

Dear Friends of Saint Charles Caritas, *Charity on the Border*.

**God is loving and kind, full of mercy and grace!**

**December 8, 2013 Sunday, the Mission de Alcala at St. Francis Center had a "Jacket & Sweater Drive"** by the Nazareth School Girl Scout organized by Social Action Committee of the Mission de Alcala. A total of 165 slightly used good jackets were given to the Saint Charles Caritas for distribution to the charity recipients of Caritas. Than you so much, Ms. Anne-Marie Roach for organizing the drive and the people who donated them. Thank you a lot to the "Jacket Lady", Ms. Flo Murphy for connecting us to the Mission. God bless you all who donated for this drive.

The same day, we went to several parks in Chula Vista and outside Home Depot pedestrian to give wool blankets and men's jackets to the homeless people leaving in the parks and destitute fathers who are looking for work outside Home Depot near St. Charles Church. A total of 15 blankets & 17 jackets were distributed. It took less than an hour to do the distribution in several places. Some of the children jackets went to Birthline of Chula Vista. (Since Jim is feeling a bit better today, I was able to participate in this wonderful event). With me were Sarah Bajo Warren & Joe Bajo. Thank you good hearted Joe & Sarah! Next time, distribution of blankets and some jackets will be at San Ysidro for homeless people.

Picture taken outside the St. Francis Center during Caritas picked up of the "Jacket and Sweater Drive". Saint Charles Caritas volunteers: Joe Bajo & Sarah Bajo Warren and the Social Action Committee of the Mission de Alcala.



**December 14, & 15, 2013. No Caritas Day.** But we will have disbursements for the 7 charities: 2 in San Diego and 5 in TJ. The Caritas believe every December is the most expensive month for families and are spending more for their own families, relatives and friends. Because of this reason, Caritas does not want the donors to feel obligated to donate for the Caritas. Every December for the past many years we do not have the Caritas Day. But if you want to donate you can mail or drop off your donation at the church office. The Caritas appreciate your donations so much. **100%** of your donations will go to buy basic food and basic necessities for the charities that we are helping. We are all volunteers, **zero overhead costs**, and **no administrative layers**.

The threshold of the Caritas Project Milk is 22 Nido Powdered Milk (3.52 lbs per can) for small children in TJ charities and Baby Formula Milk (small cans) for Birthline Chula Vista continues. If you want to donate these cans of milk, you may drop them off at the church office.

Sincerely,

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