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HOPE HORIZON EAST PALO ALTO GIVES AWAY 75 COMPUTERS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO SET LOCAL STUDENTS UP FOR SCHOOL YEAR SUCCESS

In Partnership with the EPA Police Department and Seven Local Churches, Camp Hope Horizon Culminates in National Night Out – An Evening of Carnival Games, Food and Generous Prizes

EAST PALO ALTO, Calif., August 1, 2023 —Hope Horizon East Palo Alto (Hope Horizon EPA) is hosting National Night Out in East Palo Alto from 6-8pm tonight in partnership with the City of East Palo Alto Police Department and seven local churches. Local students will be welcomed to the event by young adults who have been running Camp Hope Horizon as classroom leaders and interns. 68 Kinder-8th grade students attending Camp Hope Horizon are expected to attend, as well as additional students from the community.

National Night Out Background

National Night Out, held the first Tuesday of each August, is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out was established by Matt Peskin in the western suburbs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and has been held annually since 1984 -- the same year that Hope Horizon EPA (formerly Bayshore Christian Ministries) was founded. In the United States, the event is

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sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. National Night Out began simply with neighbors turning on their porch lights and sitting in front of their homes. The first National Night Out involved 2.5 million residents across 400 communities in 23 states, and it has grown from there. Today, millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

“For 39 years, Hope Horizon EPA has been bringing educational support to local students while also meeting their emotional, spiritual and relational needs. This summer is no exception!” said Tiffany Hong, co-Executive Director at Hope Horizon EPA. “We were able to employ 12 local young adults to work with 68 students during Camp Hope Horizon to prevent summer learning loss while also building life skills and creating joyful summer memories. We are ending the summer with a bang thanks to the excellent partners helping us host National Night Out -- both for our students and others not attending our programs.”

The Event

A portion of Beech Street in East Palo Alto is being cordoned off for this block party type of event. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. Carnival events and a jumpy house will be featured, and registered students will compete for many prizes.

Partners

This year, Hope Horizon EPA partners are playing a big role in National Night Out, including these organizations and their contributions:

- [City of East Palo Alto Police Dept](#) – event food and jumpy houses
- [River of Life Foundation](#) (the non-profit arm of [River of Life Church](#)) -- 100 computers, 25 of which are being donated to Hope Horizon EPA’s robotics and academic tutoring programs, and 75 of which will be given out as prizes to students at the event
- [Abundant Life Christian Fellowship](#) – filled backpacks and a bicycle
- [Bethany Lutheran Church, Menlo Park](#) – backpacks

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- Menlo Church – sports equipment
- Palo Alto Vineyard Church -- backpacks
- True North Church – school supplies
- Vive Church – paper notebooks and snacks

"In our heartfelt effort to support academic excellence in underprivileged communities, River of Life Foundation is pleased to partner with Hope Horizon EPA in our annual Laptop Giving Program," said River of Life Foundation's Executive Director, Ruth Chon. "Aligning our belief in the mission of addressing needs to bring hope and a sustainable future, we proudly support Hope Horizon's unwavering dedication to bringing hope to EPA for nearly 40 years. Together, we can help bridge the digital divide, enhance academic performance, and empower young minds to achieve and accomplish more."

"Partnership is a key component in the life of a non-profit. We rely on each other for collaboration to bring the best to our students," said Josette Langevine, co-Executive Director at Hope Horizon EPA. "We are always looking for new ways to partner with local organizations and reach new supporters who want to volunteer or help a child in tangible ways."

About Hope Horizon East Palo Alto

Hope Horizon East Palo Alto (formerly Bayshore Christian Ministries) is a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 1984 and located in East Palo Alto, Calif. Its mission is to equip the youth of East Palo Alto and the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park to grow spiritually, gain life skills and develop as leaders so they have hope and a future. Hope Horizon EPA offers after-school, evening, and summer programs, using a relational, wholistic and collaborative approach to empower the next generation of community leaders. Our vision is that our alumni are active in their faith, possess hope, purpose and marketable skills and give back to their communities. To learn more, visit www.HopeHorizonEPA.org.

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