

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

## **God is wonderful to the children of Santa Teresita!**

**March 16 & 17, Saturday & Sunday** will be the Saint Charles Caritas Day. Please see the nuns and volunteers at the exit doors. We are helping 7 charities, 2 in our local area and 5 in TJ, the institutions are all run by nuns. 100% of your donations will be used to buy basic food, some cleaning supplies and basic necessities of all the charities we are helping.

**March 9, Saturday.** Our visit to the home for girls was a joyful day for all of us including the children and the nuns of Santa Teresita. The volunteers served 60 lunches for the girls ages 6 months to 16 years old. I visited Santa Teresita almost 10 years ago, the home for the children was in great need of repairs, the roof was leaking, the kitchen was very old, the children's quarters need beds, they needed a heavy duty fence, and there was no chapel yet.

Yesterday, we saw great improvements at Santa Teresita: the chapel is functional, the children sleep in their own beds, the house is newly painted, the wall fences finally done and gated, roof is not leaking, the kitchen is more of commercial type and the most of all the children seemed happy and healthy. Great job Sisters!

**Thank you so much loving volunteers!** They were **Mr. Gary Brown, Blanca Mendez, Elvia Valdivieso, Lita Velasquez, Aracely Chavez, Alice DelaTorre,** and **Sarah Bajo Warren,** and I. You did a wonderful job serving these children: spaghetti with beef hot-dog in it, bread rolls, apple/grape juices, cake & Ice cream. The Craker Jacks, Snicker bars and tangerine oranges were left over to be served the next day. **March 8, Friday at 6:00pm** volunteers for buying these food items at Costco were: **Blanca Mendez, Joe Bajo** and **Sarah Bajo Warren.** Thank you so much to **Teresa Bajo Grant** for donating sizes 60 and 40 stainless steel cooking pots for Santa Teresita. The nuns are so delighted to receive the 2 cooking pots. Thank you **Margie Cordero** for donating \$40 of gas for the Santa Teresita.

The Santa Teresita girls presented several songs including a song in English called "Imagine" by John Lennon (formerly the Beatles). It was sang very nicely. The girls also made a red heart sign with "Gracias" written. The children also wrote many "Thank you" letters and great appreciation of the food given by the Caritas every month. The children also mentioned on their letters that they are praying for all of you.

*Picture 1:* The volunteers posed for the welcome sign of the Santa Teresita children, home for girls.



**Picture 2**, the 2 children asked me to take their picture reaching out for the cake; **Picture 3**, Mr. Gary Brown scooping the ice cream for the children wanted more ice cream! **Picture 4**, The children presented the "Thank you" sign to the volunteers and later on signed by the children. **Picture 5**: Jennesey wanted her picture. **Picture 6**, Sarah & Aracely cutting the cakes. **Picture 7**, the children recited a poem about Lent. **Picture 8**, Blanca placing the Parmesan cheese on the spaghetti. **Picture 9**, the volunteers posed at the garden of Santa Teresita.



**What a wonderful and fulfilling day!**

Next visit is the Casa Eudes, home for the girls (ages 12 to 20). This visit is tentatively on April 13, Saturday.

Sincerely yours,

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