

Volunteer Spotlight

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Elliot Wenzel volunteered at Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) as a student with Christian Brothers high school. When the time arose for him to plan a project to receive his Eagle Scout award he returned, once again, to SFBFS. Elliot met with SFBFS to determine possible projects. Noticing SFBFS could use a well deserved sprucing up, Elliot decided to repaint the parking lot. With his crew of scouts the team repainted all of the parking spaces, created directional arrows, marked of a loading area for donations, repainted the sign posts and even planted a new tree.

Elliot solicited donations from local businesses and received many supplies he needed from Home Depot. He recruited several scouts and parents to help work on his project. Being a self-proclaimed "indecisive" person, Elliot found that having to manage 25 to 30 people was a new experience for him. Nevertheless, he was able to accomplish his month long project with amazing results.

Apart from participating in boy scouts for more than 8 years, Elliot has a passion for building things, which helped in choosing his Eagle Scout project. He also enjoys computers and, although not currently on the track team, enjoys running. He has participated in track and cross-country for three years through his high school. After he graduates this year, Elliot plans to go to college and continue working on his passions. He has already been accepted to San Diego State, Cal Poly, UC Davis, and Arizona State. While he is unsure where he would like to attend, Elliot plans to study engineering.

In looking back on his project at SFBFS, Elliot says that it was "a great experience". He also says it improved his leadership skills and helped him become more outgoing. He is even hoping to return in a few years to see how his project is holding up.

SFBFS is incredibly thankful for all the work accomplished and dedication Elliot put into his project. We could not be more proud! Please come visit our facility in Oak Park to admire Elliot's great contribution.