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OUR PATH OF HOPE IN 2023:

One of our most fruitful events of the year is our four-day High School Winter Retreat in Big Bear. We worship, study the scripture, break into small groups and of course have lots of fun playing in the snow!

We partnered with Unveiling to host monthly gatherings for our 7th-9th grade girls. Each month we shared a meal, played some games and then spent time talking about struggles and pressures the girls are facing from society.



We wrapped up another successful year of academies by hosting our first ever "Hope Awards" ceremony and family game night! It was a lively celebration to honor our hard-working elementary students, make fun memories with their families and of course eat tacos.

We changed up our summer ministry this year from our typical middle school summer camp to separate 6th-8th grade boys and girls retreats. The girl's theme was "Better Together" where we spent three days going deep on how to connect with God, others and ourselves, zeroing in on how God didn't design us to do life alone. The boy's theme was "Becoming Men" with outdoor challenges, talks about godly character and endless hours wrestling in the pool and playing basketball.



Our high school students had the experience of a lifetime going to camp on Catalina Island! They traveled by bus, ferry and speedboat to get there and loved every minute of it! What an experience waking up in cabins on the beach, paddle boarding and canoeing in the ocean and watching the students fall in love with Jesus more and more! A huge thank you to the Wentz family for making this camp possible!

HLA partnered with The Gathering Church for our annual Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway!

We kicked off a new year of our after school academies with our elementary, middle and high school students and welcomed a new partner, Point Loma Nazarene University. They have already given us a steady flow of interns from their Child Development program.



Thank you Aviara Oaks Elementary for hosting your 2nd annual food drive to help HLA families in need! Our elementary academy took pride in bagging and giving away groceries to their fellow schoolmates.

In addition to groceries, HLA sponsored 32 turkeys and 10 large pies for the King-Chavez Turkey Trot winners!

Jackie Joyner-Kersey was our acclaimed keynote speaker at our annual Night of Hope fundraiser dinner at The Westin in Carlsbad. Four HLA seniors received \$2,500 college scholarships and we had a special evening raising funds to continue our mission of reaching underserved youth in San Diego.

Toys for Hope is always our favorite outreach to end the year! We broke a record with over 300 volunteers coming out to serve the Logan Heights community! Families received toys, free haircuts, groceries and absolutely loved all the free Christmas festivities.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

MARCH - APRIL

MAY - JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER



Spring Break is always full of FUN field trips to reward the kids for their hard work throughout the year and provide a safe place for them to go while their parents work. This year we had an epic pool party at a very generous donor's house, went to SeaWorld, hiked Torrey Pines, had an indoor pool party at The Plunge Pool and even went to see the SD Wave play a soccer match!

We are also very grateful for local organizations that donate Padres tickets to us throughout the year! The kids love watching their hometown heroes and ministry always happens during our conversations there.



Taking our elementary kids to KidsGames at North Coast Calvary is always a highlight of the summer!

We also took 27 elementary kids and leaders to Camp Nawakwa in the San Bernardino mountains for four days. It was jam-packed with adventure like activities such as archery, hiking, rock climbing, canoeing, campfires and even an upclose encounter with a black bear!

After a few years hiatus, we held two week-long basketball camps at Muni Gym in Balboa Park again! These camps draw kids from around the county that aren't typically part of our weekly programming. Some of these families have been coming for 10+ years!

We had the huge honor of moving our first high school graduate to college and helping her finish her apartment at UC Irvine! Erika began HLA in 3rd grade and graduated with almost a full-ride scholarship!



Our original group of elementary students reconnected for a "God's Girls" reunion. They gave life updates, painted pumpkins and spent the afternoon reminiscing about special HLA memories with Mrs. Wentz.

Our high school mid-week group doubled in size this past year, as our students started inviting new friends to join the program. With all the negative news about the next generation, we want you to know that there are some pretty amazing future leaders coming out of HLA!

