

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

DUBLIN 4-H

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Dublin 4-H is one of the longstanding youth organizations that has the tradition of contributing to our community. Our club members collectively contributed 300 hours of their precious time to help the community. Children, ages 5-18, have contributed in the following ways:

- Service-Learning project - 2024: 15 children collectively spent 100 hours of their precious time throughout 2024 with only one goal in mind - that is, to help needy people. Through various activities, we were able to collect food and hygiene kits worth about 1,000 dollars. This was donated to Shepherd's Gate, Livermore.

- Valentine Day Card for Hospice – February 2024: To give back to the hospice patients (a person with a serious illness that is not curable and who is approaching the end of life), Dublin 4-H decided to write Valentine's Day cards, wishing them peace and comfort. There were four sessions, about two hours each. During that time, we were provided with stickers, stamps, pens, gems, washi tape, embellishments, Sharpies, glue sticks, and construction paper, and we wrote meaningful cards for the patients.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 2024: To add to the spirit of Dublin's famous legacy of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, children from our community participated by decorating our truck that suited the theme of the parade and cheered with the crowd!
- Dublin Pride – May 2024: Dublin Pride Volunteer Day is one of our favorite events. Eighteen (18) members from our club volunteered in a Lawn-To-Garden project hosted by Zone 7, a water utility company, at Emerald Glen Park. We planted new water conserving plants in front of The Wave Waterpark.
- Red Ribbon Week – October 2024: Each year our children tie red ribbons around the trees and poles near Dublin schools to spread awareness about drugs and alcohol abuse. This paves the way for a safer and more responsible community.
- Food Drive – November 2024: During Thanksgiving time, many of us are fortunate to have a nice dinner along with our family and friends. However, not everyone is fortunate enough to have a meal every day. We at Dublin 4-H recognize this fact and, hence, actively participated in a November food drive, along with Alameda County and Safeway to collect food cans to donate to the Alameda County Food Bank.
- 2024 Dublin Pride: Park and Creek Clean-up
- One Warm Coat Drive – December 2024: Members of our club collected 183 coats that are in good, usable condition by reaching out to family, friends, and neighbors. Eventually, they were donated to Livermore Rotary Club that, in turn, donated to families that could not afford to buy winter jackets. According to National Geographic, Americans send 64 tons of waste to landfills during their lifetime – that is 246 million tons of waste each year. One Warm Coat is focused on being part of the solution to this growing problem through its innovative programs and commitment to environmental sustainability.