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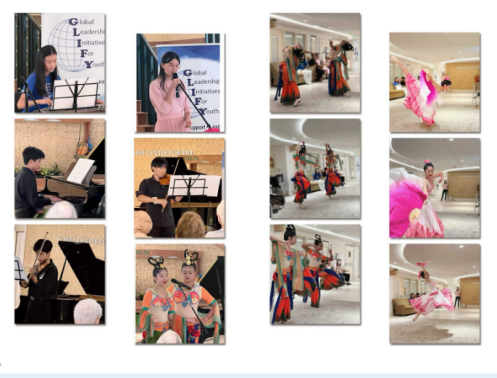
Global Leadership Initiatives For Youth

New Members of October, 2023

Aarsh Mittal, Yuchen Zhang, Chelsea Zhang, Xiwen He, Class of 2025

Jordan Estimo, Aiden Wang, Emily Fu, Eason Yang, Class of 2026

Yizheng Liu, Annie Zhang, Brooklyn Zhang, Caleb Ma, Arnold Qi, Ezra Zhang, Class of 2027

Sameya Lingareddy, Cheryl Xu, Yuze Zhang, Jade Estimo, Evan Li, Sharon Yao, Alison Fu, Shira Rabani, Cyrus Ma, Phoebe Huang, Class of 2028

Selena Liang, Class of 2029

Welcome our 25 new members of October 2023! GLIFY now has 433 active members. We hope you all will enjoy the volunteering opportunities and exciting programs GLIFY offers. As a reminder, feel free to invite your friends to volunteer together by filling out the member registration form.
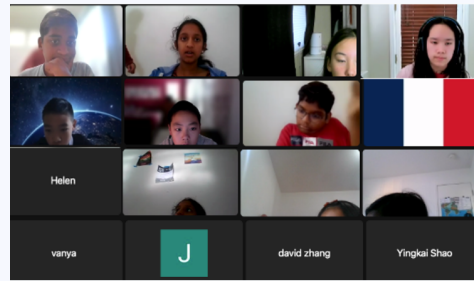
Reutlinger Senior Center Performance

Since the autumn of 2018, on every third Saturday of the month, approximately ten members of GLIFY have been delivering one-hour concerts to the seniors at the Reutlinger Community in Danville. These programs encompass various musical instruments such as the piano and violin, dance performances, singing, and more.

The seniors constantly anticipate and relish these music concerts, eagerly looking forward to the next one. Through these events, volunteers not only showcase their talents but also bring joy to the senior residents, contributing to the community. Volunteering at the senior center also helps volunteers overcome stage fright when they participate regularly.

We invite you to join us at our next event and share your talents!

Winter Math Workshop

The GLIFY 2023 Winter Math Workshop will teach students AMC 8 and MATHCOUNTS problem-solving methods. Students will learn skills and concepts to help them do well in these competitions. The class has been well-received for the past several years. This year, we have 14 students! We hope all the students learn the necessary skills and have fun during class!

News and Updates

2023 President's Volunteer Service Award Ceremony

On October 15th, GLIFY hosted its 2023 President's Volunteer Service Award Ceremony. We congratulated over 60 GLIFY members for their many hours of dedication to help those in need. Frank Balestrieri, the team lead for melting and molding crayons at The Crayon Initiative, and Kristen Dean, the Volunteer Program Coordinator at the Alameda County Fair, were invited to speak at the ceremony. They shared about their organizations' journeys, along with how their collaboration with GLIFY has been able to further their efforts to positively impact the world.

-Eric Xiao and Victoria Xu

Coding Club STEM Boxes

GLIFY has launched the Coding Club, an initiative to help people develop their programming and problem-solving skills. In collaboration with Foster Love, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with the vision to improve the lives of children in foster care, we present an opportunity to fundraise and earn volunteer hours. Volunteers purchase from a selection of STEM Box Materials, which they then assemble and donate to children in need. Participation requires purchasing any combination of the options listed here, and twenty-four boxes have already been claimed. The deadline to sign up is November 15, 2023. We can't wait to see the products of GLIFY members' hard work!

-Preston Xie

Contra Costa Food Bank Sorting

In October, we hosted a total of three events with the Contra Costa Food Bank, including food sorting at the warehouse and distribution at Mt. Diablo High School. Around 55 volunteers came and were able to provide support for low-income communities. One of our events was a bonding session for our project leaders, which was an opportunity to enhance teamwork and success. Thank you GLIFY members! Your efforts not only help bring the team closer together, but more importantly ensure that essential food reaches those who need it most!

-Jayden Zhou, Hayden Lee, Victoria Xu

People of the Parks

The People of the Parks project has begun! During the program, our volunteers help the City of Dublin by cleaning their local parks. This month, eight volunteers went to Emerald Glen Park area to pick up trash in the community, ensuring a clean environment for all to enjoy. For now, our group is relatively small, but we're excited to see it grow in the future!

-Andy Qin

Featured Projects

Chocolate Fundraising

For the past three years, GLIFY's chocolate truffle fundraiser has supported projects such as Kids Against Hunger and many more! Each order is handmade by a group of volunteers with high-quality ingredients. The delicious chocolate has been in high demand. In total, this project fundraises around $1000 annually for GLIFY. We appreciate all the families who ordered the chocolates and made this project happen!

Kids Against Hunger

Once a month, GLIFY volunteers have the opportunity to pack meals in a Kids Against Hunger event. These meals are distributed to hungry children and their families around the world. In just four sessions that lasted an hour and a half each, our amazing GLIFY volunteers were able to package a total of 19,656 meals! GLIFY is grateful to all of our volunteers and KAH for giving us a chance to give back to the community!
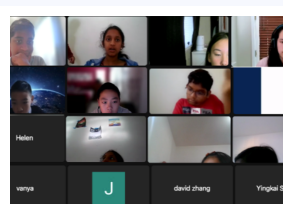
Upcoming Activities and Events

English Tutoring
Time, Date, and Location:
9:00am – 9:45am
11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25
Online at home

Living Arroyos
Time, Date, and Location:
9:00am - 12:00pm
11/4, 11/18
Livermore, CA

Winter Math Workshop
Time, Date, and Location:
3:30pm - 5:00pm
11/11, 11/18, 11/25
Online at home

White Pony Express Star Program
Time, Date, and Location:
All Day
10/15 - 11/05
Home

* Sign-up email for each activity will be sent out to all active GLIFY members around one week prior to the activity date.

Humor/Trivia of the Month
Did you know? The world record for fastest pumpkin carving is 24 seconds!