

Teen Commission Meeting  
August 13, 2025  
Presentations

Item #1

Youth Led Organization,  
Lead and Inspire Future  
Transformation



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# WHO WE ARE

## Meet the Team



**Arnav Kodavati**

**CFO**

Chief Financial Officer



**Samay Sikri**

**Founder and CEO**

Chief Executive Officer



**Advay Ranade**

**CXO**

Chief Expansion Officer



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# INTRODUCTION

- Organization providing **real-world skills** which aren't taught in schools
  - Target Markets:
    - Foster care system
    - At-risk youth
    - Juvenile justice system
- Specialization in **financial literacy** and **professional development**
  - Enabling **future transformation** and success
- **Gamified** workshops, so learning is enjoyable.



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# OUR WORK

- Partnered with:
  - The Bill Wilson Center (Largest youth shelter in Silicon Valley)
  - Allcove Center
  - Unity Care
  - SJ Job Corps
  - Downtown Youth Wellness Center
  - YMCA
  - Pivotal
  - CUSD
  - + Scaling nationally



- 20 + Community partnerships. 100+ youth impacted. 40+ volunteers. 100+ instructional hours
- Personalized mentorship of students



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# PARTNERS



# WHY CUPERTINO HIGHLIGHT PROGRAM?

- **Build trust** with more centers
  - Cupertino highlights equates to more credibility and impact
- **Raise awareness** for kids in the foster care and juvenile justice system
  - Extremely overlooked, yet prevalent in our area
- Recruit **passionate leaders** from Cupertino to join the cause
  - The larger our team, the more impact we have
- Continue to expand our effort in **transforming lives**
  - New partners found to expand workshops



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**THANK  
YOU**

questions?



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Teen Program 2025-2026  
Calendar

# Teen Program 2025-2026 Calendar

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# Agenda

- Teen Movie Nights
- Teen Speaker Series
- Other Events
- Calendar

# 2025-2026 Teen Events

## Teen Movie Nights – Fridays

- September 26 – Lilo and Stitch
- February 20 - TBD
- May 15 - TBD
  
- Ferris Bueller
- 2 Fast 2 Furious
- Superman

# 2025-2026 Teen Events

## Teen Speaker Series – Sats/Suns in November

- November 1
- November 15
- November 22
  
- Financial Literacy
- College Planning
- Tech Industry

# 2025-2026 Teen Events

## Other Teen Events

- **Cupertino Café** – Saturday, December 13
- **Teen Resource Fair** – Saturday, March 21
- **Hack Cupertino** – Sat-Sun, April 11-12
- **Splash Bash** – Sunday, June 7

# 2025-2026 Teen Events

## Calendar in Detail

Month	Event	Date
September	Teen Movie Night	9/26/2025
November	Teen Speaker Series	11/1/2025
	Teen Speaker Series	11/15/2025
	Teen Speaker Series	11/22/2025
December	Cupertino Café	12/13/2025
February	Teen Movie Night	2/20/2026
March	Teen Resource Fair	3/21/2026
April	Hack Cupertino	4/11/26 - 4/12/26
May	Teen Movie Night	5/15/2026
June	Splash Bash	6/7/2026

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Item #5

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Transformation for Teen  
Commission Highlight  
Program



# Parks and Recreation Department Evaluation of Youth Led Organization for Highlight

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- Review Youth Led Organization Application
- Consider Youth Led Organization for Highlight spot by Teen Commission

# Reminder of the Questions to Answer

- What is your YLO's goals?
- What do you want to achieve?
- What are your plans to increase engagement in the future?
- What are the plans for the YLO after you graduate from high school?
- Do you have a plan for the longevity of the organization?
- Why do they want the YLO highlight?
- What is the organization's impact on Cupertino?
- What made you want to start the YLO?

# Organization

- Lead & Inspire Future Transformation (LIFT)
- Contact: Samay Sikri
- Website: [lift-co.org](http://lift-co.org)

# How Many Events?

- 30 workshops with 100 instructional hours

# What Does the Organization Do?

- LIFT is dedicated to empowering youth in the juvenile justice system, at risk, and in the foster care system, through financial literacy and professional development, creating a future where every young person has the tools and knowledge to succeed.

## What Does the Organization Do? (cont)

- We host fun, gamified workshops to ensure that everyone actually enjoys the learning, and is engaged throughout the workshop. We focus on teaching what traditional schools often leave out, like how to budget, apply for jobs, and speak up with confidence.

## How Does the Organization Engage Participants?

- We engage our members by making the workshops we teach extremely enjoyable through gamifying the learning. For example, we would teach budgeting through jellybean sorting, investing through basketball, and interview prep with improv games.