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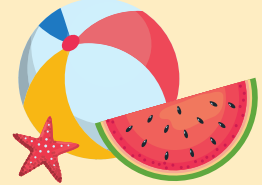
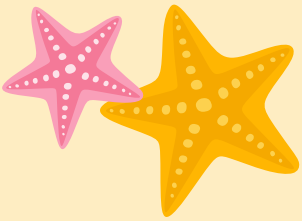
The
BRIGHT Side!



**APRIL/MAY
NEWSLETTER**



Recent Events



BRIGHT Family - Musical Bridge for Seniors - 4.12 & 4.19



Since April, BRIGHT performs twice every month at senior centers. April featured a performance at Ivy Park and Park View Pleasanton.

BRIGHT Nature - Dublin Pride

Volunteer Day - 4.25



BRIGHT members went to Dublin's Emerald Glen Park to plant flowers and rake pine needles. We worked from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, occasionally taking breaks. It was very uplifting to see the flowers planted in the soil and the ground clear of pine needles. Although the work was tiring, it was all worth it in the end.



BRIGHT Fund - Garage Sale - 5.2



BRIGHT

Help Us By Donating!

WE ARE TAKING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- TOYS
- CLOTHING (GOOD CONDITION)
- PLANTS
- BOOKS
- BOARD GAMES
- KITCHEN TOOLS
- USED INSTRUMENTS
- SPORTS GEAR
- DECORATIVE ITEMS
- BICYCLES/SCOOTERS
- OTHER NEW OR USED ITEMS!
- CASH DONATIONS ALSO WELCOME!

DROP OFF ITEMS BY 4/24 AT
2263 OAKLAND AVENUE, PLEASANTON
OR 3530 CINNAMON RIDGE ROAD, SAN RAMON

This event was a tremendous success!

By repurposing items we already owned instead of purchasing new inventory, we kept our overhead costs minimal. Offering these gently used goods at affordable prices not only conserved resources and promoted sustainability, but it also helped us raise \$2279 to further our mission of helping others.



BRIGHT Nature - Wastewater Treatment Plant - 5.3



Our BRIGHT volunteers participated in a field trip to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, learning how wastewater is treated and cleaned. They were also taught about how treating wastewater protects our community's public health and conserves water resources. We left with a new understanding of how our dirty water is returned to the environment and cleaned.

BRIGHT Family - Alameda County Food Bank - 5.9



To help underprivileged families, we participated in the Spring Food Distribution at the Alameda County Food Bank. There, we packed sweet potatoes and carrots, sorting them from their boxes into smaller bags, which we put into large bins. Through teamwork, our volunteers prepared fresh and healthy produce for shipment to families in need.



BRIGHT Family - Mother's Day Cards Drive - 5.10

To celebrate Mother's Day, our BRIGHT members created handmade cards filled with thoughtful messages and warm wishes. During our Mother's Day performance at a senior center, we handed out these cards to the residents. It was so sweet and heartwarming to see their smiles as they received a small token of appreciation and kindness for them.



BRIGHT Family - Parkview Senior Center Performance - 5.10

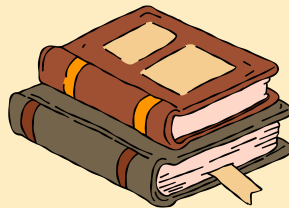


Our performances at the senior center have steadily improved. While our initial show served as a solid foundation, we carefully analyzed each subsequent event to refine our approach. This continuous improvement has resulted in near-total audience engagement. Moving forward, we are putting the final touches on our programs to ensure the highest possible level of interaction and enjoyment.



BRIGHT Global - ALP Book Sort - 5.23

Every book we sort serves a greater purpose. We donated 10 crates, totalling up to 580 books. Locally, we are reducing landfill waste by giving used books a second life. On a global scale, we use these books as meaningful incentives to encourage communities to access healthcare, simultaneously boosting literacy rates. Ultimately, the funds raised from this overall effort empower us to keep our other vital outreach programs running strong.



BRIGHT Family - Ivy Park Senior Center Performance - 5.30



Our audience engagement for this performance was outstanding. Every moment felt special, maintaining a consistently high energy level throughout the event. This sets the definitive standard we aim to replicate in the future, directly reflecting months of hard work and preparation.

BRIGHT School - Tutoring

Our tutoring program aims to teach English to kids in China. BRIGHT volunteers teach kids once a week, 1 hour per lesson. With our help, native Chinese speakers improve their English and get adequate speaking practice. Volunteers work hard to prepare for each lesson, and the kids in China show significant improvement in both their comprehension and speaking skills.



Music Bridge for Seniors:

Interview

? Why did you create this musical program?

Aaron:

We wanted to support seniors. Many residents aren't able to leave their living facilities easily, so we thought it would be meaningful to bring live music to them. It feels very different from just listening on a phone—live performances are much more engaging and personal.

Lucy:

For the student performers, they don't always have many opportunities to perform in their daily lives. By organizing concerts at senior centers, we give them something to look forward to and work toward.

That's also why we call it a "musical bridge"—we're building a connection between the needs of the audience and the performers.

? What challenges did you face, and how did you solve them?

Aaron:

There were quite a few challenges. In the early stages of our program, we noticed that performances longer than 5 minutes were a bit challenging for some residents to stay focused. So we started encouraging performers to keep their pieces within 4 minutes, and we also tried to mix different types of performances to keep the program engaging.

Lucy:

We also noticed that some residents who wear hearing aids can be sensitive to high-pitched instruments, like the flute or trumpet. So we now encourage performers to play more gently during higher notes. We also make sure to give a heads-up beforehand and adjust as needed.



Music Bridge for Seniors: Interview

? What was the most memorable moment for you?

Lucy:

We didn't expect the residents to look forward to the performances so much. Many of them come really early, and there's one gentleman who always arrives early and leaves late. He usually stays afterward for a while and loves taking photos with the performers and their instruments.

Aaron:

For me, what really surprised me was when we introduced some traditional Chinese instruments. The residents were very interested and excited, and it gave us the idea to create themed performances in the future.

? What are your plans for the future?

Aaron:

We're planning themed concerts, like a Joe Hisaishi special and a Christmas concert. We also want to encourage performers to practice more over the summer so we can improve the quality of the shows.

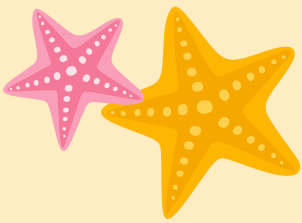
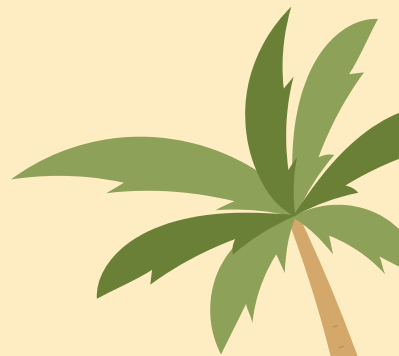
Lucy:

In the future, we'd also love to explore deeper collaboration—like having seniors perform together with the students on stage. We hope that the performances we've carefully prepared can bring some joyful moments to the residents, and also become meaningful memories for our young performers in the future.





Upcoming Events



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BRIGHT Volunteer Plans

**6.7 Family Giving Tree Backpack Drive
launch**

6.10 Saver FunDrive shipping

6.19 - 7.12 Alameda County Fair

6.22-7.10 Math Camp

6.27 Parkview Performance - TBC

6.29-7.10 Bottle to Future Drop off window

7.11 Bottle Sort

7.13-7.17 Speech Camp

7.20-7.24 Speech Camp

**7.25-7.29 Family Giving Tree Backpack Drop
off**

7.26 Ivy Park Performance - TBC



Editors/Credits!

5.31.26



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