



## Joint Youth Ministry

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## Evening at the Country Fair, Dinner and Auction on March 24, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing on behalf of the Joint Youth Ministry, which represents 6th-12th graders from approximately 130 youth from 28 different schools and many neighborhoods in and around San Jose.

Our purpose is to provide youth with relationships and experiences which enrich their lives and the lives of others. For example:

- In November, students spent three days in San Francisco in relationship with each other and with those in need. We partnered with multiple nonprofits, served meals, handed out care kits, and learned about racial, religious and socio-economically diverse communities.
- Each month throughout the year, our students "Feed the Need." While learning cooking skills and cooperation, they prepare an entire home-cooked meal for those in need in our neighborhoods and deliver to those struggling.

Students meet multiple times a week to grow in their faith, learn communication skills, build relationships with mentors, participate in team building games and do projects to serve our local community.

- In June 2018, a group of 50 our high schoolers traveled to Georgia and South Carolina in partnership with Next Step Ministries. We focused on understanding racial justice and we did construction and repair work on homes and community centers, and connected with individuals in the community to better understand their experiences. In June 2019 we will travel to Pine Ridge, South Dakota to learn from and serve the Lakota-Sioux people.

To help support this important, life-altering program, we are holding our annual fundraiser — Evening at the Country Fair on March 24. **We are asking you to donate an item, service, or gift certificate for our auction.** Your donation will be acknowledged in our event program and is tax deductible as allowed by law (Tax I.D. 94-1546106). All proceeds go directly to Joint Youth Ministry program needs, such as frequent service projects, scholarships for mission trips, middle and high school camps, leadership training, and other year-round programs.

Thank you for your support of the Joint Youth Ministry. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Auction Volunteers

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