

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EYTC?

Good-bye 2018, hello 2019!! Another year full of memories in our history books. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays and that the new year is being enjoyed by all of you. So many events, projects and activities all jam-packed into three months. Time flies when you are having fun and hanging out with teens is just that, FUN. It feels like we were just sending the teens back to school and here we are, half the school-year done. Looking back on 2018, makes us smile, laugh and cry. The lives that walk through our doors everyday bring us smiles and fun times, but when we wish our graduating seniors a farewell, as they head out to the great, big adult world it brings some tears. Of course, happy tears for what they have accomplished and sad tears, cause they won't be walking through our doors as often. 2018 was filled with so much, from BBQs and field trips to robotics competitions and community service projects.

October is always the month that kicks off one of the busiest times of the year for us. We hosted our annual Harvest Youth Parade on October 31st. Although, due to weather it was a little quieter, but we still fed around 200 people after the parade. The parade couldn't be a success without the support of the Española Presbyterian Hospital, the State of New Mexico Juvenile Probation office, the Española Wells Fargo, the Española McDonald's, the Los Alamos American Legion, PMI (Performance Maintenance Incorporated), Albert and Claire and the Victory Faith Church youth group, and EYTC volunteer, Doug Roth. A sincere thank you and great appreciation goes out to all of them.

Our oldest Teen Center tradition, our annual Thanksgiving Dinner was enjoyed by our teens, their family members, staff and volunteers. Turkeys, which were donated by Victory Faith Church and smoked by Ron from Los Alamos, along with all the fixings, and of course Double Layer Pumpkin Pies, made by our Fun with Food class were served to all who joined us.

This is the ninth year teens design, build and decorate a float for the annual Christmas parade. After it was all lit up and Christmas music, teen style of course, was blaring out of the speakers, we lined up with our bags filled with candy for the children and off we went. The teens danced and wished spectators Happy Holidays, and even sang the Sponge Bob song, for fun. Everything is always an adventure when teens are involved, and we get to enjoy every moment right along with them. When we finally made it back to the Teen Center, we enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows, thanks to a couple of moms. The teens are very proud of placing 3rd in our category.

A special thank you to Albert and Claire and the Victory Faith Church youth group, who came out and did a game night with the teens. They brought pizza, donated all the games they brought in and also brought in Christmas gifts for the teens.

Our annual Christmas Party was an amazing way to finish 2018. Teens enjoyed each other's company and of course lots of food. They were also presented with Christmas presents, which were donated by the Los Alamos National Laboratory Community Programs and wrapped by Debbie Huling, our board president. Thank you for making this holiday so special for our teens.

October-December 2018 Membership and Program Information

FREE membership is available to individuals between the ages of 12 and 19 years of age. Registration with parent and teen signatures is required.

- 509 youth (292 members & 217 guests) served
- Recorded visits by members and guests totaling 2,568 in 57 open operating days (10/01/18-12/21/18)
- Averaged 45 teens per day with peak days of 62 youth attending
- Held classes in 12 program categories
- Our van transported an average of 28 teens daily, from Carlos Vigil Middle School and the Española Valley High School and on occasion McCurdy Charter School, in 52 days of school.



EYTC @ Española Christmas Parade

Teen Center Major Supporters

We would like to acknowledge and extend a **HUGE** thank you to our Teen Center supporters. Without your dedication and support, our offerings of educational and recreational opportunities to the teens of the City of Española and surrounding communities would not be possible.

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Harvest Youth Parade



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2018 Teen Center Volunteers

Doug Roth, Various Teen Center Activities, 01/2018-currently

Tracy Blea, RoboRAVE International, 05/2018

Benjamin Sandoval, Guitar and Chess, 09/2018-currently

A special **thank you** for your giving hearts, which demonstrates all our core values, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and most of all **Caring**.

Class and Program Offerings and Attendance (October 1-December 31, 2018)

- 43 Homework Assistance/Summer Tutoring: 10 non-duplicated, 61 total participants
- 2 Fun With Food: 10 non-duplicated, 30 total participants
- 11 Movie Afternoons: 16 non-duplicated, 76 total participants
- 6 Video Editing Classes: 13 non-duplicated, 35 total participants
- 3 Community Service Projects: 43 non-duplicated, 46 total participants
- 8 Gym classes: 25 non-duplicated, 41 total participants
- 3 Archery classes: 11 non-duplicated, total 16 participants
- 18 Health/Sports Classes: 36 non-duplicated, 177 total participants
- 4 Holiday/Special meals: 143 non-duplicated, 186 total participants
- 5 Art classes: 37 non-duplicate, 53 total participants
- 6 Woodworking classes: 19 non-duplicated, 32 total participants
- 2 Community Events: 231 non-duplicated, 232 total participants

Our float at the Española Christmas Parade



Teen Center and Community Events

- Eighth Annual Harvest Youth Parade
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- Española Christmas Parade
- "Warming Young Hearts" stocking project
- Española Teen Center Christmas Party

Upcoming Teen Center and Community Events

- Y Day at the New Mexico State Legislature, date to be determined
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2019
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- Presidents' Day, February 18, 2019, EYTC CLOSED
- Daylight Savings Time, March 10, 2019
- Spring Break, Española & Pojoaque Schools, March 11-15, 2019
- St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2019
- Spring Break, McCurdy Charter School, March 25-29, 2019



Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner @ EYTC



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“Warming Young Hearts” warms our hearts

A few days after we are done with the Española Christmas Parade, it's onto prepping for our “Warming Young Hearts” project. We were busy for three days buying supplies and prepping ninety-one stockings for delivery. Each special stocking is personalized for each child. Hats, gloves, socks and scarves are all chosen according to their age, and they are finished off with a cup of soup, hot chocolate, a small toy and a candy cane, of course. Our teens loaded up over twenty crates filled with stockings onto the Christmas float, and off we went on another adventure. We arrived at the Pajarito Housing Community, to be greeted by children anxiously awaiting in their yards for our arrival. We did our first delivery and we were off, delivering to forty-eight homes and gifting ninety-one children with their special stockings. All the sweet smiles and thank yous from the little ones, make the cold, winter night feel warm. We would like to give a special, HUGE thank you to Dr. Neal and his wife, Ruth Ann, for their continued support since day one. We couldn't deliver to so many children if it wasn't for Ruth Ann crocheting so many scarves and hats, and donating gloves. We would like to give a special thank you to the Chill'n Brew Coffee Shop, in Española, for supplying delicious, hot chocolate for all the teens to enjoy afterwards.

