

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

God is gracious and kind!

We pray for all of you for your blessings, peace and good health for making the Project#26 possible.

February 2, 2013, Saturday starts at 8:00am. We are going to visit the Casa de Cuna orphanage/disadvantaged children (ages 1 month old to 6 years old). In our visit, we are going to serve spaghetti with chopped turkey hot dogs in it, juices, cake or muffins and fruit lollipops or raisins. We need a lot of volunteers to serve these foods. Please send me an email or leave me a message if you are interested to volunteer. I will purchase the food items with a nun a day before the event.

January 12, 2013, Saturday was Project#26 Distribution of food at the TJ dumpsite. The volunteers distributed more than 250 bags of food, blankets 251, socks 574, knitted hats 434, scarves 64, winter gloves 139, a box of brand new t-shirts, bottles of shampoo and bars of soap, 514 Starbucks Coffee cups, and other assorted items. For the children: Hershey chocolate drinks, Snicker bars, Grandma's cookies and pastries.

The children are warm because of you. I deeply appreciate your care for the poor children.

Thank you to Dr. Peter Larham San Diego State University for donating the Starbucks coffee cups, Ms. Nanette DiBella for the hand made knitted hats and scarves, Deacon David Lewis for donating a lot of these knitted blankets, and to the individuals who donated the above items in kind and checks donation who wanted to be anonymous.

Thank you for all the volunteers who came and endured the cold. It was enjoyable and fulfilling to serve the poor. The volunteers were: Blanca Mendez, The Rimando family: Fina, Rene, Richter, Richmond, Richard and Richelle; Therese Bajo Grant, Sara Bajo Warren, Joe Bajo, Aracely Chavez, Mary Wilson and Erika DelaMora.

Picture 1: More than 300 children came first for picture taking and receiving the goodies. *Picture 2:* The boy wanted to pose with Blanca. *Picture 3:* Sister Rosario and a small kid, *Picture 4:* All the volunteers (14) who came. *Picture 5:* Fina and her son arranging the socks, with the bags of food at their back. *Picture 6,* Therese Bajo Grant giving the little child a pair of socks. *Picture 7:* Sister Silvia with our recipient (one of the smallest one), *Picture 8* the children posed for their picture.



Please keep warm.

Sincerely,
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