

Operation Snowflake readies for second weekend



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After a successful first Saturday of fun, helping young West Valley residents with special needs experience the joy of snow and the holiday spirit, volunteers at Cupertino Rotary and Via Services are preparing for their second consecutive weekend.

Operation Snowflake, as the program is known, brings winter festivities to community members, kids, teens, and adults with special needs, so they can experience snow, sledding, and holiday fun.

On Saturday, December 7, more than 100 volunteers, including the Bellarmine JV Football team, the Willow Rose Chapter of the National Charities League, the SJSU Chapter of the ATO Fraternity, the Monta Vista Interact Club, joined forces to bring snow to the Via Services West Campus in the hills west of Cupertino. Despite heavy rains, the event was, by all accounts, a great success.

"Children, young adults and seniors have an opportunity to enjoy holiday spirit they will never forget. That's what makes this project so special," said Orrin Mahoney of Cupertino Rotary.

This Saturday, December 14, which is targeted at older teens, adults, and seniors, will feature arts and crafts, tree and cookie decorating, and performances from the 'Grateful Dads' and the San Jose State marching band. Stocking stuffing at the event will head to West Valley Community Services for families in need this holiday season.

"Over 150 participants benefited from the holiday fun – music, art and snow play in the South Bay," said Leslie Davis, VP of Via Services.

"We all couldn't be luckier," Davis added.

The second day of Operation Snowflake is set for 2 to 4 p.m. this Saturday at the Via Services West Campus, 13850 Stevens Canyon Rd. in Cupertino.

For more information, click [here](#).



The sledding hill from weekend one at Operation Snowflake. Image courtesy of Cupertino Rotary.