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# ASSISTEENS NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events:

- Assisteens General Meeting 1/22.  
7:00. Venado Middle School
- Canyon View Winter Wonderland 1/24
- Library Crafts 2/1
- Nominating Committee 2/2
- Help the Homeless 2/8
- Krafts 4 Kids 2/8
- Thrift Shop Staffing 2/15
- Baby Layettes 2/16
- RMH Meals of Love 1/19-2/22



# COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Julie Campbell

Happy New Year to Assisteens and their families!

Unfortunately, 2025 is starting out tragically for many Southern Californians, which brings home the realization that we all need to pitch in and help wherever we can. While Assisteens cannot give money directly to any other agencies, we will be collecting needed items to help those who have lost so much.

Since we last met in November, Assisteens have been busy with fundraising and philanthropy. Thank you to all who purchased See's Candy! I know how much my family and friends look forward to the delicious chocolates I give them each December. Also appreciated are your recycling donations. You are helping both the environment and Assisteens with your contributions. And of course there is the monthly Thrift Shop Staffing, which has made a major difference in Assisteens' ability to fund and expand our philanthropies. Before that started last year, we were drawing from savings to do all that we do. Now we have been able to increase the amount of food we buy for Irvine Valley College's Food Resource Center, spend more on materials for Baby Layettes, have regular Balloon Art events, and take part in Ronald McDonald House's Meals of Love.

I am hoping all Assisteens can attend the January 22nd General Membership Meeting at Venado Middle School. We are planning a group photo and would like members to wear their blue Assisteens' tee-shirts. Besides that, there will be discussion regarding working at the thrift shop and submitting hours. Plenty of time will be allowed for class meetings which will have lots to discuss. In January and February, Assisteens' classes will be volunteering at Ronald McDonald House to make and serve a "Meal of Love." That may serve as the February Class Meeting, or another event or meeting might need to be planned. Also, each class will select two representatives to serve on the Nominating Committee to elect the 2025-26 Governing Body. That slate of officers will be voted upon at the March Assisteens' meeting, followed by the opportunity to sign up for committee chairmanships.

So as usual, there is lots going on with much more to come in the new year. Wishing you all the best in 2025!



# CHAIRMEN REPORTS

## Chairman



**Kamryn Thongsrinoon**

"Hi Assisteens! I hope everyone had a great winter break and new year! We are so excited about the philanthropies coming up at the start of 2025 and can't wait to see you all involved. Our next general body meeting is January 22 at Venado Middle School, so make sure to put that in your calendar, as it is a week later than normal. Additionally, the Nominating Committee will soon have a meeting to vote on the next governing body, so make sure to apply to any positions you are interested in by the deadline. Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the GB members if you have any questions!"

## V.C. Membership



**Riley Thai**

"We had Ruth Locke from OC Rescue Mission speak at our November general body meeting. Remember to RSVP for meetings through the Track it Forward app and make sure to sign up for the Remind."



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## V.C. New Members



"Hey Assisteens! We are going strong with 130 members, and our 8-12th grade classes are full. If you have any 7th grade friends or family members, feel free to bring them to Assisteens. The 8th grade class is planning a Meet and Greet in April. Finally, make sure to record hours because everyone will need at least 15 hours of philanthropy, 30 overall hours, and have attended meetings to be in good standing."

### Kyle Schaffer

"Hi Assisteens! Hope you had a great winter break! In November, we had Help the Homeless at the OC Rescue Mission, OC Parks (at Peter's Canyon), and Senior Services had a Christmas cookie baking event with Sunridge Assisted Living. December included a variety of philanthropy events, from Farm and Food Lab's successful event with 8 volunteers, IVC food pantry stocking for the holidays, Food for Families' Adopt a Family, and Senior Services decorating ornaments and holiday goodie bags. We also had our first Reading Event with the OC Rescue Mission. Thank you to all the volunteers and their patience in working that! There will be more to come this year. Coming up this month is a Help the Homeless event on February 8th. And don't forget the ALL thrift shop, which is always available for Assisteens trying to get more hours!"

Thank you for all your hard work this past year, excited to begin this new one!"

## V.C. Philanthropy



### Maddie Tran

# CHAIRMEN REPORTS

## Asst. V.C. Philanthropy



**Brandon Chiang**

"Hey, Assisteens! Starting off the new year strong, our Assisteens have helped kids assemble crafts at Library Crafts Day and recently were trained to make balloon art. Be sure to look out for the next upcoming philanthropies, including volunteering at the Canyon View Winter Wonderland on January 24, Krafts 4 Kids, February 8th, and the Baby Layettes event on February 16."

HAPPY  
*new year*

"Hi Assisteens! Remember Governing Body applications are due by Wednesday, 1/15. I strongly encourage all of you to submit applications as we have a lot of seniors graduating next year, leaving a lot of spots open. The form will take no more than 15 minutes to complete. The Governing Body Nomination Form. Is on Assisteens website.

"Thank you!"

## Parliamentarian



**Jason Huey**

# CHAIRMEN REPORTS

## V.C. Fundraising



**Ella Wong**

Hey Assisteens! We have an upcoming fundraiser at California Fish Grill on February 1, at the Marketplace so make sure to attend. For our Sees Candy Fundraiser, we raised a total of \$8075, and we made a profit of \$242!. The top seller was Chloe Lau who raised \$832!! Thank you to everyone who helped support Assisteens! We also made \$186 from recycling, which is fantastic! Keep up the good work!

### ***Irvine!***

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📅 Saturday, February 1st / 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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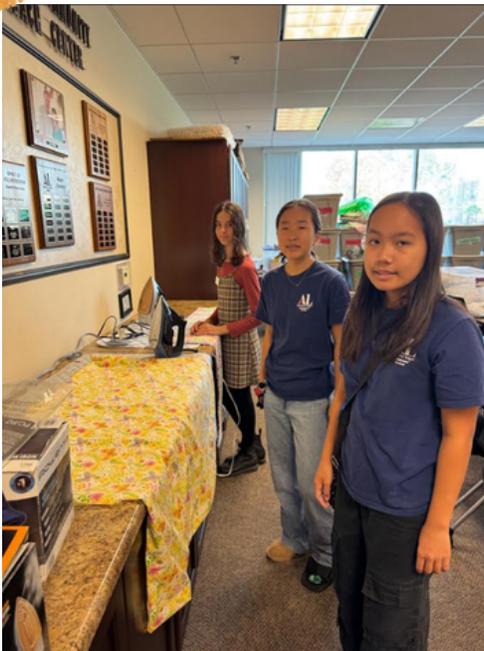
California Fish Grill  
13780 Jamboree Rd, Irvine

# PAST EVENTS



Reading Program at  
OC Rescue Mission

Help the Homeless



Baby Layettes



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Families Forward



IVC Food Pantry



Senior Services





# SPECIAL THANKS TO...

**Ms. Campbell**  
**Kamryn Thongsriinon**  
**Riley Thai**  
**Kyle Schaffer**  
**Maddie Tran**  
**Brandon Chiang**  
**Ella Wong**

## 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!

