



## **CALIFORNIA BANK & TRUST EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEER TIME TO NONPROFITS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA IN THIRD ANNUAL GIVE WEEK**

*Dozens of nonprofits and community organizations across California benefited from the efforts of CB&T associates*

**SAN DIEGO – (Jan. 23, 2024)** – Nonprofit organizations across California received a powerful boost from [California Bank & Trust](#) (CB&T) during its third annual CB&T Give Week. From Nov. 13 through Nov. 17, nearly 200 associates of CB&T collectively performed 650 hours of volunteer service at twelve California nonprofit organizations. In addition, donation drives held at CB&T branches collected items for distribution to over 50 local nonprofit organizations.

According to Eric Ellingsen, president and CEO of CB&T, “Building up our communities is central to who we are as a bank. Our CB&T Give Week has become an annual tradition and one of the many ways our associates give of their time and talents in service to others.”

The volunteer efforts resulted in positive impacts for a variety of causes, including:

- Volunteers guided students through the Finance Park program at Junior Achievement of Southern California, delivering lessons on financial literacy to 83 students from Phineas Banning High School.
- A group of Northern California associates provided Opportunity Junction Administrative Careers Training (ACT) interns with the ability to strengthen their interviewing skills and overall confidence with the interview process.
- Volunteers teamed up with Junior Achievement of Northern California to lend their financial expertise to the money management lessons provided to over 100 students at Jean Parker Elementary School in San Francisco.
- Volunteers visited Stanford Settlement and sorted food for a food drive prior to serving lunch to residents at their Senior Center.
- Volunteers assembled 250 literacy kits with Orange County United Way for distribution to students at two local elementary schools.
- Volunteers partnered with Habitat for Humanity Fresno to help construct a house for a future homeowner.
- Volunteers went to Feeding San Diego and bundled 12,940 pounds of potatoes that will contribute to the holiday meals of 3,235 families in need throughout San Diego County. Additionally, volunteers sorted food destined for those in need at the Alameda County Food Bank; packed and distributed bread and food at Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County; and sorted fruit and produce at the San Diego North County Food Bank.
- Three nonprofit organizations were selected from those we partnered with to receive a \$200 bank donation to further bolster the impact of the efforts of our associates: Wiseplace, Wayfinder and Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.



Originally conceived as a one-time event, CB&T Give Week has grown into a statewide celebration of volunteerism that offers associates the opportunity to get out of their offices and into the community to give back to causes close to their hearts.

CB&T Give Week is just one focus of CB&T's extensive community outreach. To learn more about how CB&T is committed to building a strong California, visit [www.calbanktrust.com](http://www.calbanktrust.com). Connect with CB&T on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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