



Cameron House's Senior Commission, AMBITION, had a life-altering mission trip to Oregon during the summer of 2016.

Micah Chu and Foy Chu-White, both CH Alumni who now live in Oregon, welcomed the group and helped them throughout their week-long venture. The youth enjoyed the loving hospitality of the Chu family, the Presbyterian Church in Portland, and Menucha (a beautiful hundred-acre Retreat Center located at the Columbia River Gorge). Our young adults kept busy with a variety of community projects: weeding the grounds at Menucha; sorting over eight pallets of food for the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division (which has been giving food and clothing to families in need since 1923); and offering hot coffee, food, and companionship to homeless people during Night Strike.

Night Strike volunteers gather every Thursday night in downtown Portland

to provide free food, haircuts, shaves, showers, shoes, clothing, and sleeping bags to over 450 homeless people. As hot drinks are sipped and meals are savored, human connections are made. Volunteers learn the names and stories of the people sitting with them - and the walls of stereotypes are broken down. Our young adults were profoundly changed by the people they met and the stories they heard - stories of pain, loneliness, and despair. When they returned to San Francisco, AMBITION decided to make a similar impact here.

Light the Night is the brain child of the AMBITION, CHANCE, and ORIFLAMME Commissions - and is their way of reaching out to the homeless in our city and helping them feel more loved, more known, more *human*. Their mission is to provide compassion and a listening ear to destitute people who are regularly ignored; to give them care packages of

blankets, socks, jackets, toothbrushes and toothpaste; to inspire others to reach out in tangible ways to the poor and marginalized in our city; and, through all of this, to reveal love to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Join the *Light the Night* team on one of their quests through the city providing care packages to those in need (the minimum age to *Light the Night* is 6th grade). They meet every 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm at Cameron House (920 Sacramento St.) and spend approximately 3 hours walking through the Chinatown, FiDi, and Downtown neighborhoods distributing basic necessities. Please [RSVP](#) if you would like to come along! You can also donate new blankets, jackets, socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste by contacting Michael at LightTheNightCH@gmail.com. If this program inspires you to make a donation to Cameron House, you can do so [here](#).

Thank you for helping AMBITION turn their spark into a *flame!*