

SIGLV Partnership with Teens Helping Teens March 2016

Project Objectives March—June 2016



SIGLV has had an amazing club year working with Teens Helping Teens and their projects. We are especially grateful for THT participation at Sweet Fantasy along with a few of their brave family members. We really

appreciate their attendance at our annual event. They are amazing and we're so happy to have met some of them in person.

This list completes the planned project objectives through the end of our club year. We encourage the club to adopt these projects with the same enthusiasm we've enjoyed this past year.

March 9 through end of club year.

TNT goal of building libraries at two teen resource centers for reading week. They are collecting new release teen/young adult paperback NEW RELEASES! Their second goal is collecting children's books for the kids room at the Shade Tree. That room is always LACKING, since little ones are hard on stuff, and THT like to make their book donations available for KEEPS, so many books leave the shelter. There is a huge need for any appropriate children's books.

Ongoing Winter Survival:

They have also been working continuously on winter survival, school clothes and had a bunch of kids over this last weekend to make 100's of hygiene kits going out this week!. (Note: SIGLV members have donated additional fleece blankets, scarves, hats and some hygiene items. We will schedule the final fleece blanket making workshop in March at my home. Some of these will go into the graduation baskets. We'll need fleece with some green (Rancho), Burgundy (Chaparral) Black, and Blue.

Beginning March 9 Prom Scholarship

THT provides over 100 BRAND NEW Formals (donated) plus all of the gently used stuff they have collected for guys and gals. Accessories would be welcome.

May 15 Graduation Baskets:

Collections for Grad baskets start at the beginning of May but get delivered at actual graduations or last day of school.

A **May 15th** deadline allows the girls to know what they have to work with but again, will accept things and bug people more as it gets closer and will accept up until each basket actually goes out which is around **May 20th**.. They are already collecting for those. Usually about 20 baskets are made and distributed around the city to homeless, sheltered teens graduating that THT either mentor, tutor or just find.. This is their flagship event and they love it. They follow many of the grads into higher education.

What they will need is always gift cards for each of the baskets for a food place (they already have 11 cards \$10 or more to Subway/Wendys) and they try to put a \$25 gift card in each to Target or Walmart.

They have collected grad picture frames, cologne/perfume sets for 15. They have Grad mugs, calculators, promised donations of custom boxed cup cakes and balloons, and they will need about 10 more GRAD Teddy bears or stuffed animals with grad hats.

At the last minute they will seek corporate donors and partners for higher ticket items or donations for the 2 top achieving grads, one boy and one girl.

IE: Last year they had a girl living in domestic abuse shelter with mom and siblings that she was practically raising, was graduating in the top of her class and working on a scholarship to Le Cordon Bleu school. The girls helped her with all aid/scholarship apps and added a tablet, 2 outfits, new shoes, purse, jewelry and makeup, a custom apron and a \$100 gift card for school supplies to her extra big and fancy basket. They also got the story to the news channels and she was interviewed and celebrated by the whole city:) The boy, grad from Rancho and living place to place with friends but doing great in school and received scholarship in Engineering, received laptop and tons of college supplies, two full outfits and a new pair of Nike shoes, extra food cards and a gift card for \$100 for school supplies.. This guy was and is shy, trying to fly under the radar at the time due to bad home life, bad foster care experiences, etc. So, the girls continue follow him and offer help when needed but didn't turn him over to the press!

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