

News Release from Assistance League Sierra Foothills 4/13/26 Gardens of the Hills Tour Fundraiser

The Assistance League® Sierra Foothills Gardens of the Hills tour is set for the first weekend in June and while the gardens are the stars, there is so much more to this event.

Each ticket will grant entry to five private gardens plus a special garden this year, the Lakers' Student Garden. Visit them all on one day or spread visits over both Saturday and Sunday.

At Lake Forest Elementary School you can visit "Lakers' Student Garden" where students are given the opportunity to enhance their understanding of what it takes to grow and maintain a vegetable garden. Including this site aligns with Assistance League Sierra Foothills' vision to enhance the lives of youth through community programs. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet some of the young gardeners and will be impressed with their new-found passion for agriculture and excitement at showing off their crops.

In addition to the beautiful flowers and vegetables, garden guests will find many other features to make the day an enjoyable adventure. The nonprofit's always popular raffle with amazing, themed baskets will be at one of the gardens. For even more shopping pleasure there will be artisan merchants with a selection of garden-related items for purchase.

Pause in the gardens to listen to acoustic music, speak with, or get a bit of advice from a UC Davis Master Gardener and watch a local plein air artist paint. Ice cream treats and lemonade will be available to purchase as well. A family-friendly scavenger hunt invites guests to search for "Nutmeg the squirrel" hidden in each garden, with a prize drawing for those who find him at every stop.

Tickets go on sale April 3 through the organization's website and will also be available beginning April 23 from members and at local outlets, including the El Dorado Hills California Welcome Center and My Besties Closet.

This event provides the community with an enjoyable outing while raising funds that enhances the lives of youth and adults in El Dorado County. Their signature program, Operation School Bell®, helps homeless and disadvantaged children receive brand new school clothes. Additional programs aid youth with reading comprehension skills, provide underserved kids with the opportunity to play organized youth sports, engage seniors in social interactions, award young adults with college tuition scholarships, and assist children and women with a bit of dignity in situations of emergency relocation by providing sturdy duffel bags in which to carry their belongings. By attending the Gardens of the Hills tour, visitors not only experience the beauty and creativity of local landscapes but also play a vital role in strengthening the community. Each ticket purchased directly supports programs that uplift children, families, and seniors throughout El Dorado County. The Assistance League Sierra Foothills invites the community to enjoy a weekend of inspiration, connection, and giving—where every garden visited helps cultivate a brighter future.