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Lamorinda Youth Collect and Donate Basketball Shoes

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From left: Jake Myers and Chase Bennett at the East Oakland Youth Development Center
Photo provided

Jake Myers, an eighth-grade student at Stanley Middle School in Lafayette, recently completed a successful service project collecting and donating more than 150 pairs of new and gently-used basketball shoes to the East Oakland Youth Development Center. Jake, with the assistance of Chase Bennett of Moraga, collected shoes from local AAU, CYO and LMYA basketball teams. Jake received particular help from the Flight Elite AAU program and the St. Perpetua and St. Monica CYO programs. EOYDC provides programs and opportunities so that underserved youth and young adults (ages 6-24) in East Oakland are prepared for employment, higher education and leadership opportunities. Jake and Chase brought the shoes to the youth development center and described their project to an assembly of EOYDC youth. More information about the center can be found at EOYDC.org.

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