



Doing Good

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Donations Add Up

The Old Spaghetti Factory recently presented more than \$38,000 to the American Cancer Society. The money came from a monthlong campaign during which 13 California and Arizona restaurants operated by the Dariotis group collected donations from customers. "Recently, the Dariotis family has been dealing with cancer," said restaurant group owner Chris Dariotis. "Like many families, ending breast cancer is near and dear to our hearts. We are excited to partner with the American Cancer Society again for a breast cancer fundraising campaign. We are looking forward to being a part of this worthy cause for years to come."

Walmart Foundation donated \$54,800 to two area nonprofits: Women's Empowerment and Senior Gleaners. Said Gary McDonald of Senior Gleaners: "This gracious donation will allow us to distribute more than 131,000 pounds of food to low-income families." Women's Empowerment will use the \$29,000 grant to educate and empower homeless women with the skills and confidence needed to get a job, create a healthy lifestyle and regain a home for themselves and their children, according to executive director Lisa Culp.

Golden 1 Credit Union gave CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) \$35,000 to continue its work with older foster youth. CASA provides trained volunteers to speak on behalf of children in juvenile court and to help children navigate the child welfare and legal systems. A Birthday for Assistance League

Assistance League of Sacramento is celebrating 45 years of service for children, women and families. The group operates eight philanthropic programs with services ranging from clothing children for school to community college scholarships. League volunteers operate a thrift shop at 2528 Yorktown Ave. For the first time, the shop is establishing a thrift shopper card: For every \$10 spent on merchandise (including tax), the participant will receive one punch on the card. After 20 punches, the shopper will receive \$10 off a purchase of \$20 or more. For more information, go to sacramento.assistanceleague.org.

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