

# *newsletter*

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An individual achieves existence through hope; society thrives and progresses with it. Therefore, just as a person without hope cannot truly exist, a society deprived of hope is paralyzed.

M. FETTULLAH GULEN

**FAMILY SUPPORTIVE HOUSE**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**HOPE'S CORNER**

**SOCKS DRIVE**

**BILL WILSON CENTER**

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**NOVEMBER #01**

# *who we are?*

At the Pacifica Institute, we are committed to fostering positive connections that bridge divides and strengthen the fabric of our communities. As part of this mission, our Community Service initiative actively engages with vulnerable groups, including homeless individuals and children in foster care, to provide support and build pathways for empowerment.

By fostering understanding and offering a helping hand, we aim to create lasting change that enriches the social good in our region.



Our mission is to develop social capital—creating meaningful connections within diverse communities to promote mutual understanding and shared commitments. Through our Community Service efforts, we work to dismantle barriers to trust and confidence, creating an environment where empathy, respect, and support are at the heart of every interaction.

We believe that by sharing insights, building trust, and fostering relationships, we can contribute to a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Through direct engagement with those in need, we seek to create a shared narrative of compassion, empowerment, and hope.



# *on the path to infinity*

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## Hope's Corner-Mercy street

**DATE NOVEMBER 11, 2024**

Delivery: 885 pairs of winter socks, 165 sets of underwear, hundreds of t-shirts, and an entire wardrobe full of clothes filled with life's stories.

Recipient: Madeline Locke, one of the leaders of Hope's Corner, a place where countless homeless individuals receive meals, showers, and fresh clothes—surviving day by day. Through the generosity of our donations, Madeline knows many of them by name and by their struggles. In her words, “In their eyes, we see the future happiness of many.”



represented by:

The ones who never said, "What difference does a single pair of socks make?"

The ones who believed that one is never enough, and who multiplied kindness 100-fold.

The ones who, in the cold of evening, carried bag after bag of t-shirts to the car with small hands.

The ones who sourced hoodies from LA, opening their homes at midnight to sort and pack them.

The ones who, despite busy lives, paused everything to collect donations for our Cultural Center.

The ones who, when hearing "homeless," didn't just walk by but became the difference, offering both material and emotional support, carrying the cold of the night in their hearts.

This is you, our beautiful, giant family! Though we may appear in the photos, it is you who are seen with the eyes of the world.

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THANKSGIVING

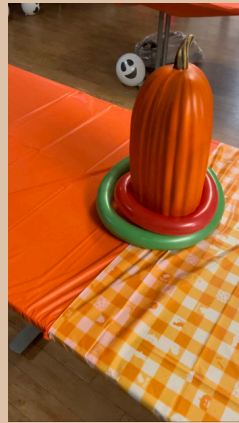


*Dinner Party at Bill Wilson Center*

NOVEMBER 21, 2024 AT 5.30 PM

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1100 SHASTA AVE, SAN JOSE



This year, we hosted a Halloween party for families and children residing at the Family Supportive Housing facility in San Jose. The festivities began the night before, when our team decorated the dining hall. At 6 a.m. the next morning, our dedicated kitchen crew prepared a hearty breakfast for everyone. Afterward, guests enjoyed refreshing bubble teas, thoughtfully prepared by our friends Aigirim and Hakan. The fun continued with face painting, balloons, and costumes, ensuring that everyone had a memorable time. It was a wonderful day of community, joy, and celebration!

