

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

You are wonderful, Lord! Thank you God, for you continuously bless the Saint Charles Caritas and its recipients, donors and volunteers. You also healed the sick and have been blessing us since 2001, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Dec 8, Saturday. Thanks to the volunteers who came with me: Belia Campos, Blanca Mendez & Elvia Valdivieso. These ladies helped me a great deal. We toured the place and enjoyed our few hours visit to the Home for the Single Mothers (Hogar Verdad y Vida "Madre Rita", A.C.). This home is run by 4 nuns from the Servant of the Divine Heart. 14 single poor mothers plus children are currently living in this home. However, it can run to 20 single mothers and all the children they have. Two mothers are expecting a baby. Mostly of the mothers are either abused, abandoned, homeless, victims of rape. The mission of the sisters is to emphasize faith, healing, uplift, self esteem, to give hope for a new start, provide shelter and 3 meals a day for single mothers and their children. Some mothers and children will come to the house for meals only. The mothers range in age from 14 to 35.

Our wish list: 5 wall mounted soap dispensers and 5 wall mounted hand sanitizer dispensers. The home needs a lot of cleaning supplies such as Lysol, Clorox, laundry soap, floor mops, diapers, powdered milk and etc.

We distributed to the mothers and children: 150 small assorted bars of chocolate, 48 oatmeal cookies, 24 small pastries, 48 Cracker Jack, 60 packets of Swiss chocolate mix, and knitted hats and gloves, and very good quality bars of soap, small bottles of hand sanitizer (donated by Susan Guenzel). Thank you, Susan!

Please see pictures I took: *picture 1*: a mother recipient received cookies and the children wearing the knitted hats given to them; *picture 2*: Blanca handed the cookies and pastries; *picture 3*, mothers and children lined up for the goodies for them; *picture 4*, group picture.

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Thank you and have a beautiful Christmas!

Sincerely,
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