

## 2022 – 2023 Service Summaries

### **South: Daniel Kim**

On October 22 2022, 10 JCLers and one chaperone took a trip to the California Woods Nature Preserve to help Cincinnati Parks with their project of building a new aqueduct and refining areas in the woods. The group first helped pour sand onto the base of some stairs on a trail for the park's holiday event. Next the awesome group helped dig a new aqueduct so that the park could fix an erosion problem they had been having for a while. Safe to say that the event was a success as the trail the group cleaned up is still in great shape and the aqueduct did indeed fix the erosion problem the park had been having. Thank you to everyone for coming!

### **Central: Eva Merkoziaj**

Central Make a Difference Day consisted of a clothing and toy drive through Columbus Academy and the Childhood League Center. The Childhood League Center is dedicated to providing individually-focused childcare services for children with special needs. Every year, Columbus Academy holds Kids4Kids, a service learning project involving food and clothing donations. Participants primarily included students from Bexley High School and Columbus Academy, and the event was organized by Ms. Bening and Ms. Hillman of Columbus Academy and Bexley, respectively. This fall the project allowed families at the Childhood League Center to "shop" for items for free. After shopping was done, the remaining items were sent to STOWE Mission, where they were redistributed. Over 30 families were served!

**North: Lily Gundayao**

The North Make a Difference Day involved an annual holiday gift wrap. Westlake, St Ed's, and Shaker Heights all held toy drives at their respective schools preceding the gift wrap. The toy drive at Westlake High School lasted throughout the month of November. Any toys that were new or gently used (not including stuffed animals) were accepted during this drive. And on December 10th, everyone gathered at Westlake High School to wrap the presents. Approximately 120 presents were wrapped and then donated through a local organization. The organization then gave the presents to children who wouldn't normally be given a gift to open up.