

// DIABLO'S GUIDE TO
CHARITABLE GIVING



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Diablo's Guide to Charitable Giving celebrates the many nonprofits in the East Bay who are making our community a better place to live. Learn about a few of these local organizations and how you can support them during this season of giving, and throughout the year, on the following pages.

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Patriots Jet Team Foundation



HISTORY AND MISSION

If you have a young person in your family who loves STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), aviation, or space, the Patriots Jet Team Foundation (PJTF), based in Byron, is for you. Run entirely by volunteers, the PJTF has facilitated educational science opportunities, geared chiefly at middle-school and high school-age learners, for nearly 10 years. The PJTF has forged connections with schools throughout Contra Costa County, the Bay Area, and the Central Valley, and the positive outcomes of their programs rely heavily on hard-working parents and teachers devoted to providing their students with a well-rounded education and the confidence to follow their interests.

Though many of the foundation's programs were put on pause at the start of the pandemic, the PJTF usually manages a variety of school outreach programs, in addition to activities held at their own Byron Airport-based Learning Center. The PJTF prioritizes hands-on lessons, giving students an active, firsthand glimpse of the wonders of the world around them. Recent PJTF school initiatives have included high-altitude balloon programs, advanced placement aerospace courses, and air-rocket competitions. Visitors to the PJTF's Learning Center, in turn, can enjoy aviation classes, space-related programs, and STEM activities, and the team hopes to debut a robotics and engineering workplace at the center in the near future. Students walk away from a session with the PJTF not only with increased

scientific understanding and the motivation to learn more, but also with strengthened skills in collaboration, leadership, service to others, and dedication to their studies.

Because the PJTF prioritizes a critical hands-on approach in their programs, many of these options have been unavailable during the pandemic. In lieu of holding in-person events during the pandemic, the team channeled their energy into expanding their scholarship programs beyond select-funding for advanced aviation education to students and now have added college engineering awards to their lineup. Cementing strategic partnerships—especially with innovators in the space industry—was also a central goal of the PJTF during the COVID-19 shutdowns.

IMPACT

The PJTF estimates that before the pandemic, they were reaching around 4,000 students across their free in-school and Learning Center activities, and they anticipate those numbers to grow as their programs begin anew. The foundation works with around half a dozen middle schools and 10 high schools, and is very proud of the success of their growing aerospace initiatives, as well as the unique opportunities accessible through their aviation academy.

The PJTF has received awards and honors from



groups such as the Discovery Bay Chamber of Commerce, Contra Costa District 3, The Association of California School Administrators, and the state and federal government.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

As a completely volunteer-run organization, the PJTF is always receptive to those who can donate time to support their important programs, particularly during the week. Volunteers can act as instructors, coordinate programs and events, develop curriculum, offer mentorship, provide technical support and more.

Financial donations are also perpetually welcome, and as a nonprofit enterprise, contributed funds are crucial to keeping the PJTF's educational systems going. For more details, visit www.pjtf.org.

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A multi-engine, instrument rated pilot, Greg Vogel is a proud supporter of the Patriots Jet Team Foundation in its mission to teach local youth and provide scholarships for careers in aviation, space and STEM.



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