the rank of Eagle, the highest rank in the Scouting program.

The goal of the project is to apply and further develop skills learned throughout scouting by making a lasting impact on the community.

My time with EHP goes back to sixth grade when my parents took a few friends and me to volunteer in the food pantry.

Since then, EHP serves as my default volunteer and service organization because I always enjoy my time there.

When I began considering potential Eagle Projects, one of the first organizations I considered to be my beneficiary was EHP.

Combined with my interest in first aid and the medical field, I decided that creating first aid kits would be a lasting and impactful project. Seeing that EHP served the demographic that I hoped would best benefit from my

project, I decided upon EHP as the project recipient organization.

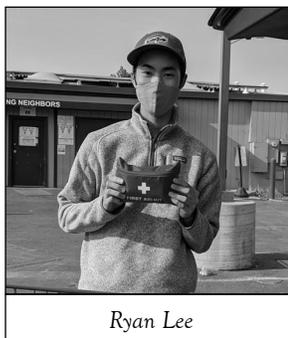
The first inklings of my project began with discussions with Charlotte Brown and LaKesha Roberts, who were the beneficiary liaisons for my project. After I received my beneficiary signature, I received the signatures from my Eagle advisor, my troop Committee Chair, and my district's representative. With all my approval signatures out of the way, I began recruiting volunteers by sending out an email to my troop.

With 15 volunteers ready to work, we

made homemade hand sanitizer over Zoom, assembled first aid kits, and designed informative first aid flyers and videos. Some volunteers used their language skills to help me translate important sections into Spanish. A group of Scout volunteers also

made homemade masks. With all the products complete and ready to go, after four weeks of planning and three weeks of hard work, I delivered the completed project to EHP on October 8th of this year.

Thank you Ryan! You inspire us!



Ryan Lee

Food for Thought ...

From March 2019-October 2019, we served 2,994 households, 8,589 individuals and 17,426 food boxes

From March 2020-October 2020, we served 5,669 households, 13,420 individuals and 24,609 food boxes

We registered 2,101 new families

And the numbers continue to rise ...

What will happen during the holiday season?

Shawn's Story



Twenty-five years ago, Shawn was living the good life, working in the legal field in San Francisco. After five years, bipolar disorder made his job increasingly difficult to manage and he switched careers, becoming a dog groomer. He took a major pay cut, could no longer afford his apartment and for the first time, found himself homeless. Shawn continued working as a dog groomer for the next decade, but was not able bring in steady income and he found his way to East Palo Alto. He would still be on the streets if not for the intervention of the EPA police department two years ago. They connected him to resources that would help Shawn rebuild his life. This past summer, after being homeless for almost 20 years, Shawn moved into an apartment filled with furniture and a fridge stocked with food, all from EHP. He credits the EPA PD, and EHP staff and donors for turning his life around.

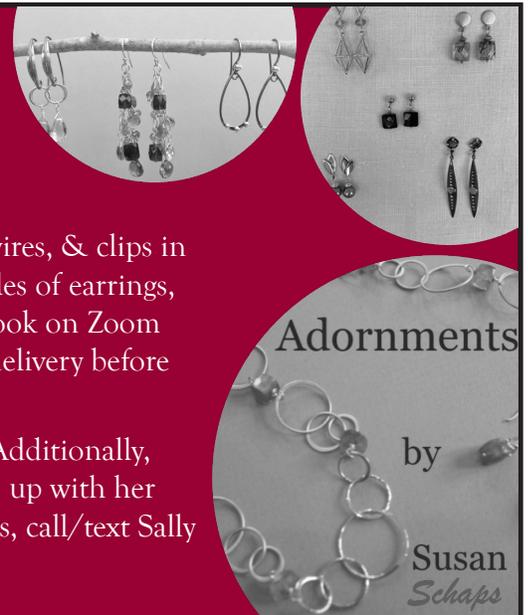
"Thanks, EHP, for your support. I am proof that a helping hand changes lives."

WHEN: November and December 2020 - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Safe, Socially Distanced Private Shopping on the Heated Deck in the Garden / 15% of sales will benefit EHP programs

New original designs from Sally's unique bead collection, amassed over the last 25 years, using precious and semi-precious stones, with posts, wires, & clips in sterling silver, 24K gold vermeil, and 14K gold fill. Simple to ornate styles of earrings, necklaces, bracelets and chain/pendant combinations- upgrade your look on Zoom calls, even when wearing sweats! Special Design orders welcome with delivery before the holidays.

Spread the news! Let others know about this unique shopping event. Additionally, check out Sally's Instagram profile [@adornmentsbysusanschaps](https://www.instagram.com/adornmentsbysusanschaps) to keep up with her latest jewelry styles. To make your appointment or discuss special orders, call/text Sally at 650-906-1045 or email sschaps@pacbell.net



Wish List

Our families desperately need your help. Families already struggling have been blindsided by COVID-19, threatening not only their health but also their livelihood. These families are food insecure and struggling to survive. Your generosity can make all the difference and you can become a safety-net for a neighbor-in-need this holiday season.

In order to have a socially distanced distribution that will protect our staff, clients and donors, we are asking for monetary and gift card donations to ensure a safe and simple holiday distribution, and to allow our families the ability to shop safely online. But new in-kind donations of food and gifts are also welcome.

Gift Cards

- Amazon, Costco, Lyft & Uber, Mobile Carriers (T-Mobile/Verizon/Sprint/Metro), Nordstrom Rack, Safeway, Walmart, Target, Visa & Mastercard (for bill payments)

Gift Donations (youth Christmas gifts)

- Action figure sets
- Bluetooth speakers, headphones, earbuds
- Board games (popular)
- Ethnic dolls
- Amazon Firestick
- Hot wheels sets
- Remote control toys (ground & air)
- Make-up/nail polish sets
- Men's & women's scents & bath sets
- Official NBA & NFL gear (local teams)
- Purses & fanny packs
- Men's and women's sterling silver jewelry



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