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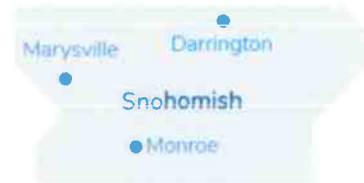
About Our Community

Darrington is a small, close-knit rural timber community with a country atmosphere nestled in the heart of the Cascades. Although known as a “timber town,” the Darrington community has had to search for a new economic identity because of the struggling logging industry. Recently, Darrington has been identified as the “hidden gem” of the outdoor recreation world due to the vast outdoor recreational opportunities surrounding the town.

Our community of about 1,385 is predominantly white, and also home to nearly 200 Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe members. We are a growing retirement-age community. The Darrington School District educates approximately 400 students yearly on a single Pre-K-12 campus. The 2015 Census reports the median income for a household as \$34,167, and the mean income for a family as \$44,583.

In our Strategic Plan, we have prioritized the following factors to increase family stability and resiliency, increase positive social connections, and reduce harmful activities. These include:

- Community Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use, such as social availability and perception of harm
- Family Management
- Early Initiation
- Friends Who Engage in The Problem Behavior
- Community/School Bonding



NCFS Prevention Programs in Our Community

Efforts in Darrington are focused in areas with ‘gaps.’ NCFS staff and volunteers selected specific prevention programs and strategies to influence the identified factors at the school, family, and community level. Ongoing efforts also focus on environmental and systemic factors, leading community residents to long-term health and wellness.

Ongoing collaborations and partnerships have resulted in a substantial benefit to the community, through funding for program implementation, including:

- Evidence-based *Good Behavior Game* (K-8 Classrooms)
- *Keep a Clear Mind* (take-home education for 4th, 5th, 6th Graders)
- Evidence-based *Guiding Good Choices* (Parent/Caregiver Workshop)
- Mentoring Youth & Out-of-School Programs (ages 8 – 18 / Erik’s Place)
- Darrington Family Outreach (Family Engagement)
- Darrington Youth Coalition (youth ages 12-18)
- No Show / No Go Club (Inclusion for All)
- Evidence-based *Strengthening Families* (Parent/Caregiver Workshop)
- Employment, Budgeting, Family Management Workshops
- Meeting of Basic Needs
- Youth Employment
- Community Events/Activities
- Summer Food and STEAM (Summer Day Camp)

(Programs are evaluated for effectiveness)

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Grateful Thanks to Our Partners:

American Red Cross
Darrington Food Bank
Darrington School District
Goodwill -Seattle/Everett
Glacier Peak Institute
Salvation Army
Snohomish County
Sno-Isle Library – Darrington
Stilly Valley Health Connections
The Arc of Snohomish County
The Whitehorse Foundation
Town of Darrington
United Way of Snohomish County
Washington State / DOH & OSPI
Division of Health
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

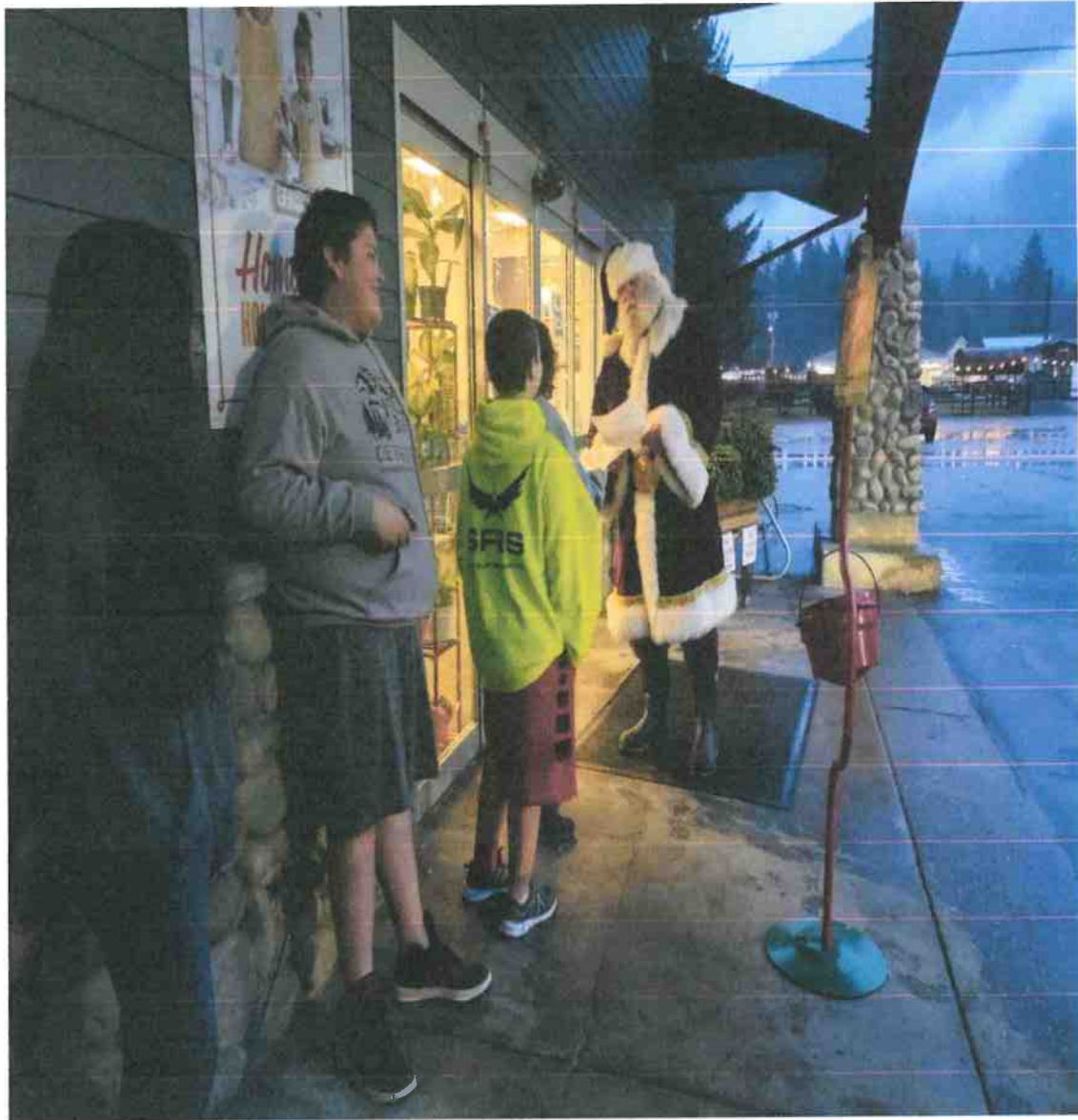




**Annual Cookie Exchange
Gingerbread Cookie Decorating Contest
WINNER!!!
2023**

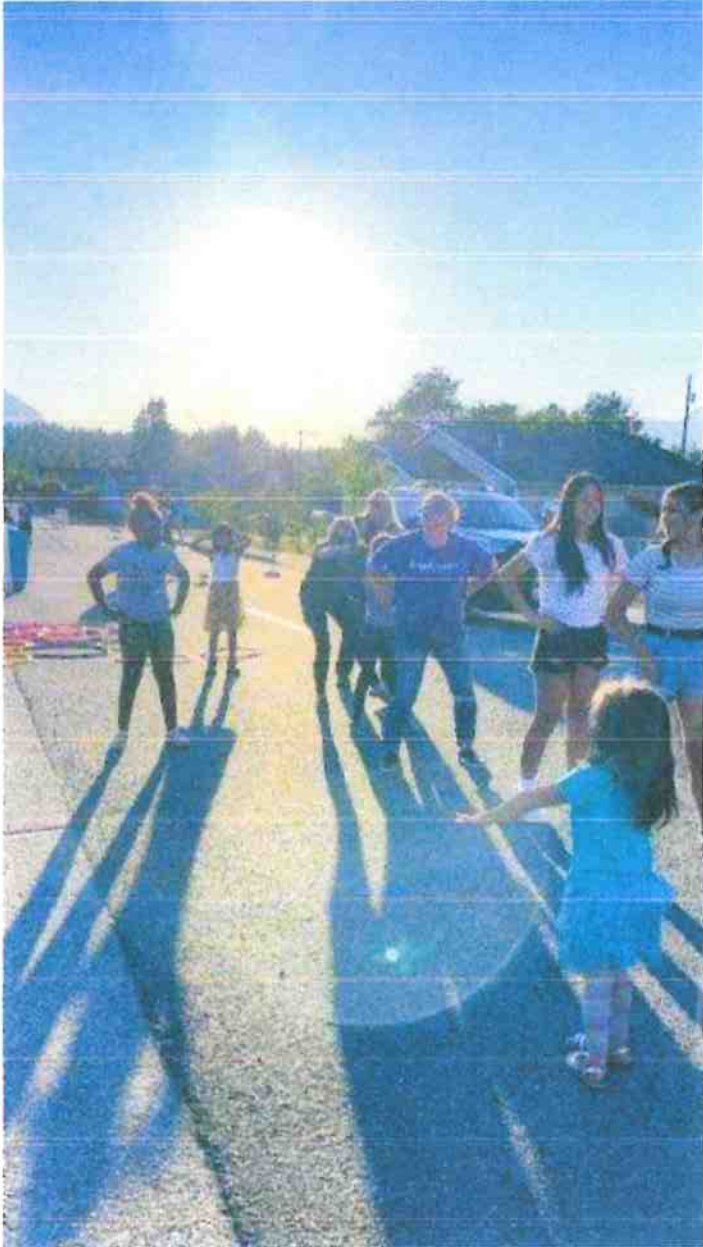


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**Ring the Bell for Salvation Army at
Darrington IGA - Santa stopped to visit!**

December 2023



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About 200 in attendance

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Hot Dogs

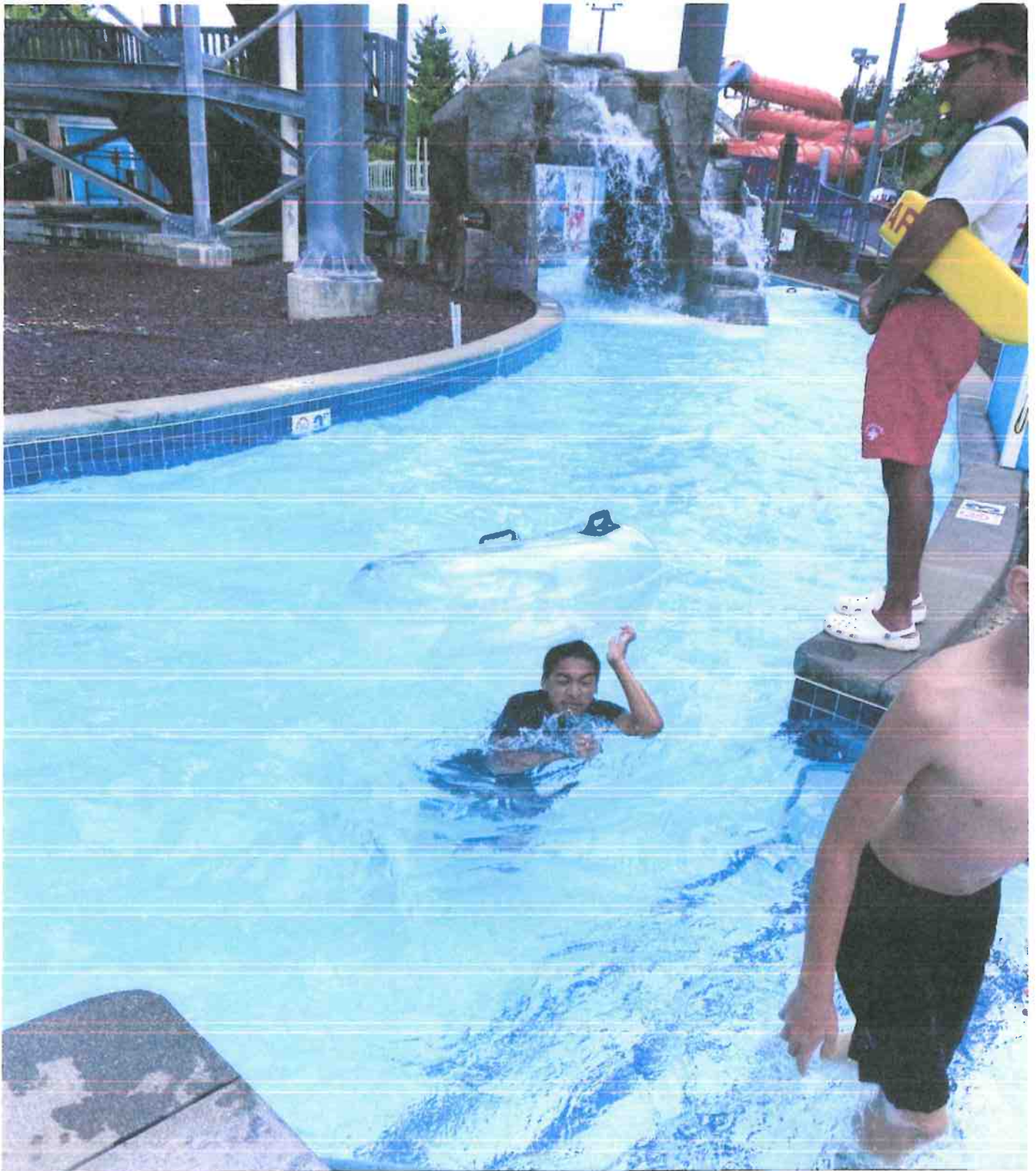
Cotton Candy

Hair Cuts

Backpacks

More

August 2, 2023



**Staff / End of Summer Camp Trip
Wild Waves
2023**



Summer Camp Field Trip

July 2023



**Summer Food and STEAM
(Five-Week Summer Day Camp)
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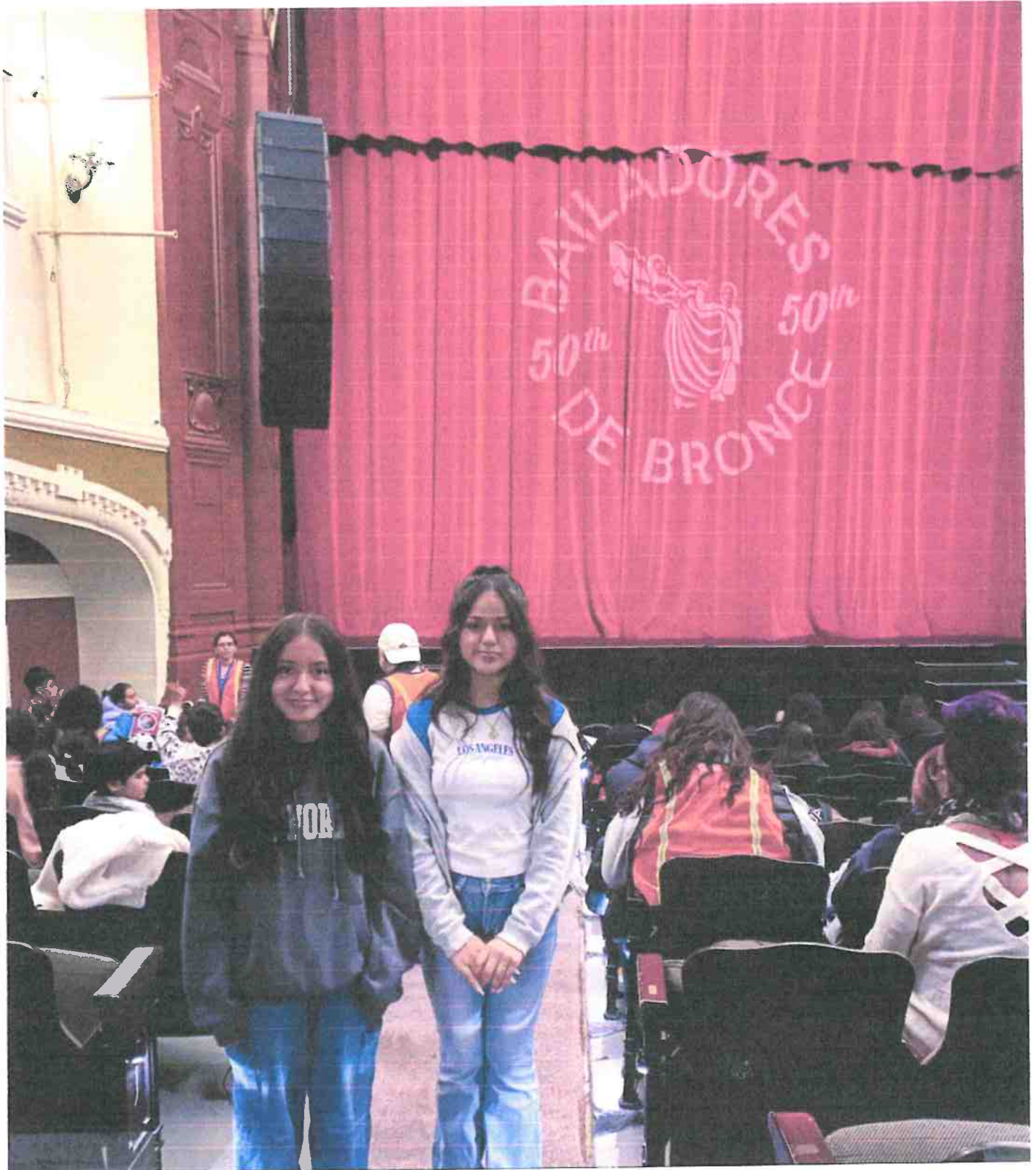
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**Summer Food and STEAM / Egg-Drop Challenge
(Summer Day Camp)
June - July 2022**



Spring Youth Forum
May 2023



Bailadores de Bronce
Mexican Culture Field Trip
2023



Youth Focus Group
Triangle Associates / Community Transit
2023



**Erik's Place / Out-of-School
Mondays & Thursdays
2023**



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Mondays & Thursdays
2023**



**Virtual Piano Lessons
Weekly / 2021-2023**



**Adult/Youth Group Mentoring
July 2022**



**Annual Cookie Exchange
Drive-thru / COVID-19
December 2021**



**Trunk or Treat
October 2022**



**Community Family Night /
Dinner with a Purpose
2017**



**Mobile Dental Clinic / Youth and Adults
Partnership with Stilly Valley Health Connections
2021-2024**