

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 2.16  
(ID # 22119)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, June 06, 2023

**FROM :** Riverside County Youth Commission:

**SUBJECT:** YOUTH COMMISSION: Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report for the 2022-2023 term, as required by Resolutions 98-032 the Youth Commission By-Laws (Article XIII).

**ACTION:Consent**

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Spiegel  
Date: June 6, 2023  
xc: Youth Comm.

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>				
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>				
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In its role to initiate and support projects and services involving young people in Riverside County, the Youth Commission provides advice, assistance, and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and County Department heads. The Youth Commission works to anticipate the educational, recreational and cultural needs of the youth of Riverside County, and it works to ensure the coordination of community resources to improve the quality of life for all its youth. One of the directives of the Board of Supervisors is the requirement to submit an annual report. This report is designed to be a compilation of the activities and the accomplishment of the Youth Commission and its comprising five Youth Advisory Councils.

The Commission and Youth Advisory Councils wish to thank the Boards of Supervisors for their continued support, insight, and commitment by appointing the Commission to continue to be a voice for the youth in Riverside County.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Each of the five Riverside County Youth Advisory Councils works towards improving the community by volunteering their time and efforts with organizing members of the community. The Youth Commission also host several events aimed toward improving the lives of young people throughout Riverside County by providing them the resources to achieve their goals.

The Riverside County Youth Advisory Councils consists of high school students throughout the County. Cumulatively, they have volunteered 2,219.5 hours of community service during the past year. If those students were paid California's minimum wage of \$15.00/hour, they donated the equivalent of \$33,292.50 in free services to their communities. The website "Independentsector.org" places a value of \$31.80 per hour of volunteer work and using this figure the Youth Commission donated nearly \$70,580.10 this year. While in reality, it is not possible to place a dollar value on the services they provide, it is important to understand that they are accomplishing real goals, learning incredibly valuable life lessons and making Riverside County a better place for all of us.

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Additional Fiscal Information

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

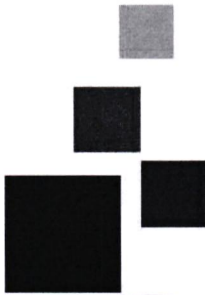
**ATTACHMENT:** Youth Commission Annual Report 2022-2023

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

# YOUTH COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

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**Riverside County Youth Commission**  
**County-Wide Events and Collaborations**  
**2022-2023 Council Year**

The Youth Commission collaborates with many organizations to support community members throughout the county. By joining the efforts of all five Youth Advisory Councils, the Youth Commission can make a larger impact on the community and the organizations we work with. The Commissioners from each of the five Youth Advisory Councils sit on the Youth Commission Board to represent and make collaborative decisions on behalf of all the Councils. Below is a list of organizations that the Youth Commission decided to collaborate with for the 2022-2023 council year.

**Annual Youth Retreat**

The Riverside County Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat. This event is intended to prepare, excite, and train new and returning council members for the upcoming school year. In order to prepare council members to become leaders, form committees, and plan to meet and measure their goals, the Council Coordinators presented workshops on the foundations of the Youth Advisory Council and how to lead and form successful committees to meet their council goals. Students were also trained on the Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedures which was presented by Riverside County Counsel's Sarah Moore. To encourage team bonding, the Youth Commission provided opportunities for students to interact with each other during breaks. Council members participated in various icebreakers and team building activities including a Youth Commission Member Bingo which required them to talk to one another to learn fun facts as well as a photo scavenger hunt which allowed members to be creative on how to work together to pose for themed pictures. The event also featured an Alumni panel with previous YAC members who came back to share about their time in YAC, life after high school and tips for making the best of their time in the Youth Commission. Alumni shared about their college experiences, and how YAC helped provide them with transferable skills and experiences they still appreciate today. Overall, it was a successful and fun event that prepared the YAC students for their upcoming year in YAC.

**Annual Youth in Government Day**

Youth in Government Day is one of the most well-loved events the Youth Commission hosts, providing an opportunity for council members to be paired with County Employees based on their interests and career aspirations for a day of job shadowing. Youth in Government Day is a day that takes rigorous planning and pairing to allow Council members to explore the various career paths the County provides. Riverside County Human Resources Learning and Organizational Development Department assists the Youth Commission by providing a career assessment survey to our participants and then analyzing their results to determine their interests, strengths, and possible career matches. The HR Department then diligently pairs our students with our registered county mentors as they see fit. Students are able to see firsthand what a day in the life of a county employee is like. This allows them to explore their career interests and consider career paths they were not exposed to before. The 24th Annual Youth in Government Day was a success having paired over 45 County employees with nearly 100 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members. The Youth Commission is especially grateful to the 18 county departments and mentors that answered

questions regarding their days, education path, shared advice, and created connections for participating YAC members.

### **Annual Youth Summit**

The Youth Commission plans and sponsors an Annual Youth Summit for high school-aged youth throughout the county. Youth Summit was created to provide the youth an opportunity to discuss topics that are affecting their lives and community. Topics are voted on by the Youth Commission Board based on suggestions brought forth by each Youth Advisory Council. Expert speakers are invited to present information and provide a setting where our youth can explore the topics, share ideas, and hear the opinions of others. This year, students had the opportunity to enjoy workshops on the topics: Finding Yourself, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Academic Burnout. The event was hosted in the Fourth District at the UCR Palm Desert Center in Palm Desert. Students heard welcoming remarks from Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and enjoyed a day of inspiring messages and fun activities. The event also featured youth related resource exhibitor booths with community partners, county programs and local colleges. Participants had the opportunity to speak to vendors as soon as they arrived, during breaks, and lunch time. This year the Youth Commission was able to accommodate 17 vendors such as California State University, San Bernardino, RUHS Behavioral Health and Public Health, Planned Parenthood, and Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. The speakers for the youth summit event did a phenomenal job and are listed below:

- Dr. Jason Jones: Director of Pupil and Administrative Services at the Riverside County Office of Education
- Chloe Diaz: State Assembly Advocate for homeless foster youth and the LGBTQ Community
- Ashley Bautista: Community Outreach Specialist at Partners Against Violence

### **RUHS Public Health, Injury Prevention Services - SOAR Collaboration**

The Youth Commission has been participating with the RUHS PH IPS department in their newly expanded SOAR Program (Suicide, Overdose, Awareness to Resilience) which features 3 trainings on relevant topics that youth in the county are dealing with today. These topics include:

- Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (TSAPP)
- Overdose Awareness and Prevention Program (OAPP)
- Resilience Initiative through Support and Empowerment (RISE)

Each of the five Youth Advisory Councils hosted workshops for these three topics in collaboration with the RUHS SOAR team which was a total of 15 individual presentations. Following the completion of the workshops, the Youth Advisory Councils planned and executed two campaigns in order to spread this information and bring awareness to their communities. Councils were encouraged to be creative in determining what type of campaigns they wanted to host which included social media campaigns, resource tables and workshops, events at their schools and local community centers. This collaboration is a great way to educate our students on important youth related topics, share the information with the community and allow them an opportunity to take initiative and plan the logistics of a campaign from planning to execution.

### **Riverside County Continuum of Care: Youth Point in Time Count**

The Youth Commission worked in collaboration with Continuum of Care (CoC) Division to help with the annual Youth Point in Time Count and Come and Be Connected events. This count serves as a census to account for homeless youth living within Riverside County. During the Youth Commission meeting our commissioners agreed to participate in the Come and be Connected events that provided a direct connection for homeless youth to come be counted and connected to resources. These events took place at various locations within the county in January 2023. In preparation for the Come and be Connected Events and the Point in Time Count our Youth Commission helped with the packing of the incentive bags in January 2023.

### **DPSS Foster Youth Graduation Basket Fundraiser**

The Youth Commission has partnered with the Riverside County Department of Social Services by providing gift baskets for the foster youth you have graduated this 2022-2023 school year. Each district selected items to create a gift basket filled with college dorm room essentials. These baskets will be provided to the Foster Youth Graduates at the Annual Graduation Party that is thrown for them by DPSS.



## **First District Youth Advisory Council: Annual Report 2022-2023**

The First District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high school within the First District of Riverside County represented by Supervisor Kevin Jeffries. The First District comprises various cities such as: Wildomar, Perris and Riverside. The district also covers the unincorporated communities of DeLuz, Good Hope, Highgrove, LaCresta, Mead Valley, Meadowbrook, Tenaja. Also in the 1st District is the March JPA as well as March Air Reserve Base. Our Youth Advisory Council is composed of students from over 20 high schools across the First District. As a team we strive to give back to our community by participating in outreach and community service projects within our district.

### **First District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2022-2023**

*In order to achieve our 2022-2023 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.*

#### **Mental Health**

Our council has created a Mental Health Committee focused on addressing anxiety and depression among high school-aged youth. We recognize the importance of promoting mental wellness and breaking down the stigma around mental health. By creating this committee, we aimed to provide support and resources to those who may be struggling with mental health issues. Our goal is to raise awareness and encourage open and honest conversations about mental health in our community. Our council recently hosted a collaboration with RUHS to learn about different forms of mental health, including suicide prevention, drug abuse, and building resilience when dealing with tough situations. We were able to learn a lot from the experts who presented and had valuable discussions about how to address these important issues in our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue promoting mental wellness and breaking down the stigma surrounding mental health.

#### **Youth Equity**

Our Youth Equity Committee is focused on promoting equity and justice for all youth in our community. We believe that every young person deserves to feel safe, respected, and valued, regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, or other identity markers. We are committed to creating a culture of inclusivity, where everyone can thrive and reach their full potential.

One of the ways we have been working toward this goal is by collaborating with other youth advocates in the community. We have been inspired by their passion and dedication, and we have learned a lot from their experiences. By working together, we can amplify our voices and make a bigger impact.

#### **Beautification**

The Beautification Committee was dedicated to making our community cleaner and safer. Members of the council partnered with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful to host various cleans up within District One.

### **First District Service Events and Projects Completed**

*Listed below are the key projects the 2022-2023 First District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year:*

#### **Annual Youth Retreat – August 4, 2022**

The Riverside County Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat. This event is intended to prepare, excite, and train new and returning council members for the upcoming school year. In order to prepare council members to become leaders, form committees, and plan to meet and measure their goals, the Council Coordinators presented workshops on the foundations of the Youth Advisory Council and how to lead and form successful committees to meet their council goals. Students were also trained on the Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedures which was presented by Riverside County Counsel's Sarah Moore. To encourage team bonding, the Youth Commission provided opportunities for students to interact with each other during breaks. Council members participated in various icebreakers and team building activities including a Youth Commission Member Bingo which required them to talk to one another to learn fun facts as well as a photo scavenger hunt which allowed members to be creative on how to work together to pose for themed pictures. The event also featured an Alumni panel with previous YAC members who came back to share about their time in YAC, life after high school, and tips for making the best of their time in the Youth Commission. Alumni shared about their college experiences, and how YAC helped provide them with transferable skills and experiences they still appreciate today. Overall, it was a successful and fun event that prepared the YAC students for their upcoming year in YAC.

#### **Chili Cook Off: Kids Zone - September 3, 2022**

The Chili Cook Off was an event where various restaurants and chefs came together to compete for the best chili recipe. As a volunteer, you helped out at the kids zone, which was an area with various carnival booths for children to enjoy. This included games, face painting, balloon animals, and other fun activities. Our role was to assist the children with the different activities and ensure they had a fun and safe time. Overall, the event was a great opportunity to help out in the community and be a part of a fun-filled day.

#### **Riverside College and Career Fair - September 29, 2022**

The Riverside College and Career Fair is an event that provides high school students with the opportunity to explore various educational and career options available to them. The event typically includes representatives from colleges, universities, vocational schools, and other organizations that provide information on their programs and services. The fair may also feature workshops, speakers, and other activities designed to help students prepare for their future academic and career paths. The aim of the event is to help students make informed decisions about their education and career goals and to connect them with the resources and support they need to achieve those goals.

#### **Mead Valley Town Hall Meeting – September 16, 2022**

Mead Valley Town Hall Meeting is a community gathering organized to discuss and address issues relevant to the Mead Valley community. These meetings are often attended by community members, local leaders, and representatives from government agencies, who provide information and updates on various topics such as public safety, education, housing, and infrastructure. Our

council members helped manage line control as well as helped table for the Board of Supervisors booth.

### **Deleo Fall Festival - October 15, 2022**

The Deleo Fall Festival is an annual event that takes place in the Deleo Regional Sports Park. The festival features a variety of activities for families, including carnival rides, games, food vendors, and live entertainment. The event also includes a pumpkin patch, a petting zoo, and a scarecrow-making contest. The festival is organized by the Deleo Parks and Recreation Department and is meant to bring the community together to celebrate the fall season. Council members were able to assist with various booths at the event including helping with the arts and craft booth, assisting with the pumpkin decorating booth, and managing the haunted maze.

### **Civil Rights Institute: Opening Ceremony - October 22, 2022**

The Civil Rights Institute: Opening Ceremony was a volunteer event where individuals came together to celebrate the opening of the Civil Rights Institute. The event involved speeches from community leaders, activists, and civil rights advocates, as well as musical performances and interactive exhibits. Volunteers helped with a variety of tasks, such as greeting guests, distributing programs, providing directions, and assisting with activities. The goal of the event was to commemorate the struggles and achievements of the civil rights movement while also promoting education and awareness of civil rights issues in the present day

### **Annual Youth in Government Day - October 26, 2022**

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### **Good Hope Trunk or Treat - October 29, 2022**

The Good Hope Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event that typically takes place in the community of Good Hope. During the event, participants decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy to children as they trick-or-treat from car to car. The council was able to host their own trunk at this event and pass out candy.

### **RUHS Public Health, Injury Prevention Services - SOAR Collaboration**

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- Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (TSAPP) November 16, 2022
- Overdose Awareness and Prevention Program (OAPP) November 7, 2022
- Resilience Initiative through Support and Empowerment (RISE) December 7, 2022

Each of the five Youth Advisory Councils hosted workshops for these three topics in collaboration with the RUHS SOAR team which was a total of 15 individual presentations. Following the completion of the workshops, the Youth Advisory Councils planned and executed two campaigns in order to spread this information and bring awareness to their communities. Councils were encouraged to be creative in determining what type of campaigns they wanted to host which included social media campaigns, resource tables and workshops, events at their schools and local community centers. This collaboration is a great way to educate our students on important youth related topics, share the information with the community and allow them an opportunity to take initiative and plan the logistics of a campaign from planning to execution.

### **Festival of Trees - November 28, 2022**

The Festival of Trees is a volunteer event where individuals, businesses, and organizations donate and decorate Christmas trees for display. The decorated trees are then auctioned off and the proceeds go to benefit a local charity or non-profit organization. Volunteers are needed to help set up the event, assist with decorating the trees, serve as greeters and guides during the event, and help with the auction. It is a festive and fun event that helps to raise money for a good cause.

### **Mead Valley Festival of Lights Drive Thru (Set Up)- December 4th and 5th, 2022**

The Mead Valley Festival of Lights Drive Thru is an annual event that takes place during the holiday season. As a volunteer, you would help with the setup and operation of the event, which includes putting up Christmas lights, decorations, and displays, directing traffic, and ensuring the safety of attendees. The event is designed to be a family-friendly experience that showcases the festive spirit of the holiday season, and volunteers play a key role in making it a success.

### **Deleo Winter Festival - December 17, 2022**

The Deleo Winter Festival was a volunteer event held in the Deleo Regional Park to celebrate the winter season. The event included activities such as ice skating, sledding, and a snowball fight. Volunteers helped to set up and run different booths, activities, and games throughout the day. They also assisted with crowd control, directing participants to different areas and ensuring the safety of everyone involved. Additionally, volunteers helped to clean up the park after the event was over, ensuring that the area was left in good condition for future events. Overall, the event was a fun and festive way for the community to come together and celebrate the winter season.

### **Youth Point in Time Count: Come and Be Connected - January 27, 2023**

The Youth Point in Time Count: Come and Be Connected is a volunteer event that aims to collect data on youth homelessness in the community. During this event, volunteers work together to engage with homeless youth in order to better understand the issues they face and connect them with resources and support. The event provides an opportunity for volunteers to make a meaningful



impact in the lives of homeless youth and to raise awareness about youth homelessness in the community.

### **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Ward 2 - February 4, 2023**

The Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB) Ward 2 event is a volunteer initiative that takes place in the 2nd ward of the city of Riverside, California. The event aims to promote and maintain a clean and healthy environment by picking up litter, removing graffiti, and cleaning up public spaces such as parks, streets, and neighborhoods. Volunteers can participate by signing up in advance or on the day of the event and are provided with all necessary equipment such as gloves, trash bags, and cleaning tools. The event is organized by KRCB in partnership with the City of Riverside and other community organizations and encourages local residents to come together and work towards a more sustainable and vibrant community.

### **Senior Citizens Center: Valentine's Day card making - February 6, 2023**

The Senior Citizens Center: Valentine's Day card-making event is a service event that involves making Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens. Council members gather together to make handmade cards, write personalized messages and decorate them with colorful designs. These cards are then delivered to senior centers or nursing homes in the area. The event not only helps to spread love and happiness but also promotes inter-generational connections and strengthens community bonds.

### **Mead Valley Neighborhood Clean Up - March 11, 2023**

The Mead Valley Neighborhood Clean Up is a volunteer event aimed at keeping the community clean and beautiful. Participants gather together to collect trash and litter from the streets and public areas in Mead Valley, California. This event helps to promote environmental awareness and encourages residents to take pride in their community by keeping it clean and attractive for everyone to enjoy.

### **Annual Youth Summit - March 31, 2023**

The Youth Commission plans and sponsors an Annual Youth Summit for high school-aged youth throughout the county. Youth Summit was created to provide the youth an opportunity to discuss topics that are affecting their lives and community. Topics are voted on by the Youth Commission Board based on suggestions brought forth by each Youth Advisory Council. Expert speakers are invited to present information and provide a setting where our youth can explore the topics, share ideas, and hear the opinions of others. This year, students had the opportunity to enjoy workshops on the topics: Finding Yourself, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Academic Burnout. The event was hosted in the Fourth District at the UCR Palm Desert Center in Palm Desert. Students heard welcoming remarks from Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and enjoyed a day of inspiring messages and fun activities. The event also featured youth related resource exhibitor booths with community partners, county programs, and local colleges. Participants had the opportunity to speak to vendors as soon as they arrived, during breaks, and at lunchtime. This year the Youth Commission was able to accommodate 17 vendors such as California State University, San Bernardino, RUHS Behavioral Health and Public Health, Planned Parenthood, and Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. The speakers for the youth summit event did a phenomenal job and are listed below:

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**Waste Resources: Insect Fair - April 22, 2023**

At the Insect Fair, students helped the Waste Resources team at their booth by giving out resources to attendees. The fair was hosted at the Riverside Main Library and aimed to educate the public about insects and their role in the environment. The students played a valuable role in promoting waste reduction and sustainability practices in the community.

**Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful: Earth Day Tree Planting - April 29, 2023**

The event was a tree-planting activity organized by Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful to celebrate Arbor Day. The event took place along Alessandro Boulevard, where volunteers, including students, planted trees to help beautify the area and promote environmental sustainability. The event aimed to encourage people to appreciate the value of trees and the role they play in maintaining a healthy environment. Participants were given a brief training on how to properly plant trees, and all necessary equipment and materials were provided. It was a successful event that brought the community together to make a positive impact on the environment.

**DPSS Foster Youth Graduation Basket Fundraiser - June 2023**

The Youth Commission has partnered with the Riverside County Department of Social Services by providing gift baskets for the foster youth you have graduated this 2022-2023 school year. Each district selected items to create a gift basket filled with college dorm room essentials. These baskets will be provided to the Foster Youth Graduates at the Annual Graduation Party that is thrown for them by DPSS.

-----**Summary of the Year**-----

**Goals for the 2022-2023 YAC Term:**

- Mental Health
- Youth Equity
- Beatification

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**Total number of community service projects and hours:**

Council members delivered 34 projects, webinars, workshops, and trainings as well as dedicated 413 hours of community service to the First District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The First District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

## **Second District Youth Advisory Council: Annual Report 2022-2023**

The Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body composed of members who attend high schools within Riverside County Second District. Communities within the Second District include the unincorporated communities of Coronita, El Cerrito, Home Gardens, Temescal Valley, and Highgrove, as well as the cities of Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco, Lake Elsinore, and Canyon Lake. As a team we are dedicated and motivated to give back to our community by participating in community service projects within our district.

### **Second District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2022-2023**

*In order to achieve our 2022-2023 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.*

#### **Senior Citizen Advocacy**

The Senior Citizen Advocacy committee group felt compelled to bridge the gap between youth and seniors in our community by providing support, companionship and education to their peers. On February 14, 2023 we planned a booth campaign at Patriot High School with a goal to get high school students involved in spreading kind words, love, and support to senior citizens within our community. We collaborated with Riverside University Health System and gave the high school students who participated some of their incentives which were fidget spinners and bubbles. We got in contact with Eddie D Smith Senior Center and delivered over 70 valentine cards to our local seniors.

#### **Environmentalism**

The Environmentalism committee group wanted to make a difference in healing our planet from damaging effects while encouraging our community to make better decisions for the well-being of our planet. We planned a social media post campaign on April 22, 2023 for Earth Day. Our social media post reminded the community about the importance of Earth Day and provided a couple of tips and reasons to keep our planet safe and clean. Our intent was to remind our community to take care of our environment and volunteer at community clean ups to beautify our planet as much as possible.

#### **Youth Outreach**

The Youth Outreach committee group planned to encourage healthier and positive lifestyles amongst ourselves and the youth community by providing an understanding and trustworthy perspective. We created a social media post based on physical health, mental health, drug abuse, nutrition, and self-care. We collaborated with Riverside University Health System and provided their contact information to our youth for their involvement to be alert of any issues that our community is experiencing.

## **Second District Service Events and Projects Completed**

*Listed below are the key projects the 2022-2023 Second District Youth Advisory Council accomplished throughout the year:*

### **Youth Retreat – August 4, 2022**

The Riverside County Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat. This event is intended to prepare, excite, and train new and returning council members for the upcoming school year. In order to prepare council members to become leaders, form committees, and plan to meet and measure their goals, the Council Coordinators presented workshops on the foundations of the Youth Advisory Council and how to lead and form successful committees to meet their council goals. Students were also trained on the Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedures which was presented by Riverside County Counsel's Sarah Moore. To encourage team bonding, the Youth Commission provided opportunities for students to interact with each other during breaks. Council members participated in various icebreakers and team building activities including a Youth Commission Member Bingo which required them to talk to one another to learn fun facts as well as a photo scavenger hunt which allowed members to be creative on how to work together to pose for themed pictures. The event also featured an Alumni panel with previous YAC members who came back to share about their time in YAC, life after high school and tips for making the best of their time in the Youth Commission. Alumni shared about their college experiences, and how YAC helped provide them with transferable skills and experiences they still appreciate today. Overall, it was a successful and fun event that prepared the YAC students for their upcoming year in YAC.

### **National Night Out - August 8, 2022**

In partnership with the Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District, our YAC students participated in the National Night Out alongside representatives from the cities of Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco, local businesses, community organizations, and the Riverside County Sheriff Department. National Night Out is an event that promotes police awareness in the community. The students set up a district booth to inform residents about the county resources. This event helped YAC enhance the relationship between the community and law enforcement to bring a sense of community.

### **TOT Olympics - September 17, 2022**

Our council collaborated with Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District to bring fun into the lives of young children. We worked one-on-one with their staff members where we were able to achieve a sense of pride to give back to the community by providing fun activities for the children present. This event involved three different courses including baseball, javelin throw, and an obstacle course race. At the end of the courses the young children were given trophies and goodies bags which gave them a sense of accomplishment and joy.

### **Riverside College and Career Fair - September 29, 2022**

The Riverside College and Career Fair is an event that provides high school students an opportunity to explore various educational and career options available to them. The event typically includes representatives from colleges, universities, vocational schools, and other organizations that provide information on their programs and services. The fair may also feature workshops, speakers, and other activities designed to help students prepare for their future academic and career paths. The aim of the event is to help students make informed decisions about



their education and career goals, and to connect them with the resources and support they need to achieve those goals.

### **Dia de los Muertos - October 15, 2022**

The Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes a celebration involving food, drinks, and music. The event was coordinated by We-Reach Out in the City of Jurupa Valley. This event involved many other organizations and vendors within the community. The council was assigned to direct the incoming traffic and pick up any trash to keep the event clean at all times. The council had a wonderful time learning more about this holiday and culture. The council found it satisfying being able to celebrate with everyone within the community and volunteer at the event.

### **EE!KVALE- October 22, 2022**

EE!KVALE was coordinated by the City of Eastvale for the community to celebrate and dress up in Halloween costumes. This event provided several vendors, kid friendly activities, and entertainment. YAC was responsible for setting up the entertainment booth and informing the community about joining their costume contest. Families that were dressed up received a form to fill out and join the costume contest towards the end of the event. This event brought the community together to celebrate Halloween.

### **Annual Youth in Government Day - October 26, 2022**

Youth in Government Day is one of the most well-loved events the Youth Commission hosts, providing an opportunity for council members to be paired with County Employees based on their interests and career aspirations for a day of job shadowing. Youth in Government Day is a day that takes rigorous planning and pairing to allow Council members to explore the various career paths the County provides. Riverside County Human Resources Learning and Organizational Development Department assists the Youth Commission by providing a career assessment survey to our participants and then analyzing their results to determine their interests, strengths, and possible career matches. The HR Department then diligently pairs our students with our registered county mentors as they see fit. Students are able to see firsthand what a day in the life of a county employee is like. This allows them to explore their career interests and consider career paths they were not exposed to before. The 24th Annual Youth in Government Day was a success having paired over 45 County employees with nearly 100 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members. The Youth Commission is especially grateful to the 18 county departments and mentors that answered questions regarding their days, education path, shared advice, and created connections for participating YAC members.

### **Spooktacular - October 29, 2022**

The Spooktacular event was coordinated by Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District in the city of Jurupa Valley. This event began with a pumpkin race that allowed families to decorate their pumpkins and race others with theirs. After the pumpkin race the community then had the opportunity to go to several game booths that provided fun activities and games for the children and in return receive some candy. The event included vendors and performances for the community to watch. YAC was responsible for managing a couple of game booths and picking up any trash to keep the event clean.

### **Veterans Celebration and Parade and Festival - November 12, 2022**

YAC volunteered at the Veterans Celebration and Parade and Festival hosted by the City of Jurupa Valley. Students of the council volunteered and helped with incoming traffic as well as picking up trash. We had the opportunity to interact with the community and show our appreciation to our veterans for their courage, strength, and dedication to our country.

### **Kids R' Giants 5K Run - November 19, 2022**

The Kids R' Giants 5K Fun Run and Health Fair was held in the City of Corona. This event brings the community together to raise awareness for childhood mental health issues and the current opioid crisis. Every donation helps support the Kids R' Giants' mission to provide the highest quality and compassionate behavioral modification services for children and their families. At their event they provided several resources for the community and information in regard to health and their purpose. YAC was responsible for every water station during the 5K run. They had the opportunity to provide water, snacks, and encouragement to all participants.

### **RUHS Public Health, Injury Prevention Services - SOAR Collaboration**

The Youth Commission has been participating with the RUHS PH IPS department in their newly expanded SOAR Program (Suicide, Overdose, Awareness to Resilience) which features 3 trainings on relevant topics that youth in the county are dealing with today. These topics include:

- Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (TSAPP) October 24, 2022
- Overdose Awareness and Prevention Program (OAPP) November 21, 2022
- Resilience Initiative through Support and Empowerment (RISE) December 5, 2022

Each of the five Youth Advisory Councils hosted workshops for these three topics in collaboration with the RUHS SOAR team which was a total of 15 individual presentations. Following the completion of the workshops, the Youth Advisory Councils planned and executed two campaigns in order to spread this information and bring awareness to their communities. Councils were encouraged to be creative in determining what type of campaigns they wanted to host which included social media campaigns, resource tables and workshops, events at their schools and local community centers. This collaboration is a great way to educate our students on important youth related topics, share the information with the community and allow them an opportunity to take initiative and plan the logistics of a campaign from planning to execution.

### **RUHS Foundation Festival of Trees - November 26, 2022**

The Festival of Trees Holiday Fair was hosted by RUHS Foundation at the Riverside Convention Center. It is free and open to the public so that guests can view the beautifully decorated trees and vignettes that adorn the halls of the Riverside Convention Center. This event included local artisans, holiday vendors, and kid activities such as face painting, coloring, and make-and-take crafts. YAC was in charge of running the kids craft booth which involved providing the children with coloring sheets, markers, and bag full of kid friendly items. Some students dressed up as Santa's elves and assisted the children who wanted to take a picture with Santa.

### **Breakfast with Santa Set Up Day - December 6, 2022**

Breakfast with Santa was held in the City of Norco. In order to experience the holiday spirit, YAC volunteered days before to help prepare for the event. Students were assigned to set up chairs, tables, and decorations within the venue. Some students decorated Christmas's trees, hung Christmas lights outside, and decorated the stage where Santa was assigned to sit during the event.

Setting up allowed YAC to be a part of the planning and behind the scenes to make this event successful as possible.

### **Breakfast with Santa - December 10, 2022**

Breakfast with Santa in the City of Norco was held early in the morning for the community to attend and bring their children to meet and eat with Santa Claus. This event involved many kid crafts activity booths for children to participate in after eating with Santa. They provided a delicious meal to every child and their family. YAC was assigned to work with the cooks and transport pancakes and help kids with their kids craft activity. Some would walk around and make sure all the trash was thrown away so the next family could sit at a clean table.

### **Miracle on Citrus St. Holiday Event- December 17, 2022**

Supervisor Spiegel and YAC attended the Second Annual Miracle on Citrus St. Holiday event in the City of Eastvale. YAC had a wonderful time decorating the entertainment booth with Christmas themed decorations. They had the privilege to join other booths and activities that the event provided for the community. Later in the year, YAC was recognized by the Eastvale City Council for its efforts as volunteers at the Miracle on Citrus Street event.

### **ABC Hopes MLK Day - January 15, 2023**

Supervisor Karen Spiegel and her Youth Advisory Council (YAC) participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event "Fill the Pantry" and Community Resource Fair hosted by ABC Hopes, Inc. ABC Hopes works with the National Charity League, in the City of Corona, and the AngelHart Network to provide much-needed resources for our students in the Corona-Norco School district. YAC helped transport the foods that were donated and made sure to keep the area as organized as possible.

### **5th Annual Youth Fishing Event- January 21, 2023**

The 5th Annual Youth Fishing event was held at Rancho Jurupa Regional Sports Park in the city of Jurupa Valley. The annual fishing clinic is designed for all levels of youth fishing starting with beginners. Parents and guardians are encouraged to help, but fishing at the event is for the children only. The lake is stocked up with catching fish the day prior so kids have a good chance of catching some fish. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife provides instruction, loaner gear, and bait for those who need it and complete the various learning stations. The clinic will feature learning stations on Bait, Tackle, Knot Tying, and Casting, along with Ecology, Watershed, Rules, Regulations, and Ethics. YAC volunteered and helped with greeting all participants and providing them a liability form for the children. They got the opportunity to interact with their community and answer any questions they may have in regards to the event.

### **CoC Youth Point in Time Count: Come and Be Connected - January 27th, 2023**

The Youth Point in Time Count: Come and Be Connected is a volunteer event that aims to collect data on youth homelessness throughout the County of Riverside. During this event, volunteers work together to engage with homeless youth in order to better understand the issues they face and connect them with resources and support. The event provides an opportunity for volunteers to make a meaningful impact in the lives of homeless youth and to raise awareness about youth homelessness in the community.

### **YAC Committee Workshop - January 17, 2023**

During our YAC meeting at the Riverside County Administrative Center, we focused on planning our committee groups. As a council we voted on three council goals for the year. Once done so each student decided on which committee group they wanted to be a part of. Each committee group then worked together to decide on each member's responsibilities and tasks within the committee group.

### **YAC Committee Workshop - January 31, 2023**

During our YAC meeting at the Riverside County Administrative Center as a council we discussed our plan for our committee group campaigns. Students sat with their committee group members and discussed what they wanted to do for their campaign and decided on an official date of when they were planning to have it. Each committee group shared their ideas, official dates, and timeline on what tasks needed to get done before the campaign. A "Plan Sheet" was then filled out with all of the official details, dates, and responsibilities of each member for the campaign.

### **Corona Community Clean Up - February 11, 2023**

In the city of Corona YAC joined dozens of Corona community members in an effort to beautify the Skyline Drive Hiking Trail. They were thrilled to participate and had a great time collaborating with others while picking up trash and wiping away visible graffiti along the trail. They had the opportunity to work one on one with their community and see their hard work at the end of the cleanup. YAC felt very proud to make Skyline Drive Hiking Trail look a lot better for the community.

### **Adopt A Pal with Paws - March 4, 2023**

Adopt A Pal with Paws is held every first Saturday of the month at the Corona Animal Shelter. They provide soon to be pet owners a reduced rate which includes the cost of spay/neuter. YAC put together Kong treats and lick mats for their dogs to enjoy, which helps keep their dogs mentally stimulated which results in happier and healthier pets. We were able to shadow their staff members and help with filling up the dog's water bowls and provide some treats as well.

### **Spring Fest - March 18, 2023**

The Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt was held at Deleo Sports Park in Temescal Valley. It was a beautiful day filled with family-fun activities. YAC was able to meet the easter bunny and bring some joy to all children. They were in charge of one of the kids craft booth where they helped every child make a bunny, tree, and flower pot. YAC were able to participate in other booths and helped at Supervisor Karen Spiegel's booth as well where we provided great resources and information to the community about our Supervisor's responsibilities.

### **25th Annual Youth Summit Preparation- March 28, 2023**

During our YAC meeting at the Riverside County Administrative Center, YAC helped organize all of the Youth Summit participant folders. YAC was expected to add important forms into the folders for the event and completed around 150 folders. The Youth Summit folder included an exhibitor bingo, welcome letter, itinerary, and a brief summary about each guest speaker.

### **Annual Youth Summit - March 31, 2023**

The Youth Commission plans and sponsors an Annual Youth Summit for high school-aged youth throughout the county. Youth Summit was created to provide the youth an opportunity to discuss



topics that are affecting their lives and community. Topics are voted on by the Youth Commission Board based on suggestions brought forth by each Youth Advisory Council. Expert speakers are invited to present information and provide a setting where our youth can explore the topics, share ideas, and hear the opinions of others. This year, students had the opportunity to enjoy workshops on the topics: Finding Yourself, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Academic Burnout. The event was hosted in the Fourth District at the UCR Palm Desert Center in Palm Desert. Students heard welcoming remarks from Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and enjoyed a day of inspiring messages and fun activities. The event also featured youth related resource exhibitor booths with community partners, county programs and local colleges. Participants had the opportunity to speak to vendors as soon as they arrived, during breaks, and lunch time. This year the Youth Commission was able to accommodate 17 vendors such as California State University, San Bernardino, RUHS Behavioral Health and Public Health, Planned Parenthood, and Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. The speakers for the youth summit event did a phenomenal job and are listed below:

- Dr. Jason Jones: Director of Pupil and Administrative Services at the Riverside County Office of Education
- Chloe Diaz: State Assembly Advocate for homeless foster youth and the LGBTQ Community
- Ashley Bautista: Community Outreach Specialist at Partners Against Violence

### **Story Walk - April 1, 2023**

Healthy Jurupa Valley held its first-ever Story Walk at the Louis Rubidoux Library featuring Lani Rae's *Marvelous Hair* by Yesenia Rodriguez. YAC helped children with a word scavenger and handed out snacks and stickers to all children and their families who attended. We had a great time spending some time with Supervisor Karen Spiegel, who shared some words of wisdom and interacted with the community. YAC enjoyed all the stories that the authors would read to the children and the performances during the event.

### **Day of the Child - April 22, 2023**

The Day of the Child is an annual event for children in our community that highlights children and their needs by providing a free day of fun activities, entertainment, and community resources. Each year at their event they typically have pony rides, jump houses, petting zoos and dozens of organizations that provide crafts and games for families in attendance. YAC volunteered by doing face paintings at our booth and also recruiting new members to join YAC in the upcoming year.

### **Temescal Valley Community Faire - May 20, 2023**

The Temescal Valley Community Faire took place at the Deleo Regional Sports Park celebrating their 20th anniversary. This event was an exciting day filled with games, prizes, art crafts, contests, petting zoo, local entertainment, and face painting. This event allowed the community to meet their local businesses, elected officials, and Riverside County service providers. YAC volunteered at the children's art craft booth as well as helping with our Supervisor's booth.

-----**Summary of the Year**-----

**Goals for the 2022-2023 YAC Term:**

Senior Citizen Advocacy

Environmentalism

Youth Outreach

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**Total number of community service projects and hours:**

Council members delivered 24 projects, webinars, workshops, and training as well as dedicated 599 hours of community service to the Second District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The Second District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

## **Third District Youth Advisory Council: Annual Report 2022-2023**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high school within the Third District of Riverside County. The Third District covers the southwest portion of Riverside County, stretching from Anza to Temecula. It includes the cities of Menifee, Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar (\*effective January 2025). The Third District also includes the unincorporated communities of Aguanga, Anza Valley, East Hemet, French Valley, Green Acres, Homeland, Lake Riverside, Sage and Winchester, as well as parts of Valle Vista.

### **Third District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2022-2023**

*The Third District YAC decided that they wanted to ensure they participated in events for this year that target Youth Substance Abuse issues and Foster Youth.*

#### **Youth Substance Abuse Advocacy and Awareness**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council agreed that one of the biggest issues facing youth today is the vast substance abuse for young people. This council goal was created to primarily focus on helping and providing resources to the youth and families in our community regarding substance abuse awareness. In order to meet this goal the council partnered with the RUHS PH SOAR program which provided our students with training on Overdose Awareness and Prevention. This training is aimed at increasing the understanding of youth substance abuse and provides proper ways to respond, advocate and support their peers. Our YAC Members created a campaign to bring knowledge and resources to their community by hosting a resource table at a local shopping mall to spread awareness.

#### **Foster and Homeless Youth Outreach**

The Third District YAC also felt drawn to supporting the vulnerable youth population including Foster and Homeless Youth. This goal was aiming to support foster and homeless youth programs, to provide awareness to the community and connect these youth with resources. One way that the council members met this goal was by partnering with the CFLC Kin Care program which supports children being raised by relatives due to being displaced from their parents. The council also participated in the Youth Point in Time Count and Come and Be Connected Event in their district to support homeless youth. Lastly, the council ended the year by providing a foster youth graduation basket for the DPSS graduation event celebrating graduating foster youth.

### **Third District Service Events and Projects Completed**

*Listed below are the service projects the 2022-2023 Third District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.*

#### **Annual Youth Retreat - August 4, 2022**

The Riverside County Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat. This event is intended to prepare, excite, and train new and returning council members for the upcoming school year. In order to prepare council members to become leaders, form committees, and plan to meet and measure their goals, the Council Coordinators presented workshops on the foundations of the Youth Advisory Council and how to lead and form successful

committees to meet their council goals. Students were also trained on the Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedures which was presented by Riverside County Counsel's Sarah Moore. To encourage team bonding, the Youth Commission provided opportunities for students to interact with each other during breaks. Council members participated in various icebreakers and team building activities including a Youth Commission Member Bingo which required them to talk to one another to learn fun facts as well as a photo scavenger hunt which allowed members to be creative on how to work together to pose for themed pictures. The event also featured an Alumni panel with previous YAC members who came back to share about their time in YAC, life after high school and tips for making the best of their time in the Youth Commission. Alumni shared about their college experiences, and how YAC helped provide them with transferable skills and experiences they still appreciate today. Overall, it was a successful and fun event that prepared the YAC students for their upcoming year in YAC.

### **Annual Youth in Government Day - October 26, 2022**

Youth in Government Day is one of the most well loved events the Youth Commission hosts, providing an opportunity for council members to be paired with County Employees based on their interests and career aspirations for a day of job shadowing. Youth in Government Day is a day that takes rigorous planning and pairing to allow Council members to explore the various career paths the County provides. Riverside County Human Resources Learning and Organizational Development Department assists the Youth Commission by providing a career assessment survey to our participants and then analyzing their results to determine their interests, strengths, and possible career matches. The HR Department then diligently pairs our students with our registered county mentors as they see fit. Students are able to see firsthand what a day in the life of a county employee is like. This allows them to explore their career interests and consider career paths they were not exposed to before. The 24th Annual Youth in Government Day was a success having paired over 45 County employees with nearly 100 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members. The Youth Commission is especially grateful to the 18 county departments and mentors that answered questions regarding their days, education path, shared advice, and created connections for participating YAC members.

### **California Family Life Center (CFLC) Kin Care Harvest Bash - October 28, 2022**

The California Family Life Center's Kin Care program is a non-profit agency in the Third District dedicated to serving families raising relative children. CFLC Kin Care hosts a Halloween event for the families to attend filled with activities, games, and contests. The council members assisted with booths and wore costumes to make it fun for the children who also dressed up. For this festive event, families of this program enjoyed a safe alternative to trick-or-treating with the help from our YAC students.

### **RUHS SOAR Collaboration: RISE Workshop - December 8, 2022**

#### **Resilience Initiative through Support and Empowerment (RISE)**

The RUHS SOAR staff provided three workshops on the topics of Resiliency, Overdose Awareness and Teen Suicide Prevention. The first training that the Third District YAC participated in was the RISE workshop which provided the following to our youth:

- Increase awareness and the importance of being resilient
- Empower youth to build resilience by using coping strategies
- Teach youth the importance of connecting with their emotions

- Increase positive self-talk and confidence building strategies.

### **California Family Life Center (CFLC) Christmas Party - December 10, 2022**

The California Family Life Center hosted a Christmas party for all of the Kin Care families. YAC members assisted with the set-up, during the event, and the clean-up. YAC members assisted with serving dinner, helping with holiday activities, photos with Santa, and distributing toy filled stockings.

### **RUHS SOAR Collaboration: TSAPP Workshop - December 15, 2022**

#### **Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (TSAPP)**

The RUHS SOAR staff provided three workshops on the topics of Resiliency, Overdose Awareness and Teen Suicide Prevention. The second training that the Third District YAC participated in was the TSAPP workshop which provided the following to our youth:

- Increase awareness on the issue of teen suicide
- Promote positive youth development by empowering students to act as a resource for their peers in seeking mental health services
- Increase youth knowledge on proactive factors
- Reduce teen injuries and fatalities from suicide attempts

### **RUHS SOAR Collaboration: OAPP Workshop - December 29, 2022**

#### **Overdose Awareness Prevention Program (OAPP)**

The RUHS SOAR staff provided three workshops on the topics of Resiliency, Overdose Awareness and Teen Suicide Prevention. The third and final training that the Third District YAC participated in was the OAPP workshop which provides the following:

- Increase community awareness of alternatives to using substance to handle life stress caused by ACES/ACERS for at-risk youth and their families in Riverside County
- Increase the awareness and risks of prescription and illicit opioid use in Riverside County at-risk communities
- Promote positive youth development by empowering students to act as a resource for their peers.
- Decrease the initiation of opioid use and misuse in Riverside County.

### **CoC Youth Point In Time Count - Come and Be Connected Event - January 26, 2023**

In partnership with the Continuum of Care's Youth Point in Time Count, council members volunteered at the Come and be Connected Event in Lake Elsinore which was a resource fair to help homeless youth be counted in the county-wide count and to be connected to beneficial services and resources. The YAC students assisted with set up and break down of the event, assisted community partners as needed and took time to capture footage to post on social media to provide additional awareness of the event and the available resources.

### **Spring Festival and Easter Egg Hunt - March 25, 2023**

This event was hosted by CSA 143 and held at Galleron Park in Temecula. Council members assisted with the Third District Supervisor's booth and provided support to the event staff as needed. This was a great opportunity to get out into the community now that we were through the rainy season and into the spring events to begin wrapping up our council year.



### **Annual Youth Summit – March 31, 2023**

The Youth Commission plans and sponsors an Annual Youth Summit for high school-aged youth throughout the county. Youth Summit was created to provide the youth an opportunity to discuss topics that are affecting their lives and community. Topics are voted on by the Youth Commission Board based on suggestions brought forth by each Youth Advisory Council. Expert speakers are invited to present information and provide a setting where our youth can explore the topics, share ideas, and hear the opinions of others. This year, students had the opportunity to enjoy workshops on the topics: Finding Yourself, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Academic Burnout. The event was hosted in the Fourth District at the UCR Palm Desert Center in Palm Desert. Students heard welcoming remarks from Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and enjoyed a day of inspiring messages and fun activities. The event also featured youth related resource exhibitor booths with community partners, county programs and local colleges. Participants had the opportunity to speak to vendors as soon as they arrived, during breaks, and lunch time. This year the Youth Commission was able to accommodate 17 vendors such as California State University, San Bernardino, RUHS Behavioral Health and Public Health, Planned Parenthood, and Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. The speakers for the youth summit event did a phenomenal job and are listed below:

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### **RivCo Waste Resources Earth Day Celebration & Composting Workshop - April 22, 2023**

The Riverside County Waste Resources Department reached out to the Youth Commission for assistance with their many Earth Day events that took place throughout the county during the month of April. The Third District students were able to attend the one event located in the third district which took place at the City of Murrieta Library. YAC members assisted with hosting a booth and educating the public on proper composting techniques and distributed resources with Waste Resources staff members.

### **RUHS Foundation Pinwheels for Prevention Collection Drive - April 27, 2023**

The RUHS Foundation hosted a Pinwheels for Prevention self care item drive for Child Abuse Awareness month during the month of April. RUHS Foundation along with SAFE Family Justice Centers and other community partners, such as YAC, showed support for youth in need with this special drive. Members collected self care and hygiene items from family and friends.

### **RUHS SOAR Collaboration: RISE Social Media Campaign - May 8th - May 12th, 2023**

Following the RISE presentation in December, the Third District YAC spent time planning what type of campaigns they would like to host to share the resiliency information and resources they learned about with their peers and community. The YAC members decided to create a social media campaign to emphasize the importance of self care and positive thinking by creating social media posts with tips and uplifting messages. The posts they created along with resources from RUHS SOAR program were posted on our Third District Instagram page everyday for one week in hopes of spreading resources and support to the public.

**RUHS SOAR Collaboration: OAPP Resource Table Campaign - May 13, 2023**

The Third District YAC decided to host their second RUHS campaign on the topic of Overdose Awareness and Prevention by setting up a resource table at the Temecula Promenade Mall. The event was planned for a Saturday afternoon and was held near the food court in order to attract a high volume of community members to share information and resources to.

**Military Month Cards to Veterans and Military Families - May 18, 2023**

The month of May is known as Military Month and is also the month we celebrate Memorial Day for our fallen military members. The Third District decided to write letters of appreciation to military veterans and military families. Over 100 cards were written by our YAC members and the cards were provided to the Riverside County Office of Veterans services for assistance with distributing them.

**DPSS Foster Youth Graduation Basket - May 26, 2023**

The Third District assisted with selecting items on behalf of the Youth Commission to provide a total of five Foster Youth graduation Baskets that will be distributed by DPSS to graduating foster youth. The baskets were filled with dorm room essentials such as comforters, hampers, desk lamps, cleaning and school supplies. The baskets will be distributed at the DPSS Graduation Party they host in June 2023.

-----Summary of the Year-----

**Goals for the 2022-2023 YAC term:**

- The Third District YAC focused on the concern of Youth Substance Abuse and Foster and Homeless Youth.
- The council participated in events and projects aimed at improving the quality of life of underserved youth in Riverside County.

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**Total number of community service projects and hours:**

Council members participated in 13 service projects and dedicated 145 hours of community service to the Third District of Riverside County.

The Third District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

## **Fourth District Youth Advisory Council: Annual Report 2022-2023**

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high schools within the Fourth District of Riverside County represented by Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. The Fourth District comprises the beautiful cities of Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage. Our Youth Advisory Council is composed of students from high schools across the Fourth District. As a team we strive to give back to our community by participating in outreach and community service projects within our district.

### **Fourth District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2022-2023**

*The Fourth District YAC decided that they wanted to ensure they participated in events for this year that target mental health, equity, and substance abuse.*

#### **Mental Health**

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council discussed and agreed that one of the biggest issues within our community, especially for youth, is mental health. One of the main goals for the council was to give resources to their fellow youth and to the community that would help them understand the topic of mental health and to spread awareness for mental health related issues. In order to fulfill their goal, they partnered with Ashley Bautista from Partners Against Violence as well as a collaboration with RUHS to spread necessary information and resources within the community.

#### **Equity**

Another area that the Fourth District YAC students felt compelled to concentrate their efforts in was supporting equity within our community. Our YAC students understand that equity recognizes that each person has different circumstances and allocates resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome. Students focused on events that would help support individuals' needs in our community in an effort to assist in creating an equitable future. One of the ways our students supported equitable programs was by partnering with FIND Food Bank to pack boxes of food that would be distributed to senior citizens all over the Coachella Valley.

#### **Substance Abuse**

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council also chose substance abuse as a goal to concentrate on this year. The students felt that substance abuse is prevalent in their communities, especially in the lives of youth. The council wanted to educate themselves and their peers on substance abuse, provide support and resources for those struggling and learn how they can help. Partnering with the RUHS Overdose Awareness Prevention Program gave them the education, training, skills and resources they were looking for.

## **Fourth District Service Events and Projects Completed**

*Listed below are the service projects the 2022-2023 Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.*

### **Annual Youth Retreat - August 4, 2022**

The Riverside County Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat. This event is intended to prepare, excite, and train new and returning council members for the upcoming school year. In order to prepare council members to become leaders, form committees, and plan to meet and measure their goals, the Council Coordinators presented workshops on the foundations of the Youth Advisory Council and how to lead and form successful committees to meet their council goals. Students were also trained on the Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedures which was presented by Riverside County Counsel's Sarah Moore. To encourage team bonding, the Youth Commission provided opportunities for students to interact with each other during breaks. Council members participated in various icebreakers and team building activities including a Youth Commission Member Bingo which required them to talk to one another to learn fun facts as well as a photo scavenger hunt which allowed members to be creative on how to work together to pose for themed pictures. The event also featured an Alumni panel with previous YAC members who came back to share about their time in YAC, life after high school and tips for making the best of their time in the Youth Commission. Alumni shared about their college experiences, and how YAC helped provide them with transferable skills and experiences they still appreciate today. Overall, it was a successful and fun event that prepared the YAC students for their upcoming year in YAC.

### **Fafsa Workshop - September 20, 2022**

The Youth Advisory Council worked on building their Personal Statements for college applications. This event was inspired when senior students shared that they were nervous to begin applying for college. Our council was able to host and attend a Financial aid assistance workshop and after attending, students felt more comfortable asking for more help and completing the financial aid application. This workshop was merely an introduction and many students were able to attend an additional two sessions at later times to review their applications and get advice and suggestions for improvements.

### **Wellness Night - September 27, 2022**

The Fourth District YAC partnered with Ashley Bautista from Partners Against Violence who gave a presentation which focused on Mental health and self care. Our YAC students expressed their lack of self care in their lives and desire to learn more self care skills. This workshop and wellness night allowed the council to view the negative and positive side effects of not participating in self care and learn practical ways to engage in daily self care.

### **Fafsa Workshop #2 - October 18, 2022**

This event was the second opportunity for our Youth Advisory Council high school seniors to review their financial aid application progress with the help of an advisor. Our seniors were able to attend this event in person while other YAC students were able to attend the virtual format of this workshop. This was helpful for all students to have any questions that they had about financial aid answered.

### **Fall Carnival - October 22, 2022**

Our Youth Advisory Council attended a fall carnival that provided fun activities and provided local resources to families in our community. Our YAC students helped set up and organize the event. This event was designed by Variety of the Desert in hopes to bring a bit of festivities to special needs children. Our Youth Advisory Council members were able to assist in setting up for the event as well as interacting with the children. There were resources for children and their families as well as information on a program that Variety of the Desert offers. The event ended with fun raffles for those who attended the carnival and our youth were able to help with announcing those winners along with staff from Variety of the Desert.

### **Annual Youth in Government Day - October 26, 2022**

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### **RUHS SOAR Collaboration: RISE Workshop - November 1, 2022**

#### **Resilience Initiative through Support and Empowerment (RISE)**

The RUHS SOAR staff provided three workshops on the topics of Resiliency, Overdose Awareness and Teen Suicide Prevention. The first training that the Fourth District YAC participated in was the RISE workshop which provided increased awareness and the importance of being resilient, coping strategies, connecting with emotions and positive self-talk strategies.

### **RUHS SOAR Collaboration: TSAPP Workshop - November 7, 2022**

#### **Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (TSAPP)**

The second training that the Fourth District YAC participated in was the TSAPP workshop which provided our youth with increased awareness on the issue of teen suicide, knowledge on proactive factors, and empowered students to act as a resource for their peers in seeking mental health services.

### **Taxes Workshop - November 8, 2022**

Students from the Youth Advisory Council had a brief introduction to finance awareness with a 1st Bank teller, Yareli Jcales. She was able to provide detailed information to our council about the process of setting up student accounts along with the benefits, and tips on how to manage those accounts. At the beginning of the year our Council shared possible topics that they would like to



learn about in the Youth Advisory Council program. One of those topics included how to manage their finances. To fulfill this request, our members attended this workshop where they were able to ask questions and learn valuable skills.

#### **Variety of the Desert's Toy Drive - November 14, 2022**

Our Youth Advisory Council participated in Variety of the Desert's toy drive this year. For this event Variety of the Desert was giving toys to children and they were delivering some of these as presents. Our Youth Advisory Council helped the Variety team wrap and prepare gifts that were to be given out. During this time that is dedicated to giving back to our community, our council found this event to be the best way to do so and had fun at the same time.

#### **RUHS SOAR Collaboration: OAPP Workshop - November 29, 2022 Overdose Awareness Prevention Program (OAPP)**

The third and final training that the Fourth District YAC participated in was the OAPP workshop which aimed to increase community awareness of alternatives to using substances to handle life stress caused by ACES/ACERS for at-risk youth and their families in Riverside County. Promoted positive youth development by empowering students to act as a resource for their peers and aimed to decrease the initiation of opioid use and misuse in Riverside County.

#### **Coachella Valley Rescue Mission Meals - December 17, 2022**

This Christmas season our students wanted to give back to our community by helping the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission serve meals for the community of Coachella. One of our Youth Advisory Council's biggest goals every year is to assist in providing the basic necessities to our community. This event helped us continue to do so. Our students worked in the kitchen to prepare meals. This included preparing silverware, prepping food, and even serving the meals.

#### **Christmas at the Galilee Center - December 17, 2022**

During the Christmas season students from the Youth Advisory Council helped assemble Christmas boxes at the Galilee Center. The Galilee Center serves the community by helping families who are in need of clothing, food, and Christmas toys. Our Youth Advisory Council members were able to provide assistance with such tasks to support the Galilee center in their efforts to give back to the community.

#### **PGA Fundraiser - January 19, 2023**

The PGA fundraiser was an event held by the American Express Golf Tournament. This event was designed to provide an opportunity for non-profit organizations in our community to fundraise money. For this event our Youth Advisory Council was sought out by Variety of the Desert as volunteers. Our council was able to assist with working concession stands and working with other organizations during the event. Overall, this event allowed our council to meet community partners and make connections while also allowing us to help Variety of the Desert to fundraise for their organization.

#### **CoC, Youth Point in Time Count - Come and Be Connected Event - January 25, 2023**

In partnership with the Continuum of Care's Youth Point in Time Count, council members volunteered at the Come and be Connected Event in the Coachella Valley which was a resource fair to help homeless youth be counted in the county-wide count and to be connected to beneficial

services and resources. The YAC students assisted with set up and break down of the event, assisted community partners as needed and took time to capture footage to post on social media to provide additional awareness of the event and the available resources.

### **Committee Planning Meeting with Partners Against Violence - February 15, 2023**

This meeting was in partnership with Ashley Bautista from Partners Against Violence, in an effort to help our mental health committee brainstorm ideas for their event they plan to host. The committee is planning an event surrounding the topic of dating violence and felt that some direction and collaboration with this agency would ensure we provided proper resources and support to our community.

### **Youth Summit – March 31, 2023**

The Youth Commission plans and sponsors an Annual Youth Summit for high school-aged youth throughout the county. Youth Summit was created to provide the youth an opportunity to discuss topics that are affecting their lives and community. Topics are voted on by the Youth Commission Board based on suggestions brought forth by each Youth Advisory Council. Expert speakers are invited to present information and provide a setting where our youth can explore the topics, share ideas, and hear the opinions of others. This year, students had the opportunity to enjoy workshops on the topics: Finding Yourself, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Academic Burnout. The event was hosted in the Fourth District at the UCR Palm Desert Center in Palm Desert. Students heard welcoming remarks from Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and enjoyed a day of inspiring messages and fun activities. The event also featured youth related resource exhibitor booths with community partners, county programs and local colleges. Participants had the opportunity to speak to vendors as soon as they arrived, during breaks, and lunch time. This year the Youth Commission was able to accommodate 17 vendors such as California State University, San Bernardino, RUHS Behavioral Health and Public Health, Planned Parenthood, and Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. The speakers for the youth summit event did a phenomenal job and are listed below:

- Dr. Jason Jones: Director of Pupil and Administrative Services at the Riverside County Office of Education
- Chloe Diaz: State Assembly Advocate for homeless foster youth and the LGBTQ Community
- Ashley Bautista: Community Outreach Specialist at Partners Against Violence

### **FIND Food Bank Senior Boxes - May 6, 2023**

Our Youth had the opportunity to connect with other students and adults to do something that would help the seniors in our community. We worked in teams to build boxes and pack them with pantry essentials that would provide a week's worth of groceries to one person. We were able to complete 198 boxes and 152 bags for our senior citizens. It was a great opportunity to see our youth interacting with others and learning more about teamwork.

### **Oasis Summer Resource Fair – May 13, 2023**

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) had the opportunity to attend the Oasis Summer Resource Fair in Thermal at Oasis Elementary School. After setting up a booth for the Youth Advisory Council, students handed out flyers to recruit students for the 2023-2024 school year to join our council. This booth was intended to help spread information about our YAC program to those who

attended the event and to spread the word about this opportunity in the East side of the Coachella Valley.

-----Summary of the Year-----

**Goals for the 2022-2023 YAC term:**

- Mental Health
- Equity
- Substance Abuse

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**Total number of community service projects and hours:**

Council members participated in 16 service projects and dedicated 289 hours of community service to the Fourth District of Riverside County.

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

## **Fifth District Youth Advisory Council: Annual Report 2022-2023**

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high school within the Fifth District of Riverside County. Communities within the Fifth District include: the City of Banning, the City of Beaumont, the City of Calimesa, the City of Moreno Valley, the City of San Jacinto, and the City of Hemet.

### **Fifth District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2022-2023**

*In order to achieve our 2022-2023 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.*

#### **Mental Health: Healing Hearts Committee**

The Healing Hearts committee was aimed at providing high schools within the district with the proper resources to maintain their mental health and combat outside stressors. The council met goals to advocate for mental health by partnering up with RUHS Public Health and attending a series of informational workshops. The council planned social media campaigns to advocate for healthy coping skills, body positivity, and ways to stay healthy.

#### **Environment: Climate Crew Committee**

The Climate Crew committee has primarily focused on cleaning up their communities and by spreading awareness on sustainable practices through social media campaigns. This year, council members focused on cleaning communities in the City of Moreno Valley and the City of Cabazon.

#### **Homeless Outreach: Pay It Forward Committee**

The homeless outreach committee has primarily focused on helping the homeless by partnering up with community organizations such as Power Speaks Louder (PSL). During the council's partnership with PSL, council members attended bi-weekly events to help prepare for the organization's street outreach which helps distribute packaged meals to the homeless in Moreno Valley. The council supported the Youth Point in Time Count to provide care packages for the homeless youth in Riverside County and also fundraised for in-kind donations for women in need.

### **Fifth District Service Events and Projects Completed**

*Listed below are the key projects the 2022-2023 First District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.*

#### **MVUSD Community School Resource Fair- August 1, 2022**

The Moreno Valley Community Resource fair was an event held at Moreno Valley High School to welcome and introduce parents and students to the new school year. The resource fair was intended to gift families with elementary and high school students with new school supplies, such as backpacks, notebooks, pens, and pencils, as well as groceries, and to connect them with non-profit organizations and Riverside County departments. The Youth Advisory Council held a booth at this event to share program information with community members and to speak to parents about how the Board of Supervisors can assist them.

### **Annual Youth Retreat- August 4, 2022**

The Riverside County Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat. This event is intended to prepare, excite, and train new and returning council members for the upcoming school year. In order to prepare council members to become leaders, form committees, and plan to meet and measure their goals, the Council Coordinators presented workshops on the foundations of the Youth Advisory Council and how to lead and form successful committees to meet their council goals. Students were also trained on the Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedures which was presented by Riverside County Counsel's Sarah Moore. To encourage team bonding, the Youth Commission provided opportunities for students to interact with each other during breaks. Council members participated in various icebreakers and team building activities including a Youth Commission Member Bingo which required them to talk to one another to learn fun facts as well as a photo scavenger hunt which allowed members to be creative on how to work together to pose for themed pictures. The event also featured an Alumni panel with previous YAC members who came back to share about their time in YAC, life after high school and tips for making the best of their time in the Youth Commission. Alumni shared about their college experiences, and how YAC helped provide them with transferable skills and experiences they still appreciate today. Overall, it was a successful and fun event that prepared the YAC students for their upcoming year in YAC.

### **Power Speaks Louder Meal Prep- September 9, 2022, September 23, December 29, 2022**

The Youth Advisory Council partnered up with Power Speaks Louder to collaborate with the Homeless Outreach Preparation event. Outreach preparation events were held every second and fourth Friday of the month. The event was designed to act as an assembly bag event to pack personal protection gear, water, sandwiches, snacks, and other hygiene products. The council packed over 60 goodie bags at each event for the homeless in Moreno Valley.

### **RUHS Public Health, Injury Prevention Services - SOAR Collaboration**

The Youth Commission has been participating with the RUHS PH IPS department in their newly expanded SOAR Program (Suicide, Overdose, Awareness to Resilience) which features 3 trainings on relevant topics that youth in the county are dealing with today. These topics include:

- Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (TSAPP) – October 26, 2022
- Overdose Awareness and Prevention Program (OAPP) – November 29, 2022
- Resilience Initiative through Support and Empowerment (RISE) – December 6, 2022

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Councils hosted workshops for these three topics in collaboration with the RUHS SOAR team which was a total of 3 individual presentations.

### **Annual Youth in Government Day- October 26, 2022**

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**Beaumont Cherry Valley Parks and Recreation Pumpkin Carve Festival- October 29, 2022**

The Beaumont Cherry Valley Pumpkin Carve Festival was a festive and community centered event that council members participated in to support the City of Beaumont. The Beaumont Parks and Recreation hosted the Pumpkin Carve Festival to bring residents together to celebrate the start of fall with fun and engaging activities. The Youth Advisory Council helped set up for the event, helped host games, and helped residents carve and decorate their pumpkins.

**Inland Congregations United for Change Zoom- November 15, 2022**

The Inland Congregations United for Change, otherwise known as ICUC, hosted a regional zoom meeting for all non-profits, organizations, and youth to attend. The Zoom sessions were a series called the Riverside County Local Organizing Committee where high school and college aged youth were invited to learn about developing leadership and how to become civically engaged with other community organizations.

**RUHS Festival of Trees- November 21, 2022**

The Riverside University of Health Systems annually hosts the Festival of Trees aimed at providing a fundraising opportunity for all stakeholders, community members, and county departments to give to the RUHS Hospital located in Moreno Valley. The event is aimed to support critical work at RUHS in the Pediatric Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, and the Child Abuse and Neglect Unit. The event is open to sponsorships, live and silent auctions, and Fund-A-Need are just some of the ways that you can support.

**Beaumont Cherry Valley Parks & Recreation Winterfest- December 2, 2023**

The Beaumont Cherry Valley Pumpkin Winterfest was a festive and community centered event that council members participated in to support the City of Beaumont. The Beaumont Parks and Recreation hosted the Winterfest to bring residents together to celebrate the holidays with fun and engaging activities. The Youth Advisory Council helped set up for the event, helped host games, and helped families and their kids on the snow slide.

**CoC Youth Point in Time Count Incentive Bag Packing Day- January 5, 2023**

District Five's Youth Advisory Council participated in the county wide annual Youth Point in Time Count. This year the council supported the Point in Time Count for the incentive bag assembly event. Several items were lined up and set on tables so that each person would grab each item from a box and put it into a drawstring backpack. Since this was a county wide event, our council and other volunteers were faced with the task to complete around a thousand incentive bags made for homeless youth.

### **CoC Youth Point in Time Count Come & Be Connected- January 27, 2023**

District Five's Youth Advisory Council participated in the county wide annual Youth Point in Time Count. The Youth Point in Time Count is a community effort to find homeless youth in order to provide them incentive bags and resources. The Come & Be Connected events were intended to bring at risk and homeless youth to talk to community resources.

### **Nuevo Municipal Advisory Committee- January 19, 2023**

The Youth Advisory Council Coordinator attended the Nuevo Municipal Advisory Committee to provide the opportunity for Nuevo residents to learn about the program and its benefits.

### **Cabazon Community Clean Up- February 4, 2023**

Housing and Workforce Solutions and Code Enforcement hosted the Cabazon Neighborhood Clean-up at Cabazon Elementary during the month of February. The clean-up allowed residents to bring items like sofa's mattresses, tires, and electronics, and any other unwanted items. Council members supported residents loading items off their cars, pass out surveys, and guide residents to the proper station.

### **Beautify Moreno Valley Community Clean Up- February 11, 2023**

The council attended the Beautify MoVal Community Day of Service to clean up parks, street areas, and trails throughout the city. The council was assigned the job to beautify the Sunnymead Park by picking up trash and painting walls within the park area.

### **TRIO Day- February 25, 2023**

The Youth Advisory Council participated in the National TRIO Day college, career, and community resource fair. Council members hosted a booth to share information about program benefits and invite high school students to Youth Commission events.

### **Youth Advisory Council Women's Drive- March 24, 2023**

The Youth Advisory Council partnered up with Power Speaks Louder to collaborate with the Homeless Outreach Preparation event. Outreach preparation events were held every second and fourth Friday of the month. The event was designed to act as an assembly bag event to pack personal protection gear, water, sandwiches, snacks, and other hygiene products. In addition, the Pay it Forward committee had planned a women's drive at Moreno Valley College, Rancho High School, and Valley View High School. The council gathered over 100 hygiene female products and had packed, sorted, and organized the donations for Power Speaks Louder.

### **Annual Youth Summit- March 31, 2023**

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welcoming remarks from Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and enjoyed a day of inspiring messages and fun activities. The event also featured youth related resource exhibitor booths with community partners, county programs and local colleges. Participants had the opportunity to speak to vendors as soon as they arrived, during breaks, and lunch time. This year the Youth Commission was able to accommodate 17 vendors such as California State University, San Bernardino, RUHS Behavioral Health and Public Health, Planned Parenthood, and Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. The speakers for the youth summit event did a phenomenal job and are listed below:

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### **Moreno Valley Springtastic Festival & Egg Hunt- April 1, 2023**

The Moreno Valley School District's Spring Fest was an event hosted by the City of Moreno Valley to provide the community with community resources and to kick off the month by celebrating spring festivities. The Youth Advisory council volunteered by managing several game booths and guiding community members in and out of the egg hunt.

### **Interact Club & Power Speaks Louder Clothing Drive- April 14, 2023**

The Youth Advisory Council partnered up with Power Speaks Louder and the Interact Club to collaborate with the Homeless Outreach Preparation event and Clothing drive. The event was designed to act as an assembly bag event to pack personal protection gear, water, sandwiches, snacks, and other hygiene products. Additionally, the council sorted, organized, and tagged all clothing related donations for the homeless to choose from.

### **MVUSD Spring Fest- April 15, 2023**

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### **Beaumont Cherry Valley Parks & Recreation Cinco de Mayo Festival- May 6, 2023**

The Cinco de Mayo Festival was an event hosted by the Beaumont Cherry Valley Parks and Recreation to provide the community with resources, great food, and to kick off the month by celebrating spring festivities. The Youth Advisory council volunteered by managing the Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez/YAC booth. County resource Flyers and Youth Advisory Council applications were passed out, as well as goodie items such as pens, notebooks, and rulers.

### **Beautify Moreno Valley Community Clean Up- May 13, 2023**

The council attended the Beautify MoVal Community Day of Service to clean up parks, street areas, and trails throughout the city. The council was assigned the job to beautify the Adrienne Mitchel Memorial Park by picking up trash, painting walls, and planting flowers within the park area.

**Riverside University Health System Employee Appreciation Month - May 16, 17, 18**

The Youth Advisory Council partnered up with Riverside University Behavioral Health to help goodie bags for all RUHS employees across the county. Appreciation bags included items such as Trail mix, Rice Krispies, chips, and water bottles. Council members dedicated three days to help the organization pack hundreds of goodie bags in honor of Employee Appreciation month.

-----**Summary of the Year**-----

**Goals for the 2022-2023 YAC Term:**

Mental Health: Healing Hearts Committee

Environment: Climate Crew Committee

Homeless Outreach: Pay It Forward Committee

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**Total number of community service projects and hours:**

Council members delivered 26 projects, webinars, workshops, and training as well as dedicated 774.5 hours of community service to the Fifth District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.