

# NEWSLETTER

August 2024 Issue #2



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**RMH Dinner Prep - 9/14**

**IVC Food Pantry - 9/15**

**Assisteens/Parent Meeting - 9/18,  
7:00 PM, Venado MS**

**Assisteens Thrift Shop Staffing - 9/21**

**Warm Hugs towel sets - 9/22**

**Handel's Fundraiser - 9/30**



# COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

**Ms. Campbell**

Assisteens were very busy with lots of July and August volunteering!

With our 15 different philanthropies, members have a variety of opportunities. Be sure to try them all! You never know which one will be your favorite, but they all serve the community and help our members realize how much there is to do helping others and our environment. While some of our philanthropies have limited signups due to the space and job to be done, Assisteens' outdoor events are open and encourage parents to join in. Be on the lookout for signups for Farm & Food Lab which grows food for local food pantries, with Assisteens' help in gardening and composting. Also, OC Parks is a longtime Assisteens' philanthropy in which our members get to help maintain local parks, trails, and habitats. In both of these philanthropies, teens learn so much about the environment we live in and how to help sustain it.

Assisteens touts itself as an "organization dedicated to providing programs and services that will enrich and improve the quality of life in our community." However, sometimes I feel that some of our teens sign up only for the hours, rather than caring about the service they are doing. Giving philanthropy hours for recycling donations actually rubs me the wrong way, especially when I know that most parents do the work of recycling and delivering the donations to the thrift shop. However, I do feel it is an important contribution for us all to take part in, and Assisteens does make money to help with our philanthropic costs. Therefore, I am okay with giving Assisteens an hour of service if they sort and donate recycling. Last month we combined recycling with food donations to Families Forward, and members were also awarded with an hour for donating 3 food items. For our September 18th general meeting, the Food for Families chairman will again be asking for donations to help local families with food insecurities. I am hoping that those donations will be brought to the meeting without the expectation of a service hour, but instead from a sense of caring about others, which is what philanthropy truly is.

With so many Assisteens and so many different philanthropies, the advisory committee has decided to find ways for all members to be able to volunteer. At the meeting on 9/18, philanthropy committee chairmen will be sharing what they do and what they have planned for the year ahead. Also, we will be limiting the number of signups for each Assisteens, so all members have a chance to volunteer - only one shift per event and only one event at a time. Assisteens can add their names to wait lists and check back for spaces after the signup has been out at least a week. We are still having difficulties with some Assisteens coming late, leaving early, or not showing up for philanthropy events and thrift shop shifts. This has been a real problem and has left chairmen and thrift shop team leaders without adequate staffing. So Assisteens, please be responsible, communicate with chairmen, and be sure that when you sign up, you will be fully available!

I am looking forward to a great year beginning with Assisteens' Wednesday, September 18th General Membership Meeting at Venado Middle School, 4 Deerfield, Irvine. Refreshments will be served by the 11th grade class beginning at 6:50, with the meeting starting at 7:00, followed by the Parent Meeting and class meetings. The evening will probably end by 8:15.



# FAMILIES FORWARD

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## Food Drive

### Assistees

#### Food drive for Families Forward

Please drop off the items listed at the  
**September General Meeting on September 18**

Dry pasta  
Pasta sauce  
Peanut butter  
Cereal  
Canned meat  
Canned beans

Your donations are greatly appreciated!





# IGNITING POTENTIAL

**Support the "Igniting Potential" Campaign – Double Your Impact!**

**IGNITING POTENTIAL GIVING DAY**

**TRANSFORM LIVES WITH YOUR DONATION**

**DOUBLE THE IMPACT 100% MATCH**

**ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

**HELP ASSISTEENS FUND PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMS**

**PLEASE INCLUDE "ASSISTEENS" IN THE MEMO WHEN DONATING**



# CHAIRMEN REPORTS

## CHAIRMAN



**KAMRYN  
THONGSRINOON**

"Hi everyone! Just a reminder to sign up for Remind so that you can get notifications through texts on any events or announcements! Text @irvine25 to 81010 to sign up. We have a lot of volunteer opportunities coming up so make sure to check your email at least once a week so you don't miss anything. Additionally, our next general body meeting is on Wednesday, Sept. 18th, from 7-8:30 PM. It is also a mandatory parent meeting, so make sure to tell your parents about it!"

"Please submit your birthdays to the birthday form if you haven't already."



## V.C. MEMBERSHIP



**RILEY THAI**

# CHAIRMEN REPORTS

## V.C. NEW MEMBERS



**KYLE SCHAFFER**

"Hey Assisteens! For the general body meetings make sure to RSVP in the events tab; then, you won't need to input hours after the meeting on Track it Forward. For class meetings, since there is no place to RSVP on Track it Forward, you can just input your hours manually on the website and put the number of hours that you were there for the class meeting. Also if you are a chairman for a philanthropy and came early or stayed later than the actual time, you can write that in the comments, and extra hours will be added."

## V.C. PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMS

"Hi Assisteens! Hope you had a great summer! We had a lot of successful philanthropic events this past month. Farm and Food Lab had a great event raking mulch and removing weeds on August 27th, and Operation Schoolbell had their own mini-packing day on the 31st. Some upcoming events to look out for include IVC Food Pantry stocking on September 15th, Farm and Food Lab on the 28th, and upcoming October OC Parks events. Additionally, please bring any Food for Families donations to the upcoming general meeting! Thank you all for your hard work, and hope we have a great year!"

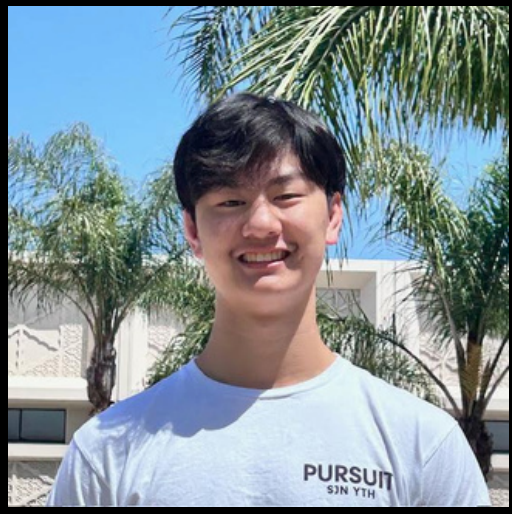


**MADDIE TRAN**



# CHAIRMEN REPORTS

## ASST. V.C. PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMS



**BRANDON  
CHIANG**

"Over the past month, Assisteens created balloon animals at Library Crafts Day and Miracles for Kids, and volunteered at the Canyon View Ice Cream Social. Assisteens also helped clean the Corona Del Mar beach during the monthly Beach Cleanup event. There have been many volunteering opportunities so far this month, including a Library Crafts Day event on September 7th and a Baby Layettes event the next day. Upcoming will be opportunities to volunteer at the RMH Dinner Event on September 14 and Warm Hugs on September 22."



"Hey Assisteens! We have a Handel's fundraiser at the Marketplace on September 30 and a Chipotle fundraiser at Crossroads on October 15 from 5-9pm. You will get Assisteens volunteer hours, so make sure you attend both and mention that you are supporting Assisteens!"

## V.C. FUNDRAISING



**ELLA WONG**

# BALLOON ART & MIRACLES FOR KIDS

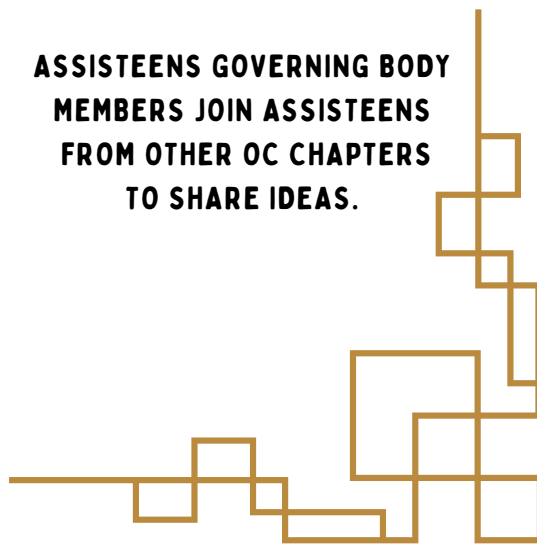




# FARM & FOOD LAB & ASSISTEENS OC NETWORKING



**ASSISTEENS GOVERNING BODY  
MEMBERS JOIN ASSISTEENS  
FROM OTHER OC CHAPTERS  
TO SHARE IDEAS.**





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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Assisteens! Please make sure to send photos of any events and philanthropies you partake in to my email: [Vinenguyen@gmail.com](mailto:Vinenguyen@gmail.com).

Thank you for reading!