



New Members of November, 2023

Vanessa Le, Raymond Choi - Class of 2025
 Krish Sharda - Class of 2026
 Sarah Wang, Acelynn Qi - Class of 2027
 Valerie Ma - Class of 2029
 Eva Wang - Class of 2030

Welcome our 7 new members of November 2023! GLIFY now has 440 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](#).



Christmas Shoebox

We had another wonderful season of Christmas Shoebox Gift Collecting! In total, 52 GLIFY members participated in this project and donated 210 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child. These shoeboxes were all carefully packed. They were filled with toys, clothing or stationeries that fit a certain age group. Our members also spent a lot of effort making beautiful Christmas crafts and cards for each box. Many of these crafts were very unique and creative. We're sure these shoeboxes will brighten the children's day when they receive them. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this project a huge success!

11/19 Member Bonding

On November 19th, GLIFY had a member bonding event at Ted Fairfield Park. This event helped new members and returning members to get to know one another. We started off the event with some crayon sorting. This gave everyone an opportunity to talk and socialize while getting some volunteer hours. Afterwards, we played a fun game and enjoyed some snacks. We hope to see more of you at our next bonding event!



News and Updates



Open Heart Kitchen

GLIFY is delighted to return to the Open Heart Kitchen project this year, which serves meals to combat hunger and poverty in the Tri-Valley. At the Pleasanton Senior Center, our team of five volunteers came together on November 20th to provide a heartfelt lunch service for the seniors in our community. Each of us took on specific roles, from washing dishes to passing out food and managing the dish station. Over the course of two hours, we successfully served over 90 seniors.

-Hayden Lee



White Pony Express Star Program

The White Pony Express Star Program is an event that allows volunteers to help pack necessities for those in need during wintertime. Each star represents a certain item such as warm clothing, sleeping bags, and toys that will be donated to someone in need. From 10/15 to 11/5, we collected donations from around 40 GLIFY families, and on 11/19 we packed them all, as well as attaching holiday cards and little notes to each item. In total, we completed 159 stars. The program was a great success, and we hope to see you volunteering with us next year!

-Lawrence Zhang



GLIFY FUNDrive

Starting in early October, GLIFY was able to collect a total of 187 bags of clothes from our volunteers. Over 2518 pounds of clothes, blankets, and different items were collected. After waking up early one morning, we transported all our bags and placed them into carts at Savers. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we were able to raise \$503 for GLIFY! We hope to see you there volunteering with us at the next event!

-Joshua Wu



APAPA & Pleasanton Police Conversation

On November 12, GLIFY co-hosted the Conversation with the Chief event at the Pleasanton Library with APAPA. At the event, the Pleasanton police chief and a few of his colleagues gave a presentation detailing the current state of the Pleasanton Police Department and answered the questions the audience had. GLIFY volunteers set up the venue, managed the raffle, and helped the MC at the start of the event. The event went smoothly and was quite successful.

-Eric Xiao

Featured Projects

GLIFY Tutoring



Any member who would like to share his/her knowledge about any subject(s) to help other students can sign up as a tutor. Subjects include but are not limited to Math, English, Music, Sports etc. GLIFY members can sign up as a tutor from this [link](#). All tutors are GLIFY members and our students come from the greater community. A student can enroll in one or more of the sessions from our tutors. **The first trial class is FREE.** Tutoring can be long term or short term. Details of the tutoring session such as time, location, frequency etc. are discussed between the tutor and the student. Students can refer to the following tutor information based on topics and enroll from this [link](#) or scan the barcode on the flyer above.

Basketball Camp



The GLIFY Basketball Camp teaches students fundamental skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting the ball. Students will also get to apply and practice game rules through scrimmage playing against each other. The students improve a lot from a variety of drills and individualized feedback from the coaches. The camp has been very well received, and the coaches all want to bring their passion and love for basketball to this camp and share their many years of experience to help the students become a better, stronger player! You can learn more about camp instructors in this [link](#).

Upcoming Activities and Events



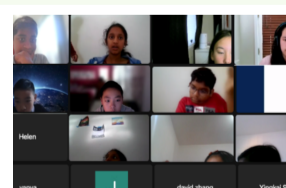
Adopt a Senior

Time, Date, and Location:
 All Day
 11/12 - 12/17
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Family Giving Tree Warehouse Volunteer

Time, Date, and Location:
 10:00am - 12:00pm
 12/21, 12/27
 Sunnyvale, CA



Winter Math Workshop

Time, Date, and Location:
 3:30pm - 5:00pm
 12/2, 12/9, 12/16
 Online at home



Contra Costa Food Bank

Time, Date, and Location:
 12/2
 11:45am - 1:15pm
 12/10
 1:30pm - 3:30pm
 Home

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

Humor/Trivia of the Month

Did you know? Despite the First Thanksgiving taking place in 1621, it was not a holiday until 1863, when Abraham Lincoln gave his Thanksgiving Proclamation.

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