



A united East San Jose is a healthy, peaceful and empowered community

Goals: Decrease violence and trauma affecting youth, families and the community; Advance cultural capital and relationships; Influence equitable, economic opportunities and investments

2020 East San Jose PEACE Partnership Holiday Gift Drive

OVERVIEW

The East San Jose PEACE (Prevention Efforts Advance Community Equity) Partnership is a group of residents and organizations working together to build a healthy, peaceful, and empowered community in the 95116, 95122, and 95127 zip codes. We strive to counteract the conditions that have led to a high level of community violence and trauma in East San Jose (ESJ) by building on our strengths—community pride, diversity, creativity, and a rich history of community activism, among others.

As we continue to grapple with the unimaginable consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, our commitment to our PEACE community residents remains unwavering. We are acutely aware of the economic ramifications this pandemic is having on our most vulnerable residents who were experiencing economic hardships *before* the pandemic. At this time, those hardships have only exacerbated.

We are finding that many of our families are struggling to make ends meet and have expressed their concerns of their financial hardship to provide gifts for their children during this holiday season. The ESJ PEACE Partnership is organizing its first Holiday Gift Drive to help families in need. We are seeking your assistance in helping bring joy to our ESJ families this holiday season.

YOU CAN HELP BY:

- Purchasing Holiday Gifts, yourself – a fun family project! Recommendations:
 - **Apparel**
 - Pajamas (sizes newborn – adult)
 - Socks (sizes newborn – adult)
 - **Toys** (Legos/Duplo, Magna-Tiles, puzzles, games, science kits, arts and crafts, etc.)

- Drop off Pajamas and/or toys at the Public Health Offices located at 1775 Story Rd. Suite 120 on Wednesday and Fridays, 9-4pm. This will need to be coordinated in advance with the Violence Prevention Program Team – ViolenceFreeSCC@phd.sccgov.org
- Donations can be made online at <https://ssl.charityweb.net/vmcfoundation/> Under “Anything you want us to know about your gift” please click “Yes” and use the text box to write *ESJ PEACE HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE.*

Apparel and toys will be distributed to families in early December, so please make your donation by **Monday, November 30th.**

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