

## ***SANTEE SANTAS FOUNDATION*** **2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Celebrating 65 years of bringing holiday cheer to Santee families and seniors, we recently concluded another successful year for *Santee Santas*.

*This year, Santee Santas* served 216 families, which consisted of 793 individuals, 97 seniors and 385 children. Poinsettia plants were distributed to 197 seniors at mobile home parks, senior living residences, and Stanford Court Nursing Center.

*Santee Santas* is a big part of Santee and we can only accomplish our mission with the support and involvement we get from our community. There are many wonderful businesses, people, and organizations that are responsible for making this program a success. The residents of Santee always amaze us with their monetary contributions and volunteering their time. We thank each of you for your personal support.

We are so thankful to have had outstanding support for our 2018 Holiday Program from many businesses and organizations in our community. Here are some who provided their support:

- **Santee School District.** Without their amazing food drive through the months of November/December, we would not have food to distribute and assistance from the **Maintenance Department** for picking up and delivering the food from the nine elementary and two high schools.
- **American Eagle Storage:** Donates storage space year-round for our supplies and supports financially.
- **Rob Epstein (Hillview Property Management):** Donated an unrented store front in Town Center for storage and packing of food.
- **Jim Morris:** Donated their building while it was waiting for its transformation into the new My Salon in the Michael's parking lot next to Growlers.
- **Pacific Green Landscape in Lakeside:** Donated Poinsettia plants for seniors and the patients at Stanford Court Nursing Center.
- **Valley Box Company:** Donated all the boxes and tape for our food drives at the Santee School District schools, Santana, and West Hills, as well as boxes the food and toys for delivery.
- **Santee Fire Department:** Assisted on delivery day loading volunteer's vehicles with the boxes of food and toys.
- **Santee Sheriff's Station:** Assisted with delivery day operations.
- **Town & Country Printers:** Provided discounted printing for our stationary and envelopes, and all the other printed supplies necessary to run our program
- **Santee Chamber of Commerce:** Hosted the Taste of Santee for toy and monetary donations.
- **Toyota Certified of Santee:** Hosted the Taste of Santee at their location.
- **Waste Management:** Donated waste and recycle bins for our Holiday Program.
- **Santee Family Dental Practice (Dr. Michael & Devani Brown):** Supplied dental care kits for all children.
- **Whissel Realty:** Provided the use of their truck and a large volunteer crew to assist in deliveries.
- **Barmes & Noble Bookstore and Pet Smart:** Hosted customer drives for books and stuffed animals
- **Eccentric International Chefs, Roundtable Pizza, Oggi's Pizza and Brewing Co, Santee Chick-Fil-A, Raising Canes, Einstein Brothers Bagels, and Starbucks at Magnolia and Rockville:** Provided food for our firefighters, sheriff deputies and the volunteers on application intakes and delivery day.

- **Bill Grolz, and Jay Renard (East County Herald):** Provided photography coverage.
- **Santee/Lakeside Rotary Club:** Members assembled the food and toy boxes.

Many thanks to all the **businesses, organizations, and individuals** who hosted internal toy drives, donated an abundance of toys, books, bikes or money, or hosted a Toy/Food donation collection box, which keeps our organization thriving.

Also, a big thank you to all our **volunteers** who donated their time and energy for picking up the toy and food donations from sites, sorting food, packing boxes, sorting toys, wrapping toys, and helping with delivery day operations.

There are so many wonderful people, businesses, and organizations that are responsible for making this program a success. We wish we could mention them all. We hope you will join us again in 2019 and we look forward to working together with you again during our 66<sup>th</sup> season.

We can only accomplish our mission with your support, involvement and enthusiasm. Thank you for being a part of our success.

Sincerely,

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