

THE *VANE*

Q4 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of **The Vane**, our quick snapshot of what's happening at Wind Youth Services.

We're here to support homeless and at-risk youth with essential safety-net services and a safe place to stay.

HOLIDAY GIVING: WHEN COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

As the holiday season unfolds, we are reminded that giving isn't just about gifts - it's about **community**. This time of year, generosity takes many forms: sharing time, resources, or simply kindness. Every act, big or small, helps guide our youth toward brighter opportunities and stronger connections. At *Wind Youth Services*, your support fuels programs that create safe spaces, learning opportunities, and moments of joy for young people who **need it most**.

Together, we're building a community where **every** young person feels seen, valued, and supported. From college student interns to donors contributing to essential programs - each gesture **strengthens the bonds** that hold us together. This season, as we reflect on what we've achieved, we also look forward - to new opportunities, new partnerships, and new ways to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our youth.



**TIMELY
DONATIONS
MAKING GIANT
IMPACT.**

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**OUT & ABOUT.
HERE'S WHAT WE'VE
BEEN UP TO:**

In October, our team was busy!

We joined the Sacramento County Office of Education for a tabling event focused on connecting with educators, program leaders, and school-based staff. It gave us the chance to highlight the services *Wind Youth* provides, answer questions directly, and make sure the people who interact with youth every day know where to turn when a young person needs safety, support, or basic resources.

We also participated in a countywide gathering that brought together elected officials, city leaders, and other community decision-makers to address homelessness collaboratively. *Wind Youth* was there to represent the needs of young people experiencing homelessness and to ensure that youth-specific resources were part of the conversation. Our presence helped reinforce that young people deserve a seat at the table when solutions are being built.



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DECEMBER WAS ALL
ABOUT THE HOLIDAY
JOY!



Wind Youth Services' Winter Fun Fest brought warmth and celebration to the holiday season, thanks to the support of Assemblywoman Maggy Krell. Youth gathered in downtown Sacramento for an afternoon of ice skating, a holiday feast, a festive raffle, and a gingerbread house decorating contest, along with other seasonal activities. The event created space for joy, connection, and community, offering youth a chance to celebrate the holidays in a welcoming and memorable way.

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A SNAPSHOT INTO SOME OF
OUR DONOR ACTIVITY
OVER THE LAST QUARTER.

When the recent CalFresh outage hit during the government shutdown, many of our youth suddenly found themselves without access to the food support they rely on. Thanks to **your** generosity, we were able to step in immediately with meal stipends and emergency supplies. Your contributions filled the gap when our community needed it most, ensuring young people didn't go hungry or unsupported during a moment of real uncertainty.

Special Thanks to some of our donors:

- Junior League of Sacramento
- Jack & Jill Foundation
- Seasoned Women of Sacramento
- Safe Credit Union
- Ar-Razzaq Food Bank
- Assistance League
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
- VFW Auxiliary 8985
- UC Davis
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