





Our year-end summary is meant to capture just a bit of the diversity of GOALS' programs here in southern California. From Anaheim to Huntington Beach, Placentia to Los Angeles, from sea level on hiking trips to 6,000 feet at our Camp Valcrest mountain initiative, GOALS offers unique and free enrichment throughout the year. Combined participation has soared above 1,500 youth drawn through our expanded blend of athletics, learning, and service. With the help of devoted and talented veteran coaches, the new energy and spirit of AmeriCorps Vista service members, and the wealth of support from new and sustaining partners, GOALS has itself scaled new heights literally and figuratively over the past 12 months.

The following pages do convey a great deal pictorially and in a condensed way also reflect the continuing efforts of our mission driven GOALS endeavor. Namely to seek new ways to offer opportunities that otherwise may not be available to under-resourced communities and children. I think we have done well in that regard over these many fine years of GOALS, perhaps most especially so this past one, and with a new year about to unfold—we will continue to strive to do even more.

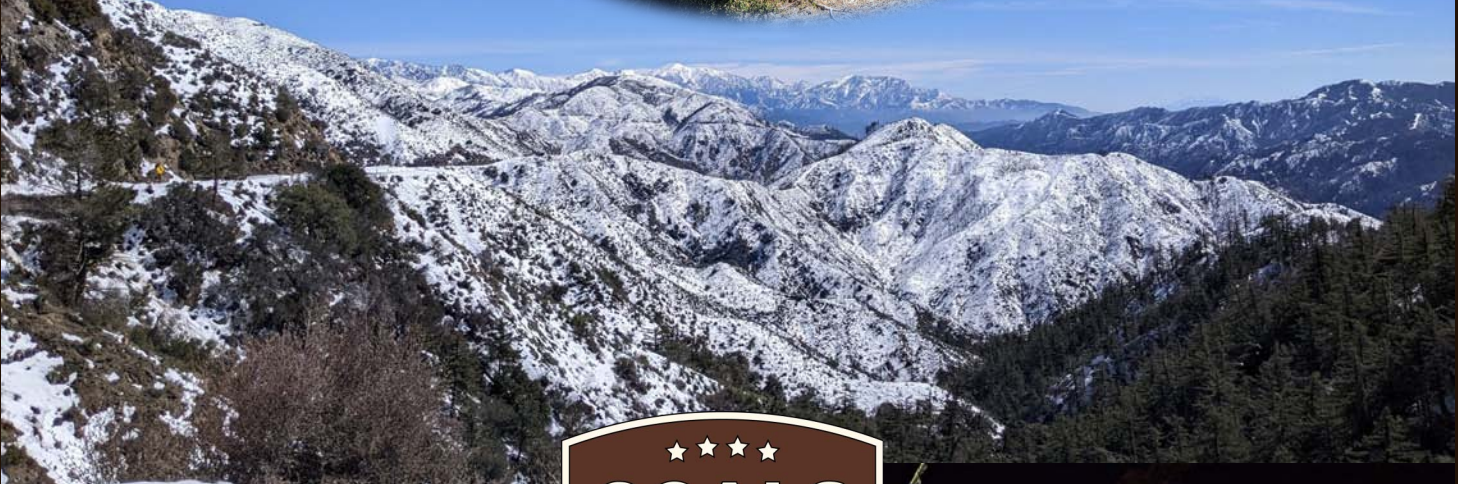
Enjoy the images and imagine yourself walking in the shoes of our children—eyes wide open, minds eager to explore, and stepping forward with newfound confidence, experiences, & hope for a better future.

Hope to see you soon...

Dave / December 2023

Dave Wilk





The GOALS For Valcrest initiative soared to new heights during 2023. The facility restoration featured completion of all of the major camp cabins, plus the needed improvements and repairs to all camp bridges, roadways, and athletic facilities including the rebirth of "Fox Field" the lower camp ball field. With cooperation from many agencies GOALS expects camp operations to commence during Summer '24!

GOALS For Valadez: Middle School Enrichment

After almost two years of coping with Covid, school closings, restrictions on activities and social interactions, learning loss continues to be an issue that GOALS has met with aplomb. GOALS For Valadez is a marquee middle school program based at the Valadez Academy which straddles the boundaries of Anaheim and Placentia. Many enrolled youth progress from GOALS involvement at nearby “feeder” elementary school. This is a model of great progression, success, and the partnership with Placentia Yorba Linda’s Unified School District and afterschool leadership has been just remarkable for more than 15 years. Over 150 “tween” and teenagers participate in the GOALS far ranging 5 day a week afterschool enrichment activities. These feature hundreds of field trips, team athletics on and off campus, educational enrichment daily, specialized and motivational curriculum with guest speakers, and incredible mentoring from GOALS Coaches—most of whom are all-star alumni! Site Director Grace Cardona and her ace head coach Elias Barrios, lead the way every GREAT day!

- ◆ Pathways To Wellness (weekly mental health support seminars)
- ◆ Sports Enrichment Classes
- ◆ Science Classes with “Brain Games” & experiments



- ◆ On site sports clinics rotation (basketball, soccer, street hockey, tennis + other sports)
- ◆ Park Adventures: Monthly field trips to enjoy nature.
- ◆ Bowling & Ice Hockey field trips weekly!



GOALS For Oak View—Recent 2023 Highlights



GOALS for Oak View FALL UPDATES



Nature Walks to Central Park, HB

Our beloved bus, the unsung hero of our adventures, is currently taking a breather. The SPAB certification got itself entangled in a web of bureaucracy, playing hard to get. No worries, though, our resourceful crew has turned lemons into lemonade (and then taken it on a scenic city hike!). Who needs a bus when you've got the vast wonders of HB Central Park to explore? Our at-risk youth have become urban explorers, charting the wild terrain of local parks and embracing the concrete jungle vibes.

The Return of Jack Knight

Hold onto your paintbrushes because the moment we've all been waiting for is finally here – our one and only art maestro, Mr. Knight, is back in action! After a summer filled with unexpected plot twists (health scare, anyone?), Mr. Knight ignited the creativity fire in the children at Oak View through beautiful sketches of wild animals, introduction to watercolors, and even a pottery plaster class. The art room became a plaster paradise, with creations ranging from abstract wonders to accidental masterpieces. Cleanup may have taken a bit longer, but the smiles on our artists' faces were totally worth it.



Making Connections

Our newfound connection with Ocean View High is just the beginning of an epic adventure. Picture this: our pint-sized cheerleaders and sports aficionados taking the stands by storm at JV and Varsity volleyball and football games. The cheers were louder than a thunderclap, and the energy was electrifying! The ladies' volleyball and boys' football teams received a tidal wave of support, complete with encouraging posters that could rival any professional sports fan's collection. The high schools cheer coach even reached out to organize a cheer clinic event with our students! We can't wait to see what our new high school connections lead to!



GOALS For Oak View is one of many free GOALS programs serving under-resourced youth here in southern California. Oak View is a community in Huntington Beach and our daily afterschool program operates in close partnership with the Ocean View School District at the Oak View community based elementary school. All GOALS programs are free for children.



GOALS For Skyview was a highly successful 2023 summer camp program which involved 45 healthy activity sessions supporting our neighboring Skyview Elementary School site. GOALS hopes to team up by providing many new activities upcoming in 2024! Skyview is operated by the OC Department of Education and features remarkable education support for homeless children in the Anaheim area.



Led by Head Ice Hockey Coach (and elite GOALS Alumnus) Luis Castro, GOALS hockey continues to thrive! As the largest diversity program for ice hockey in the United States (and probably the world), this remarkable free program continues its incredible run—or rather skate. While the ice hockey component of GOALS operates out of the D-Rinks/Anaheim ICE facility—the hockey experience is initially developed in communities across the greater Anaheim area with partnering schools districts and community locations.

Thanks to the progressive Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District, GOALS developed a new “Learn To Play Hockey” component this Fall at 4 major elementary schools. Those sites have many new, enthusiastic, hockey players now—numbering over 150 in all, who are learning hockey basics afterschool and graduating from schoolyard, to GOAL facilities like “The Pond” rink at GOALSland, and then on to the ice come January of 2024. Other regular ice hockey sessions take place daily with our large middle school contingent along with periodic other special visits and clinics from other partner locations such as Oak View (Huntington Beach), and our ABC youngsters in Anaheim. As with all GOALS programs, all equipment, coaching, transportation, uniforms, ice arena and other facility access, hockey class sessions and other incentives are provided entirely free of charge. Let’s not forget the Ducks Rink at ABC as well—built by the NHL’s Anaheim Ducks as part of the widely recognized GOALS—A Better Community project a few years ago. This facility is heavily used for many free community sports





Thanks to generous support from Parks CA to support GOALS we had the opportunity to take many field trips which involved over 1,000 youngsters to nature centers, parks, and even the Angeles National Forest (to our Camp Valcrest facility). Hikes, nature walks and talks, games, and general environmental learning helped expand youth horizons during these many voyages throughout 2023.

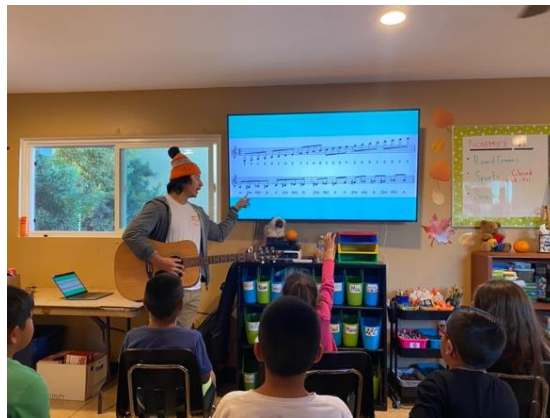
GOALS— Park Adventures provided incredible nature hikes throughout the year to various local, county, state and federal parks and forests.

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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

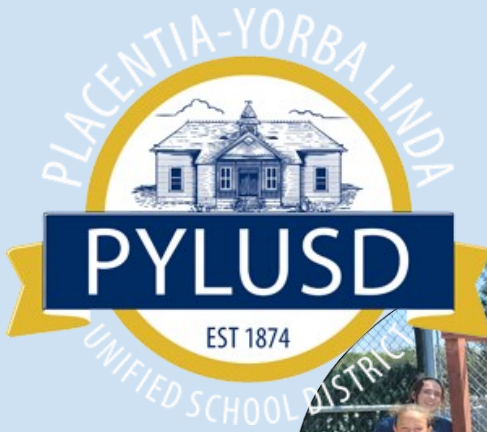
- DAILY AFTERSCHOOL SUPPORT
- GOALSGIVING EVENT
- MONTHLY ICE RINK FIELD TRIPS
- DAILY DUCKS RINK SPORTS
- GOALS ABC CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES
- GOALS SUMMER CAMP FUN



2023 was a grand revival (after Covid) for ABC! The Clubhouse had a constant flow of youngsters. AmeriCorps members helped support new resources and volunteers. One such volunteer from Cal State Fullerton, Kevin Armas, thrilled a crowd with a review of the fundamentals of music in his presentation, contributing to the diverse range of experiences for GOALS participants all year long.

The youth at GOALS also enjoyed an abundance of exciting activities on the Anaheim Ducks outdoor rink, engaging in Softee hockey, street hockey, wiffle ball, and, of course, their favorite futsal soccer.

In addition, ABC youth enjoyed parks visits and other field trips including visiting The Rinks in Anaheim. GOALS coaches hosted numerous art and craft activities and were there daily to support educational support and drop in oversight for hundreds of ABC children each week. A summer activity camp made hot days easy to handle with splash pads and cool clubhouse activities. Two major free "Swap Meets" brought the community closer together as did a major "GOALS-Giving" day with day-long Thanksgiving festivities. All told this marked probably the most fulfilling year ever for our ABC GOALS program! A salute to all of the incredible efforts of our GOALS coaches,



GOALS-PYLUSD Elementary Enrichment 2023 Highlights



GOALS and the PYLUSD (Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District) have maintained a remarkable partnership for more than 15 years, and 2023 stands out as one of our most impactful years yet. GOALS served a remarkable number of students, spanning multiple sessions and specialized athletic oriented programs. These involved 755 youngsters across 5 different district school sites (Rio Vista, Tynes, Melrose, Glenview and Ruby Drive elementary) through various Spring, Summer and Fall 2023 daily programs.

These students actively engaged in on-site GOALS curriculum-based classes, participated in team-oriented recreational games, and embarked on various off-site field trips, including hiking, ice and roller hockey, State Park excursions, and more. 2023, was an incredible year featuring GOALS and these wonderful elementary students at PYLUSD who enjoyed so many uplifting, healthy and memorable experiences.





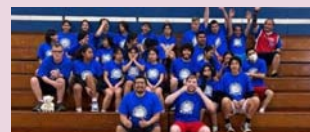
During the summer, volunteer GOALS Cadets provided assistance with sports activities inside the GOALS -Martin Rec Facility in collaboration with Everybody Counts. We conducted 3-month-long sports sessions with our participants and engaged them in various sports activities. The usual number of participants who joined us during these sessions ranged from 40 to 60.



The GOALS Everybody Counts ART program features a unique blend of artistic expression along with introspective assessments by our buddies attending from the neighboring My Day Counts program for the differently abled. The level of art is incredible as is the spirit and camaraderie of GOALS AmeriCorps volunteers, GOALS Cadets and GOALS Coaches involved! Notably at the end of each weekly session, participants write an essay and read it out loud which helps them improve vocal and presentation skills. The most fun is enjoyed during holiday special projects!



The (Anaheim) Western High School Girls Basketball team held a series of basketball drills for participants in the GOALS for Everybody Counts program. This program encourages inclusivity and diversity by providing opportunities for individuals with special needs to engage in recreational activities. The drills were led by girls' basketball team members, who demonstrated patience and kindness toward the participants. The team provided a supportive and inclusive environment, allowing the participants to feel comfortable and confident while working on their skills. An incredible sports and service experience!

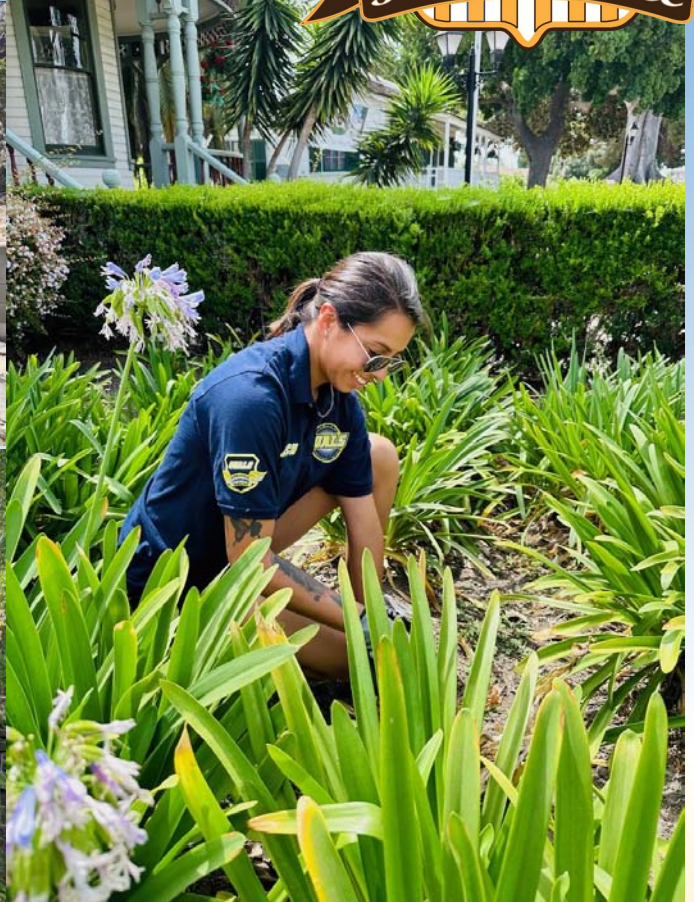


GOALS For Everybody Counts gardening at the GOALS Growing Garden is a popular year 'round feature of our service with the My Day Counts nearby not for profit program. During each summer our teen GOALS Cadets buddy up and help to tend the garden by weeding, watering and nurturing the many fruit trees and box garden plants. All harvested fruits and vegetables are donated to our friends at the nearby Skyview school (homeless children) and to My Day Counts (differently abled stars).





Another remarkable year of service in GOALS! Everyone pitched in all year long—GOALS Coaches, AmeriCorps members, and many great teen GOALS Cadets. Parks, nature Centers, GOALS facilities, Camp Valcrest, the Angeles National Forest , GOALS-ABC and our My Day Counts friends are all better off as a result!



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