

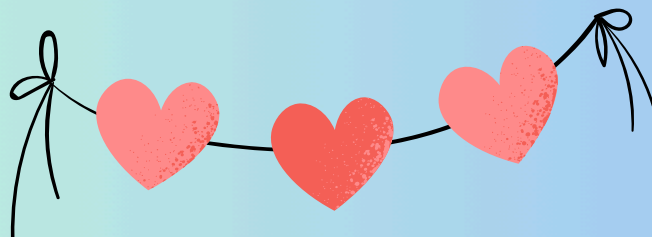


BRIGHT Alliance

The
BRIGHT Side

Aug/Sep 2026
Newsletter





Recent Events



8.1: ALP Book Sort



On August 1st, BRIGHT volunteers sorted approximately 580 books in 12 boxes, getting them ready to ship to Uganda. We were very happy, knowing that the books that we no longer used were being given a new life and a new purpose. All of the books sorted were donated by our hardworking BRIGHT members.





8.3-9.27: Cancer Care Kit Drive

Starting from August 3rd, BRIGHT volunteers hosted a lemonade sale and a farmers market charity sale, raising around 800\$ to purchase comfort items for the cancer care kits donated to UCSF Cancer Center. Art-to-Heart group donated 48 beautiful handmade encouragement cards to support Cancer Care Kit Drive.



9.1 - 9.27: Love Cards for Cancer Care Kit

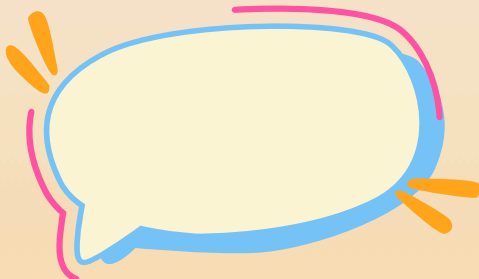
Twelve BRIGHT volunteers handmade 48 encouragement cards to support cancer patients at UCSF. We hope that these beautifully made cards will brighten the patients' days and remind them that they are perfect just the way they are.



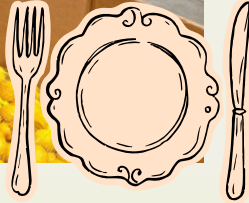


7.27-8.7: Speech Camp

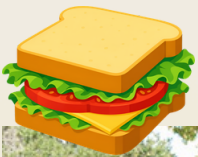
BRIGHT volunteers Sydney & Lucie hosted two sessions of speech camp. During the camp, our younger members learned public speaking and presentation skills and had the chance to practice in front of their peers. By the end of the camp, participants said the camp was fun and helped them feel more comfortable and confident speaking in front of others.

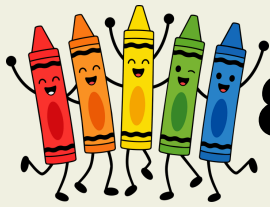


8.8: Alameda County Food Bank



This event was especially meaningful because we were able to help provide food for local families in need. BRIGHT volunteers worked together with other organizations, with each volunteer packing an average of about 280 pounds lemondade. The food was then distributed to low-income families throughout the Tri-Valley area.





8.16+9.13: Crayon Sort



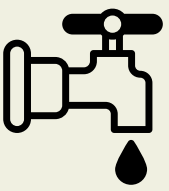
Used crayons were sorted by colors and sending back to Crayon Initiative.

The sorted crayons were melted down and processed into new crayons.



These new crayons were then distributed to young patients of children's hospitals across the country.





9.12-Wastewater Treatment Plant



The September 12th field trip was a success. There were 12 children and two parents that joined the guided tour to the Dublin Wastewater Treatment Plant. Our participants learned about the process of treating wastewater into recyclable water. We learned specifically about preliminary treatment, physical treatment, chemical treatment, biological treatment, and UV disinfection treatment. The recycled water that went through the process is used for irrigation.





8/8 and 9/20 Senior Center Performances



We did our performance at the senior center, playing a mix of classical piano pieces and trumpet pieces along with some unique Chinese songs and instruments. We spent lots of time getting everything ready, but the performance turned out great and it was really nice hanging out together and performing to the seniors.





9/19 Hike and Clean



On September 19th, our group went on a hike to help clean up the trail and pick up trash along the path. It was a lot of walking and a good amount of work to get everything cleared, but we managed to collect a bunch of garbage and it was a really fun day hanging out together outside.



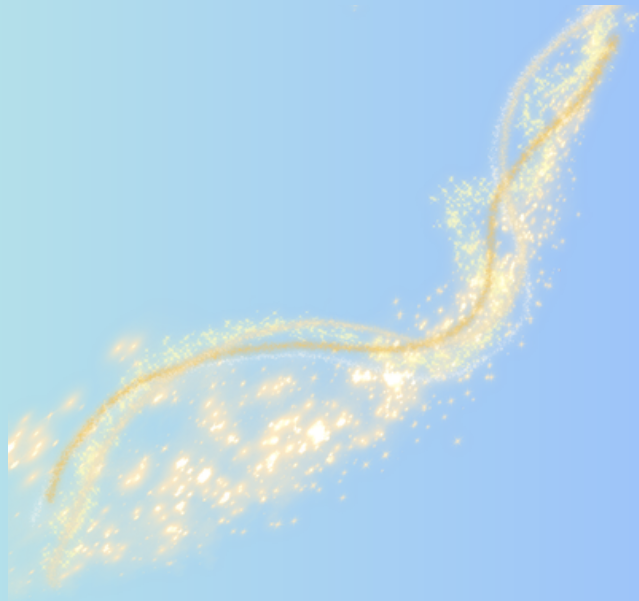


9.26: Bottle Sort & Sale

Five volunteers sorted over 50 bags of CA CRV bottles and aluminum cans and sold them at Livermore Refund Recycle Center. This event raised over \$240 funds for our Cancer Care Kit Drive.



Spotlight



Sydney Interview



Sydney explains that the tutoring program is very meaningful since she loves to see people receive the education that they deserve. This is what inspired her to start the BRIGHT tutoring program, which encourages other people to do the same. She also believed that tutoring is a way to meet new people other than conveying knowledge.

Here is a link to the interview page:

https://brightallies.org/f/bright-voices-an-interview-with-sydney_

National Service Honors Award

This June, we had six volunteers who applied for and got the National Service Award. They are Lucy Wang, Hannah Gao, Eva Gao, Anna Lin, Aimee Han, and Aaron Wang. We are very proud of them for their contributions to society.



Joe Hisaishi Specials



On August 23rd and August 29th, BRIGHT hosted two Joe Hisaishi-themed special performances at two senior centers. The programs featured a diverse range of performances, including solos, duets, and vocal pieces. Based on the reflections we received from the audience, the performances were truly memorable and meaningful.



While this was our first themed performance, it certainly will not be our last. We already have several themed performances scheduled for the future. The jazz dance performance, in particular, stood out. Many of the performers commented on how unique and cool it was, adding a special energy to the program.





Upcoming

list

Events





BRIGHT Oct/Nov
Volunteer Activities

10/1 - 11/10 Christmas Shoebox

10/4 Parkview Senior Center Performance

10/10 African Library Project

10/11 Art-to-Heart Christmas Bracelet DLY

10/17 Kids Against Hunger Meal Packing

10/18 Ivy Park Senior Center Performance

10/24 Hike & Clean



11/1 Parkview Senior Center Performance

11/8 Christmas Art-to-Art Handcraft

11/15 Ivy Park Senior Center Performance

11/21 Living Arroyo Clean

11/22 Crayon Sort

Thanksgiving Charity Sale

Thanksgiving Dinner Meal Packing

Thanksgiving Meal Distribution

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