



FAS *Holiday*
Giving Challenge

2023 Giving Report



Thank You

Dear FAS Colleagues,

We were excited to once again see a positive response and willingness from our divisions to participate in our Holiday Giving Challenge. The creative ideas and enthusiastic participation highlight the amazing FAS culture and people we have at CSUSM.

Thank you to all who thoughtfully donated time and effort to this project in order to make the holidays brighter for our surrounding community.

This report shares the generous ways FAS gave to our community and recognizes everyone who participated. Please join VP Wyden and our office in thanking these colleagues for their heartfelt contributions!

With gratitude,
the VPFAS Office

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

– Aesop



Information & Instructional Technology Services

Project: Hygiene Kits for Interfaith Services

Members of our IITS department successfully organized a charity effort to provide hygiene kits for those in need in our community. The objective was to collect donations, shop for supplies, assemble hygiene kits, and deliver them to Interfaith Services for their Pantry Needs List/food insecurity program.

Project Highlights:

- Hygiene Kits: 28 kits assembled with essential supplies.
- Handwritten cards: 20 heartfelt Christmas cards to accompany the kits.
- Remaining cash donation: \$75.00 to Interfaith Services.

Thank you to Michelle Manriquez for organizing this heartwarming project! Michelle would like to thank the following contributors for making this a success: William Craig, Amy Mittelstadt, Shelley Ross, Monica Munoz, Heather Steiger, Nicholas Duarte, Tony Chung and Sarah Derho!



CSUSM Corporation

Project: Pajama, Blanket and Toy Drive

CSUSM Corporation Central Staff selected Ronald McDonald House Charities® for the 2023 Holiday Giving Challenge. This charity provides a “home-away-from-home” for families with children being treated for serious, often life-threatening conditions at local hospitals. The donation drive was a success thanks to the generosity of our employees! Thank you to everyone for helping Ronald McDonald House Charities® of San Diego create a nurturing and supportive environment for both the children and their families!



CSUSM Office of Sponsored Projects

Project: Holiday Card Making for Seniors

The Office of Sponsored Projects hosted their 5th Annual holiday card-making event. More than 20 staff members participated in making charming holiday-themed cards while enjoying coffee and cookies. Holiday cards were delivered by the Office of Sponsored Projects team to seniors at Felicita Vida Senior Care facility in Escondido. Thank you to everyone for their participation in helping spread cheer during the holiday season! Check out the video [here](#).



Business & Financial Services

Project: Virtual Food Drive

Members of BFS held a virtual food drive to support the San Diego Food Bank. Their mission is to provide nutritious food to people in need, advocate for the hungry, and educate the public about hunger-related issues. Our colleagues helped with that mission by providing the equivalent of 841 meals.



December 27, 2023

Jill Heath
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Dear Jill,

Your gift couldn't have come at a better time. Thousands of struggling San Diego families, still recovering from the financial impacts of the pandemic, now face the skyrocketing costs of gas, food, and rent due to soaring inflation.

And that means many will face the threat of hunger. Your generosity ensures our neighbors in need – children living in poverty, low-income families, and fixed-income seniors - won't have to worry about an empty cupboard or skipping meals.

Thank you.

Your \$420.97 donation received December 22, 2023 for the Cal State San Marcos - Business & Financial Services Department Virtual Food Drive directly impacts hardworking San Diegans who need a little help making ends meet. With access to nutritious food and fresh produce, your steadfast support makes it possible for families to eat – together. Thank you for investing in the health of the community.

With gratitude,

Casey Castillo
Chief Executive Officer

PS – Need help crafting a personal estate plan? The Food Bank has partnered with Thompson & Associates to offer you a complimentary and confidential values-based estate planning service. Contact Maureen to learn more: mpolimadei@sandiegofoodbank.org or 858-863-5129.

No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift, making it tax-deductible to the fullest extent provided by law

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www.sandiegofoodbank.org



Office of Human Resources

Project: Angel Tree

The HR department hosted its 2nd Angel Tree this past holiday season. This year our campus came together to provide 40 low-income elementary school students gifts based on their wish list. Even more impressive, we ran out of students to sponsor within two weeks of launching the initiative. It was so heartwarming to see departments come to HR eager to participate. We also had departments come together to sponsor the littles. The smiles upon receiving their gifts was pure magic!



Facilities Development & Management

Project: Frosted Faces

Frosted Faces Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that delivers the promise of family and quality veterinary care for senior animals whose love and lives are in jeopardy. Their senior animals, dubbed Frosted Faces, come primarily from Southern California. They rescue animals from the shelter system with no advocates.

FDM is filled with animal lovers and as such, chose Frosted Faces this year as their charity for the FAS Giving Challenge. The team found several different ways in which to support this worthy organization. The team made monetary donations, purchased pet supplies, as well as donated tons of food for dogs and cats!!! A special thanks to Rayanne for taking all the donations to Ramona for us!



University Police Department

Project: Sack Lunches for Interfaith Services

Our colleagues at UPD made sack lunches for Interfaith Services. This amazing organization distributed them to individuals in need who are facing homelessness within North County.



Safety, Health & Sustainability

Project: The Heart of the Matter

Late November 2023, one of our colleagues experienced a medical emergency while at work. Their immediate and extended family have been significantly impacted by many daunting uncertainties.

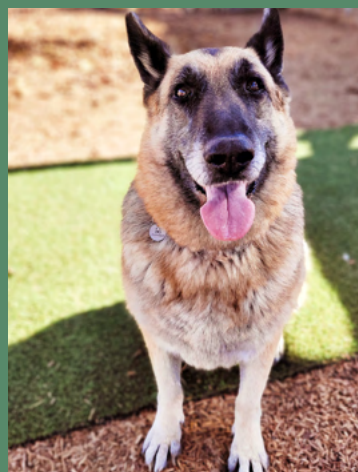
SH&S wanted to help.

They met this giving challenge by providing an opportunity to help one of our own - and included a few members in our subdivision. They proposed ways that our team could help by donating blood, time, fiscal resources and sick leave to assist them and their family during the holidays and this very difficult time.



Procurement & Contracts

Project: Frosted Faces



On Sunday, December 10, they participated in the Frosted Faces Foundation (FFF) hike. Every Sunday, FFF brings a Sprinter full of senior dogs that reside onsite to various hiking trails in Ramona. Volunteers meet up at the location and get to walk/hike/stroll with the dogs so that they receive exercise and love. The pack consisted of Angela Sanchez and her daughter (who hiked with Abuela), Michelle and her partner Elliott (who hiked with Heaven and Cooper) and Eulalia Pedro Francisco (who hiked with Mini). They had great dogs to hike with and they all (humans and dogs) had fun!

FFF also put out a call for volunteers to commit to a 13-week Seasonal Volunteer Team, and Michelle Tanner answered. During the FAS Giving Challenge, she committed to be a part of the Winter Season Team, volunteering for one shift a week from 12/4 – 3/3. Michelle also volunteers as an Open House Host onsite at Frosted Faces Foundation every Saturday. As an Open House Host, she gets to give visitors a tour of the facility, tell them all about FFF and introduce them to all of the dogs that reside onsite.

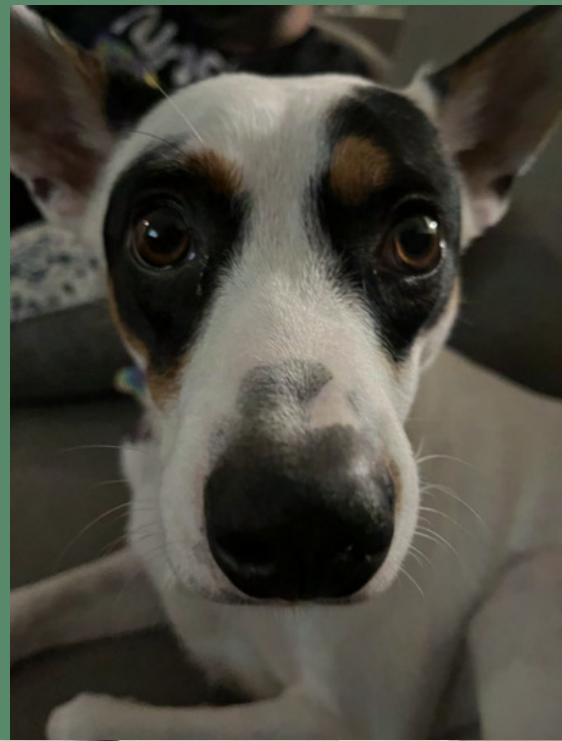


VP, Finance & Administrative Services

Project: San Diego Humane Society

When the VPFAS team heard that the San Diego Humane Society was matching donations during the holiday season - they jumped at the chance to double their impact! Not only did they make a monetary donation that would ensure animals in need were well cared for - they also collected much-needed newspaper, towels and blankets to donate.

VPFAS is an office full of animal lovers - and wanted to make sure that animals in need were well-fed and warm for the holidays.



*Thank You -
See You Next Year!*