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Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia

With support from West County residents, businesses and nonprofits, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia said his annual Book & Hoodie Drive benefiting Verde Elementary served all of the North Richmond school's 330 students.

The 19th annual event in December provided books, tote bags, toys and custom, school spirit hoodies to the students, Gioia announced in his [newsletter](#). The newsletter includes the link to some great [photos](#) from the event.

The list of supporters involved shows just how effective a program can be when the community comes together.

“The custom hoodies were purchased from a local business, [Leftside Printing](#), owned by community leader Diego Garcia. [West County READS!](#) provided the books; [Their Angels Military Support Group](#) provided the toy stockings; [Chevron](#) donated the tote bags; and CHDC of North Richmond served as our fiscal agent to accept checks,” according to Gioia’s newsletter.

“I’m proud to represent a community that comes together to help others, especially our children and families in greatest need,” Gioia said.