

#1 SEEDS Homeless Youth Outreach

Plant hope. Change lives.

The SEEDS outreach team provides direct and immediate care to kids living on the streets in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties. In addition to delivering LifePacks, SEEDS also prepares and distributes food and hygiene kits, as well as cold weather supplies and gear.

With the combined efforts of our community and corporate partners, SEEDS is helping homeless and street youth gain access to job resources and social services they need to obtain job skills and employment along with stable, long-term housing to move off the streets and to move on with their lives.

For more information or to find out how to plant some SEEDS, visit www.myseeds.org.



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#2 CHILDREN'S TUMOR FOUNDATION

This donation makes a difference in the lives of those affected by NF. Vital research and patient support services would not be possible if it were not for generous donations to this program. The Foundation continues to seek effective treatments and a cure for NF, which is Neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow along nerves and can also affect development of bone and skin tissues. It causes tumors to grow anywhere on or in the body, and is one of the most common genetic neurological disorders, affecting one in 3000 people --more than cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, Huntington's Disease, and Tay Sachs combined.



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#3 VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION - VIM

The United Methodist VIM Coordinating Team organizes and dispatches our members on faith-oriented volunteer missions — locally, nationally, & internationally. Over the years, our church has sent mission teams on construction, human services, and disaster relief projects.

For many years our church has constructed homes and built strong interpersonal relationships in Colonet, Mexico. In springtime, a combination youth/adult mission team journeys to that small rural Mexican community to build a home or homes for a selected family or families ... with solar lighting & power provided through our close partnership with Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club in the award-winning "Lighting for Literacy" program.

In 2021, a family in need in Colonet will certainly receive the gift of a new "casita," in spite of the pandemic. If our family mission team cannot go to Colonet, then our VIM leadership team will coordinate the casita construction through the use of local Mexican workers there, under the direction of Ivan Ortega Rubio.

We have also sent mission teams to Caconde, Brazil to help in the completion of a large facility for seniors.

Financial gifts are used for projects and to award participation scholarships to some selected mission participants.



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#4 LIGHTING FOR LITERACY

Lighting for Literacy (LFL) is a humanitarian project for youth providing an educational pathway through math, science, and engineering. It is a joint venture between Los Gatos United Methodist Church and Los Gatos Morning Rotary. Lighting kits are assembled in local science classrooms and by volunteers at church, and installed in homes built by our LGUMC Volunteers in Mission in Colonet, Mexico each spring, enabling the children who move into those homes to study at night with lights provided by LFL. Through community partnerships, Lighting for Literacy has reached homes, schools, and orphanages in India and Africa as well.



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