

Salvation Army Angels Christmas Giving Report

From Marc McTeague

You people are amazing! Just wanted to let you know what was accomplished at Christmas this year. We started with 300 kids. Adopted them out and asked for more. Got 48 more. Adopted them out and asked for more. Got 30 more. Adopted them out. For the mathematically challenged, that's 378 kids. More than I ever imagined we could handle.

In fact, we did even more than that. People donated random things for those that didn't get as much. A toy drive gave us enough stuff for probably another 30 kids. A company donated 300 science kits. Extra clothes, games, hats, gloves poured in by the dozens. Unbelievable. Our house was overrun with stuff and you couldn't even move in our basement. Our garage looked like a bike store. It filled up 3 trucks and a cargo van.

I can't say thanks enough for all of your generosity and enthusiasm. By forwarding the message on to others we involved so many new people this year. It seemed like there was an endless parade of people showing up at our house and dropping off presents.

For the first time, my family and I went down to the SA and helped with the distribution. It is very hard to describe. The best word I can come up with is "humbling." The only charity I know of where 100% of what is given is received by those in need. Because of you, 400+ kids woke up on Christmas and had a great day.

I couldn't quit this thing now even if I wanted to. We've built a monster.

I'll try to learn something from this year and improve on things next year. If you still want to participate and see some need items throughout the year (i.e. winter coats 75% off in May) pick it up and I'll match it up to a kid. After all, we've got plenty to choose from.

You done good. Wishing you success and happiness in 2008.

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