

TRIP TO WESTLAKE

with CJSF

West Valley Christian School's chapter of the California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) recently made a special visit to Varenita of Westlake, a local assisted living facility, where they spent an afternoon decorating cookies with the residents. The event was a heartwarming opportunity for the students to connect with the elderly, learning about their lives while sharing laughter and joy over sweet treats.



During their time together, the girls asked the residents about their experiences and were amazed by the stories they heard. One highlight of the day was meeting a 101-year-old resident who impressed everyone by singing the alphabet song backwards without a single mistake!



Olivia Shohmelian, one of the CJSF members, shared her favorite part of the visit: "Talking to them, making cookies with them, and getting to know them." Ruby Crawford was fascinated by a resident's artistic background, saying, "There was a lady who told me about how she used to make stained glass. That was really cool. She was really into art and painting."



The students left the facility with smiles, having made new friends and fond memories. Joanna Hernandez summed up the experience by saying, "I just liked hanging out with them. It was fun learning about their lives." Grace Shohmelian echoed this sentiment, adding, "It was fun learning about how they lived, and what jobs they did."



The CJSF members were so moved by their time at Varenita that they asked if they could return for another visit. Plans are already underway for the next trip, as the girls look forward to deepening their connections with the residents and bringing more joy to their day.

