

# **City of Morgan Hill Community Funding**

## Chabad South Country Jewish Center Report on the **Morgan Hill Chanukah Celebration 2024**

On December 29 2024, hundreds of South County residents gathered at the Downtown Morgan Hill Amphitheater to celebrate Hanukkah. The event was organized by the Chabad South County Jewish Center and featured live music, inflatables, traditional Hanukkah foods, balloon twisting, and menorah crafts for children. Attendees were also treated to a fire show performance.

The event was free and open to the entire community.

The highlight of the evening was the ceremonial lighting of a giant menorah, led by Morgan Hill Mayor Mark Turner who lit the middle flame.

The event was a great success and brought residents of the community together in the spirit of celebration and unity.

### **Summary:**

Over 240 people from the Morgan Hill community attended our outdoor family Chanukah event. People of all ages, affiliations and walks of life joined together at the Morgan Hill Downtown Amphitheater to celebrate the holiday of Chanukah and its universal messages of freedom, tolerance and faith.

The City of Morgan Hill was recognized as a partner in related communications, on the event website, and on banners at the event.

The total cost of the event was \$11,000, of which \$2,500 was funded by the City of Morgan Hill.



IASC's Circle of Giving

# Final Report

## Share the Care Drive - December 2024

Prepared for the City of Morgan Hill's Community Services Supervisor

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### Executive Summary

We'd like first to express our sincere gratitude to the City of Morgan Hill for having granted \$2000 for the Community funding towards IASC's Share the Care Drive in 2024.

On the 22nd of November 2024, we distributed 80 grocery gift cards, valued at \$25 each, totaling \$2,000 to the Morgan Hill Unified School District to carefully identified families across all 13 of the school sites who would benefit from grocery gift cards for the Holiday season.

### Background

IASCs Circle of Giving is the humanitarian initiative of the Indian Association of South Santa

Clara County and is run by volunteers who care deeply about service in aid of our community. Circle of Giving is driven by its mission statement - standing together, serving our extended community - to provide services to those who are most in need.

Circle of Giving has had a significant impact on the community, and we're especially proud of the following achievements - Over 10000+ hot meals served through our Hands against Hunger program, 500+ backpacks shared through our Packed with Care program , 1800+ bags of groceries and care packages distributed through the Share the Care program and over 300 students in the education and enrichment programs

## Share the Care Drive 2024

The Share the Care is a program focused on distributing groceries and care packages to those who are in need of these the most. In 2023 these items were procured through generous contributions from the community and our partners, and distributed at the El Toro Elementary School parking lot.

For 2024, we partnered with the MHUSD, primarily the CARE and community liaisons to carefully identify families across all 13 of the school sites who would benefit from grocery gift cards, just in time for Thanksgiving.

The event was planned and executed in 4 distinct phases:

1. Pre-work and planning
2. Procurement of items
3. Identifying under resourced families
4. Distribution

### Pre-work and planning

The core team of Circle of Giving got together and established a communication with Dr. Carmen Garcia, Superintendent of MHUSD on 11/20/2024 to connect us with the community liaisons of the MHUSD in order to identify 80 families that would benefit from receiving \$25 grocery gift cards to purchase supplies for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Procurement of Items

Core Team members researched the cost of needed supplies at a few grocery stores in Morgan Hill & finalized the more cost effective approach of purchasing gift cards from the Dollar tree in Gilroy as well as the Dollar store in Morgan Hill. 80 grocery gift cards, valued at \$25 each, totaling \$2,000 were purchased at these 2 stores.

## Identifying under resourced families

We partnered with the CARE team and the community liaisons in the Morgan Hill Unified School district to ensure that families that were truly in need were recipients of these gift cards. The community liaisons reached out to 80 families who had students studying in various Morgan Hill schools via email and text. On the day of the distribution, all of the gift cards that were given away went to families that were contacted by the community liaisons.

## Distribution

On the day of the distribution on 11/22/2024, Founder & Executive Director, Poonam Chabra, visited the MHUSD office and met with Jacylyn Snyder, Supervisor of Student Support Services to hand the gift cards. These were then distributed to the community liaisons in the 13 school sites of the MHUSD, who in turn handed the gift cards to the carefully identified families who would benefit from the much needed support during the holiday season.

A Thank you letter from the district office confirming this distribution is ATTACHED in this report. Also, [HERE](#) are photos of all the liaisons accepting the gift cards.

## Expenses

The total expenses for this initiative are listed in the table below. Receipts of both transactions are ATTACHED.

ITEM	PURCHASE DATE	STORE	COST
68 GIFT CARDS	10.12.2024	Dollar tree, Gilroy	\$1700
12 GIFT CARDS	11.21.2024	Dollar store, Morgan Hill	\$300
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

## Social Media:

Acknowledgement to our Grant Partner, City of Morgan Hill was mentioned in our communications with the MHUSD as well as on our [Facebook page](#).

## MEMO REGARDING PROOF OF EVENT PAYMENTS

TO: CITY OF MORGAN HILL

FROM: THE SENTINEL SOCCER CLUB AND GRUMAZA C/O ERNESTO GOMEZ

The City of Morgan Hill apportioned funds for the MH Cultural Event celebrating Fiesta Patrias, 16 de Septiembre", commemorating Mexico's Independence and celebrating the Democratic values which anchor many nations. The cultural celebration was held on Sunday, September 15, 2024, from 2:00-7:00 pm at Galvan Park.

The event was a family-oriented celebration, free of charge, and opened to the community at large. No alcohol was served or allowed on the premises. Various community groups were invited and set up tables to provide information and education re: health education, education re Medi-Cal enrollment, patients' rights, public General Assistance, emergency preparedness, and housing availability for very low income and low-income families. The City table provided information regarding the services it makes available to the community. Each organization was given time throughout the event to take the microphone to inform the people of the services being provided by their agency and to invite the participants to their table.

We estimate the attendance to be over 350 people over the hours of the event, mostly families. During the event, children used the playground in the park and youth played pick-up soccer in the areas of the fields not used. The celebration went as planned and we are happy to report without a problem.

The enclosed baseball field near the stage area was being used for a baseball tournament. All parties cooperated to ensure that both events continued as planned and with minimal disruption to each. At the end, it all went well.

The payments made for the event are as follow:

Name	Amount	Running Balance.
1. Band and Sound System La Banda Cruzada de Mexico.	\$700	\$700
2. Gabriel Pareles, Singer.	\$100	\$800
3. Mariachi Juvenil "Alegria".	\$250	\$1,050
4. Lucia Camacho, Stage rental.	\$700	\$1,750
5. Imad Jimenez- 2 portable bathrooms.	\$200	\$1,950

6. Team Zumba Maribel de Morgan Hill	\$200	\$2,150
7. Grupo Norteno Sax, Grupo Buda	\$400	\$2,550
8. Grumasa Ernesto Gomez	\$118.01	\$2,668.01
9. City of Morgan Hill Park Field Rental.	\$392	\$3,060.01
10. City of Morgan Hill Event Permit	\$316	\$3,376.01
11. City of Morgan Hill Event Insurance	\$222	\$3,598.01
12. Deposit, Carried over from 2023 grant funding \$00		\$3,598.01

The Sentinel Club and Grumasa received a 2024 grant to fund the event from the City of Morgan Hill in the amount of \$3,500. The City applied \$316 to pay for the Special Event Permit, \$392 for the park rental fee, and \$222 for the Event Insurance from the grant for a total of \$1,430. The City also charged a \$500 deposit however, that was reduced to \$00 since it credited the \$500 deposit using the deposit applied from the 2023 City Grant for the 2023 celebration, which had not been refunded. The Sentinel Club and Grumasa will just leave that 2024 deposit in place to be used as a rollover credit for the 2025 celebration event.

The City issued a check for \$2,557 for the event. The total expenditures for the event minus the \$863 field rental and insurance, amounted to \$3,598.01. Please see the attached receipts.

Again, the Sentinel Club and Grumasa will not request a return of the 2024 deposit for the \$500 that was applied as a credit for this 2024 celebration and instead will carry over the deposit to be applied as a credit for the 2025 celebration.

Thank-you.



Ernesto Gomez, Grumasa



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June 12, 2025

Nichole Martin  
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City of Morgan Hill  
Public Service Department

RE: City of Morgan Hill Community Funding Report FY 24-25

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the children and families of Morgan Hill by providing vision, hearing, dental screenings, wellness checks, and connections to follow-up care throughout Santa Clara County. What sets Healthier Kids Foundation apart from other screening programs is our comprehensive case management and referral network—our mission is to remove health barriers impacting the learning and life success of Silicon Valley youth.

Your investment allowed the Healthier Kids Foundations (HKF) staff to serve children throughout 12 schools to support families in the following ways:

### **FY 24-25 Services**

This school year, HKF provided hearing screenings for 2,777 children, 5% received a referral and recommendation for follow up treatment. Of the students receiving a referral, 71 have received support services and 19 are still in progress. A total of 2,809 Morgan Hill children received a dental screening, 30% received a referral. Of the students receiving a referral, 520 have received support services and 171 are still in progress. A total of 2,827 Morgan Hill children received vision screening, 11% of which were identified as having a potential unmet vision need and recommended follow up treatment. Of the students receiving a referral, 222 have received support services and 47 are still in progress. Throughout the summer the Care Coordination team will continue to support the families who are in progress or have not been reached.

A total of 448 Morgan Hill 5th graders received an emotional wellness check; 44% of the children were identified with unmet mental health needs and were supported through case management. Of those identified with an unmet mental health need, 17 were in imminent need. Of the students receiving a referral, 116 have received support services and 16 are still in progress.

We also provided our Educational Programs to our partners in Morgan Hill. Through our 10 Steps for a Healthier You, a free, five class series for parents focusing on integrating healthy lifestyles within their homes to prevent or reduce childhood and adolescent obesity, we had 63 attendances. We also provided SmileFirst, a program that provides free classes for students and families that focus on oral health education, and saw participation from 1,762 children and 16 adults.

## **2024-25 Service Observations**

Some things to note are that the dental referral rate increased by 5% since last year and the referral rate for the emotional wellness screenings increased by 8% compared to last year, indicating there continues to be a need for screenings and support services.

At Healthier Kids Foundation, we look forward to continuing to support children and their families in the City of Morgan Hill. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Christine Fleming  
Program Manager  
Healthier Kids Foundation



#### Recap of Safe Trick or Treat:

2024 Safe Trick or Treat (STOP) was held Thursday, October 31, 2024, as in previous years MHDA held the event on Halloween Night which everyone who attended were happy to have it back on this date.

The trick or treat booths were active between 5-7 pm. Participation from the businesses and local churches was, as always, fantastic! There were 40 different businesses and churches passing out candy, having craft tables, and face painting for 3,000 – 4,000 people. There was no shortage of candy in all the children's bags!

The feedback was very positive and the MH PD as well as the extra security reported no incidents.

STOT has become a Morgan Hill tradition providing a fun & safe environment for children and their families.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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### Holiday Tree for Downtown Morgan Hill:

The Holiday Tree for the downtown area is located at the Community City on the corner of Dunne and Monterey Street during the holiday season, usually between November 27 and January 10. The Holiday Tree adds to the festivities during the holiday season and is the highlight as the tree lights are turned on at the end of the Holiday Parade by Santa Claus!

The funds are used to maintain the ongoing maintenance of the tree, ornaments, setup, take down, and storage during the year through the vendor Pacific Display

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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In 2024, despite the record heat wave, Freedom Fest is thrilled to share that the July 4th celebration was a success. Starting with the patriotic sing we were thrilled to see a return to pre-pandemic numbers of students singing to our community. The crowd braved the heat and enjoyed voices welcoming the celebration. Afterwards we flowed straight into the Family Music Festival that was newly expanded to three stages and a larger kid zone. Crowds were a little lighter than previous years due to the heat, but everyone had a great time with still several thousand enjoying the evening at both the festival and all the neighboring restaurants and bars.

July 4th continued with the morning Freedom Run which broke records as the largest number of participants we have ever had, despite the heat. Rolling right along we had over 145 cars in the classic car show, also one of the largest number ever. Continuing that theme the parade had well over 2,000 participants with 150 entries that excited and celebrated the country's birthday and Morgan Hill along the streets of Morgan Hill. Finally the fireworks went off that evening to a happy and excited crowd.

On the logistical side, even with 104+ degree weather we had only a single serious medical call to an individual at the Family Music Festival that was overheated, but using out on-site medical team, they were rehydrated and cooled and were able to go home on their own with no need for ambulance. We did have one entry in the parade that caught fire due to the heat (the old trolley) however since we mandate every entry have a fire extinguisher the entries in front and behind of that entry along with marshals quickly put out the fire. No injuries at all and parade was only paused for approximately 7 minutes while the trolley was moved to side of road and event continued. We attribute some of this to a tremendous amount of training and pre-event emergency planning, as well as over \$1,500 of emergency heat supplies that was purchased the week before the event. Misters, fans, pallets of water were all purchased to do everything we could to help reduce heat related injuries and we are happy to say it worked.

We continue to learn from each year's events but we are thrilled to say that 2024 was one of our largest and with the heat most challenging and yet the community came out and enjoyed a wonderful celebration.

Thank you

Matthew Stein  
Freedom Fest President



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December 10, 2024

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**Community Funding Report FY 2024- IASC Annual Gala 11/17/2024**

Dear Ms Nicole,

IASC is very thankful for the kind gesture shown by the city of Morgan Hill. The amount of \$2500 given to us was used to pay for one of our biggest expenses of the annual celebration, the stage rental. This was a huge stage 32 feet long and 24 feet deep, that was built from ground up at the Sobrato High school gym. Our total expenses for this huge community gathering was close to \$18,000 so your kindly donated funds were extremely valuable to us. I am attaching the rental receipt from the stage company and a couple of pictures for your review.

Please reach out to me if you have any further questions.

**Monica Iyer**

President,  
Indian Association of South Santa Clara County , IASC

**From:** [Peter Mandel](#)  
**To:** [Nichole Martin](#)  
**Cc:** [Hayley Allison](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Community Funding Report - Due Soon for FY24-25  
**Date:** Monday, June 9, 2025 4:00:44 PM

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Nichole,

I apologize for the delayed response to your reminder of the need for a report. We've had some turnover in staffing, and it has delayed things.

The purpose of the grant was for SVCT to provide a theater summer camp for area children, and do it in an affordable way to help make it more inclusive for community members. The \$3000 city community grant was used to lower the cost of the camp for each participant.

The result:

The baseline cost of a theater camp in the Bay Area is typically around \$250 a week. (Some groups, such as West Valley Light Opera, a community theater group, charge up to \$325 a week.) We wanted to make this very affordable and chose to charge only \$25 for a week's participation. Thus we were eating \$225 per participant. There were roughly 40 participants, resulting in our discounting the program by roughly \$9750. The city grant covered \$3000 of that offset, while the rest was absorbed as operating costs for SVCT. Note that there are additional costs involved in running the camp that also had to be funded by SVCT: The city charged us \$2100 for use of the room at the CCC (Permit 2331) and we also had \$677 additional costs (props, costumes, snacks, etc.) to run the program.

The result was very successful. The participants had an excellent experience. One conclusion is that I do think we can raise our fee for the camp, now that we have more of a sense of the costs and demand. Likely, the summer camp fee this season will be \$150 (still far cheaper than any other area theater summer program), assuming the city does provide the community grant dollars, allowing us to offset the price from market rates. Additional costs would again be handled as normal SVCT operating expenses.

If you need any further information, let me know.

-Peter Mandel  
SVCT President  
[REDACTED]

On Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 1:48 PM Nichole Martin <[nichole.martin@morganhill.ca.gov](mailto:nichole.martin@morganhill.ca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Peter,

I hope all is well. I wanted to reach out as I have not received the receipts/invoice or report for the MOU for FY24-25 Community Funding. Please submit these items as soon as possible or let me know if no services were provided during this time so I can note that in the file. Thank you!



*Helping People Find Their Way Back to God*

**June 2024 – July 2025**

**El Toro Status Report**

- AA meetings continue to be held regularly.
- NA meetings also are held regularly with an additional weekly meeting introduced.
- Exterior Maintenance included cleaning up the side yard at a cost of \$200
- Regular Fire Inspections were completed, totaling \$1350.00
- Lighting and fencing were updated costing \$200
- Routine maintenance, including changing air filters, securing the building with additional locks, and ensuring cleaning supplies are available, cost \$115.00.
- The backflow valve at the sidewalk was replaced when a truck drove the water main.
- The facility, in partnership with the city of Morgan Hill was used as a Cold Weather Shelter.
- The facility is used weekly for youth meetings in the Morgan Hill and surrounding areas, and for Celebration Services.

**Community Christian would like to thank the City of Morgan Hill for providing this space.**

**El Toro is truly a blessing to us and to this community.**

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