



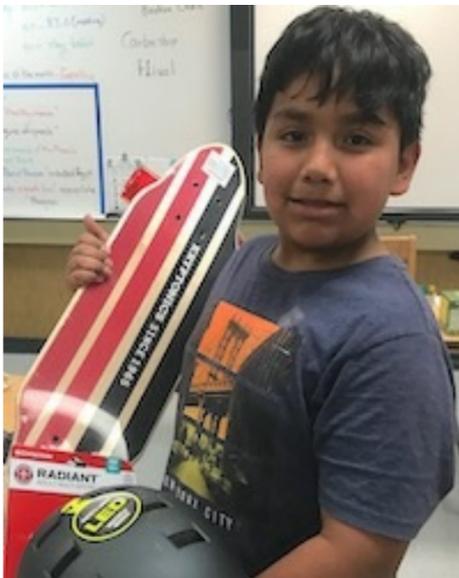
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# Happy Thanksgiving

Wishing you and yours the very best this Holiday Season.

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The Holiday Wish Drive is now in high gear!



**With a goal of 80,000 gifts delivered, we're calling on the Bay Area community to help make this the most impactful Holiday Wish Drive yet.**

As the cost of living continues to increase dramatically in the Bay Area, thousands of families and individuals are facing the prospect of a giftless holiday. Help us spread joy and give others a reason to celebrate the season. Read on to learn how...



### **Lead a Holiday Wish Drive**

It's time to [sign up as an HWD 2019 Drive Leader](#)! As part of our mission

to be as green as possible, all materials to lead a drive are available online. Gifts are due back Wednesday, December 11th. FGT will be hosting drop-offs all around the Bay Area, so don't worry about making it to San Jose for our warehouse drop off.



Already a Drive Leader? Then be sure to check out our [Resources](#) page and all the other helpful information on our website: informative [FAQs](#), important [Warehouse and Drop-off Information](#) and more.

### **Want to help, but don't want to lead a drive?**

- [Donate online](#)
- [Grant a wish online](#)
- Follow us on social - click the icons below
- Share our mission with your friends and family
- [Pick up a wish card](#) at one of our public partners. Grab the card, shop for the gift and return it - with the wish card attached - to the location where you picked up the card. Check the list to find a location near you.

## **Meet Our Corporate Partners**

Each year we are pleased and proud to have corporate partners who specifically support the work of the Holiday Wish Drive. We could not run our warehouse without their valuable and ongoing support.



## Corporate Volunteer & Giving Opportunities

Want to involve your workplace in giving back? We have some fun, collaborative opportunities for you that are sure to get you and your teams into the holiday spirit!



**Wrapping parties** take place in the convenience of your own company, allowing employees to have the warehouse experience without the commute. FGT brings you the gifts to wrap, then uses them to stock the Holiday Wish Drive warehouse store.

A few openings are still available the week of December 16-20, so contact [amelia@fgt.org](mailto:amelia@fgt.org) today.

**Shopping sprees** are an exciting way to get your team moving and showing off their shopping skills. Employees take over a Target store for a short period of time and try to buy as many gifts as possible within their budget! Contact



[amelia@fgt.org](mailto:amelia@fgt.org) for more information on either of these team-building volunteer options.

### Company Volunteer Matching

You might've heard about employers matching your donated dollars. But did you know that many employers also match your volunteer hours? If you run a drive, volunteer at our warehouse, or help out in our office or at events, check to see if your employer will donate

according to the time you spend! Double, or even triple your impact by asking your company's HR department if your contributions qualify.

## Support our Community Partners and You Support FGT

For the 2019 Holiday Wish Drive, we are fortunate to be working with multiple partners who have gone above and beyond to help support us in our mission. These valuable alliances help spread the word about the need and educate Bay Area residents about our Drives—all while promoting their own programs. It's a win-win.



**AVON** - This Holiday Season, Avon is where East meets West with the exciting addition of "Belief," a Korean skincare line based on Korean skincare science. Shop now for the holidays and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to FGT.

**CITY LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY** - Enjoy "The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley" and support FGT with each ticket purchase. Help us keep the "A" in STEAM education.

**GOOMBAHS CAR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARADE** - An annual event in Willow Glen, collected gifts will be donated to the Holiday Wish Drive. Come see classics and more decked out for the holidays and bring a gift to donate!

**LIGHT THE WORLD** - "Vending Machines" at San Jose's 2019 Christmas in the Park allow event visitors to quickly and easily support the mission of FGT through a variety of donation levels.

**LOS GATOS BALLETT** - Enjoy the seasonal favorite, "The Nutcracker" at 10% off thanks to an FGT partner code. Your support helps keep

children's artistic programs alive and well in our communities.

**PALO ALTO PLAYERS** - Enjoy "A Christmas Story: The Musical" with \$10 off all tickets prices thanks to an FGT partner code. Just a few more days so act now!

**SAN JOSE BARRACUDAS** - November 22nd is Chuck A Puck night - a fundraiser for FGT. Join the fun! Purchase and chuck a puck - you might win!

**YELP** - Shop local and support Yelp businesses that support FGT. A portion of the proceeds from their Holiday House celebration will be donated to FGT.

For more detailed information on all these opportunities and links to purchase tickets, click the button.

[\*\*Partnership Details\*\*](#)

## Not Everyone is Living the California Dream

Did you know that California now has the highest poverty rate in the nation? Sadly, we do, which makes the work FGT does all the more important. To read our blog about it, and the full article, click [here](#).

Through the 2019 Holiday Wish Drive, we're supporting the clients of nearly 500 agencies, ranging from childcare facilities to senior centers to transitional housing services for homeless adults and families. For the complete list by city, click [here](#).

## Giving Tuesday is Just Around the Corner

After enjoying a wonderful meal and a few days off to celebrate Thanksgiving, we hope you'll be ready to spread that thankful feeling and will give generously during Giving Tuesday. Watch your inbox on December 3rd for a series of three emails about the need in our community and help us give others the chance to celebrate the season.



Family Giving Tree™

Granting Children's Wishes for Joy and Learning

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