

### Organization's History:

Police Activity Leagues began in 1914 when a New York Police Lieutenant met with gang leadership to discuss alternative ways of avoiding juvenile crime and violence. What started in 1914 has developed into hundreds of activity leagues across the nation. Police Activity Leagues are unique in the fact that they provide a wide range of sports and educational activities while forming positive relationships with police officers through direct participation.

In October of 2015, the Woodland Police Activities League (WPAL) officially incorporated as a business entity, about three months after their first summer program for at-risk kids. In January of 2016, we received our 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Since that time we have been working to engage kids, specifically those at-risk or underprivileged, in various activities. These activities include recurring programs and one-time events such as the Junior Giants baseball program, flag football, and art programs.

Since our inception, we have been a member of Cal PAL, the state organization for Police Activity Leagues. As a member of Cal PAL, we send our board members to expositions and conferences to share best practices and get information on new and exciting programs and functions.

WPAL is dedicated to involving youths in positive activities with police officers and other community members. Our very first summer program had 23 participants and since that time we have expanded our reach to over 1,200 kids.

Although Police is in the name, we are technically a separate entity and use volunteers from all over the community to assist us in meeting our goals. We also rely almost entirely on fundraising to provide services for the youth population.

### Organizational Goals and Objectives

Our overall goal is as stated in our mission, "to reach out and enrich the lives of the youth of Woodland and surrounding communities to reduce juvenile crime and delinquency by uniting law enforcement officers and our youth. We strive to provide safe and supervised environments for recreational, athletic, social, educational, and cultural activities"

We have many objectives and many goals, both short-term and long-term that we think will lead us to realizing our overall mission. Following is a list of our short-term and long-term goals as well as our objectives to meet those goals:

Short-term goals (within next 6 months):

- 1) Open up the building located at 120 Main Street, Suite J
- 2) Complete insurance purchases for 2019
- 3) Complete storage area and catalog current equipment

- 4) Increase volunteers and membership
- 5) Enhance website
- 6) Start three new regular programs by summer of 2019
- 7) Secure funds for the first quarter of 2019

Long-term goals (within next 1-2 years):

- 1) Initiate counseling services in partnership with Sacramento State University
- 2) Establish tutoring services in partnership with UC Davis and WJUSD
- 3) Establish flag football program similar to Junior Giants baseball program
- 4) Expand the Junior Giants program to include softball divisions
- 5) Establish six more regular programs that will likely include soccer, boxing, martial arts, art, dance, and music
- 6) Establish three annual trips to include camping, fishing, and educational conferences
- 7) Establish annual fundraising events
- 8) Establish a regional league for at least one PAL program
- 9) Expand into other Yolo County unincorporated areas

Objectives:

- 1) Complete inspections of the facility and get occupancy certificate
- 2) Get bids for storage construction
- 3) Send out volunteer and membership applications to community
- 4) Complete grant applications
- 5) Hold a fundraising dinner
- 6) Hold a secondary fundraising event
- 7) Find volunteer instructors for art, dance, and basketball
- 8) Get details about flag football from San Francisco 49ers
- 9) Attend annual Junior Giants Commissioner Camp
- 10) Attend next regional Cal Pal conference
- 11) Confirm relationship with Sacramento State University for counseling services
- 12) Evaluate and select locations for camping and fishing

### Programs and Services

1) Summer Program where we work with Woodland Joint Unified to select at-risk or underprivileged children to attend the program. At the program, kids are exposed to various sports and art activities in an effort to engage them in future activities that might interest them. Past programs have featured instruction in baseball, football, basketball, soccer, swimming, bowling, boxing, tennis, and art. Typically, the children participate in a confidence course and hear from various motivational speakers.

2) Junior Giants Baseball Program which is a free 8-week program mostly funded by the San Francisco Giants Community Fund. We usually get anywhere from 250-350 kids involved each year. This program is a non-competitive baseball season where kids receive character development education and prizes for participation in each week's activities. This is our largest program and we hope to expand into softball division in

2019 or 2020 to increase female participation. This program is especially important to Woodland as it specifically benefits our underprivileged, minority population.

3) Flag Football- we have run our own during the Summer Program as well as an NFL Play60 shortened version at Douglas Middle School. This will be one of our recurring events once our building opens up. The last program was able to have about 60 participants during their P.E period.

4) The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is a semi-annual event that started at the Community Center but later moved to the Middle Schools during lunch period. This change allowed for more kids to participate and for more kids to watch the fun! The entire school at Douglas Middle School turned out for our first event there. In this event, four kids team up with one public safety representative and play a single elimination tournament during the lunch period.

5) Transitional Program – we participated in an innovative program with Woodland Joint Unified School District where they identified students who may struggle with the transition and adjustment from elementary school to middle school or middle school to high school. Officers with WPAL joined to talk about the upcoming changes and introduce themselves as a resource for kids who struggle with the transition.

6) WPAL members participate in a variety of other events to include arts, lunches, holiday activities, and other outreach opportunities. This last year, WPAL sponsored the Fill-the-Trunk event during the Christmas holiday. We were able to get enough toys to fulfill the wishes of nearly 500 needy families within Woodland.

As mentioned above, we would like to expand our programs to provide more activities and events for the population of children defined as at-risk or under-privileged. These programs have made a positive impact on the lives of children as evidenced by these two examples:

*During the 2018 Junior Giants season, a young girl in the 10-13 old division was being encouraged by the head coach, Francisco DeLeon, when she turned and said, "Don't worry, I believe in myself because Coach Riley believes in me".*

We received positive feedback from several parents who had children attend the 2018 Summer Program:

*Hello Rosie,*

*I wanted to say thank you again for inviting my Yabes kids to participate in the PAL program. Lorenzo said "mom the officers played with us more than my dad ever has" They go with their dad every other weekend. Its sad but from the bottom of my heart thank you. I know the quality time they spent with the officers will always be remember. Hope they can be a part next summer. God bless.*

*Maria*

*Janet, Diego's mom shared with me this morning that he and his sister really enjoyed the PAL program and would love to come back. Mom also asked where did the ice cream come from and what were the orange balls? I laughed...the orange balls are popping boba's. She said that her son had never tried them but loved them and wants to go support Pinkberry because of the donation and that it was delicious.*

### Organizational Mission Statement

WPAL's goal is to reach out and enrich the lives of the youth of Woodland and surrounding communities to reduce juvenile crime and delinquency by uniting law enforcement officers and our youth. We strive to provide safe and supervised environments for recreational, athletic, social, educational, and cultural activities. This is accomplished by providing quality activities designed to develop discipline, self-esteem, mutual trust, and respect. Programs and events are low cost to avoid exclusion of any children.

### Brief Description of Organization

WPAL is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS. Although WPAL has "police" in the name, it is actually a completely separate entity from the Woodland Police Department. Our current board has members from the Yolo County District Attorney's Office, California Department of Corrections, Woodland Recreation Department, Woodland Police Department, Woodland Joint Unified, and several Woodland residents. We try to meet monthly to discuss the program.

We have been functioning out of the Woodland Police Department since we started but have been working consistently to open up our building at 120 Main Street, Suite J. We have formed partnerships with various organizations over the last three years to include:

Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD)  
Youth Gang, Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention Initiative (YGRIP)  
Yolo Arts  
San Francisco Giants Community Fund  
City of Woodland

We are currently working on developing partnerships with UC Davis, Sacramento State, the San Francisco 49ers, Yolo County Probation, Yolo County Courts, and other regional Police Activity Leagues.