

# The Corona Stake Newsletter



## Giving 365 receives grants from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and donations from JustServe Volunteers

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CORONA, CA (November/December 2021) Giving 365, a charity that helps feed, clothe, and provide Christmas toys to school children at Parkridge Elementary, a Title 1 school in Corona, California received two grants from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to purchase a refrigerator and help supply food for their school food pantry as pictured above. One grant was a \$20,000 food credit to shop at the bishop's storehouse. Giving 365 wasted no time using their grant to purchase food for the families at Parkridge Elementary for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. The other grant was a humanitarian grant to purchase a refrigerator for their school food pantry in order to store perishable items like milk, cheese, and eggs. CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.



## Giving 365

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In addition to the grants, JustServe volunteers had the opportunity to help the Giving 365 director Kim Kimpel set up and organize her Christmas event for the year. Each year, the director at Giving 365 turns her home into a magical Christmas wonderland with over 50 Christmas trees displayed in her home with different themes and styles. She opens her home to those who would like a tour and to meet Santa Claus.



The proceeds that she receives for the event pay for Christmas toys that will be given to the children at Parkridge Elementary. Church members and JustServe volunteers donated many toys through Kimpel's Amazon wish list. Kimpel said, "I could tell when your church sent out my Amazon link for my donation drive because all of the sudden, I was getting a lot of packages in the mail."

Another large Christmas donation came from an unexpected source from the Union Pacific Police Department where they heard about the donation drive through a JustServe volunteer and were able to donate new clothes, shoes, and toys to Kimpel's Christmas event.

During the donation drop-off to Kimpel's home, she said "Thank you so much, your members are amazing!"

*Top Picture: Kim Kimpel's house with toy donations  
Bottom Picture: Kim Kimpel and Santa*

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# Run2Rescue Receives Filled Christmas Stockings from JustServe Volunteers



CORONA, CA (Dec. 3, 2021) Run2Rescue, a charity that saves and rescues women and girls from human trafficking received 50 Christmas stockings filled with goodies donated from women in the Corona Stake. JustServe volunteers and Relief Society members had the choice to order items listed on an Amazon wish list and have it shipped to a member of the stake helping with the donation drive, or fill a stocking in the more traditional way by shopping for items on their own. All together Run2Rescue received enough donated items to fill 50 stockings. Included in each stocking were hair accessories, makeup, lotion, lip balm, jewelry, stuffed animals, fuzzy socks, nail polish, colored pens, and candy. Kim Lay, one of the coordinators for the project said “I couldn’t believe how many packages came to my house! I received hundreds of packages. I was out of town for a week during part of the donation drive so my neighbors were good sports and came over to my house multiple times a day to take the packages off of my porch”. When Kim got back into town, all of the packages were stacked in her garage waiting to be opened and organized. Volunteers Jennifer Chapman, Cheryl Brown, Melinda Sundberg and Jennifer Bradley helped organize and inventory the items received. A few days later, Daniella Hall from Run2Rescue came to pick up the items and said, “We are so thankful for your donations and your support during this Christmas time.” *Picture: Daniella Hall with donations*

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## HOMELESS FAMILIES RECEIVE DINNER AND GIFTS FROM NON-PROFIT ANGELS OVER CLIFFS

CORONA, CA (December 23, 2021) JustServe volunteers helped at a special Christmas event for homeless families with children. Angela and Cliff Hair from the organization Angels Over Cliffs organized an event to feed dinner and have Santa come to distribute donated toys to homeless families in Corona at the American Legion Joe Dominguez Post 742. JustServe volunteers helped set up, DJ Christmas music, sing carols, serve food and help pass out gifts from Santa to the children and parents in attendance.



Children were delighted to sit on Santa's lap, have their pictures taken, and receive their gifts. Angela Hair the director of Angels Over Cliffs said "I just want to love on you" as she spoke to the children and families. Angela also bore her testimony of the Savior and told her personal story of coming out of drug dependency and homelessness by turning her life over to the Lord and dedicating her time and energy to helping others get out of homelessness.

*Top right picture: Angela Hair - Director of Angels Over Cliffs and child*

*Bottom right picture: Kim Hill (Eastvale Ward) passes out toys to children*



"I just want to love on you!"

ANGELA HAIR



## Local Food Pantry Holds Food Distribution for Needy Families

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DONNETTE WHEAT

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NORCO, CA (December 18, 2021) JustServe volunteers from the Auburndale ward and community were able to distribute 15 pallets of donated food from For The People Task Force to at least 200 families and provide free food to senior centers, food pantries, and veterans in our community at the Norco Community Center. Fauzia Rizvi, Yousuf Bhaghani, MaryAnn Sherman, and Norco Councilmember Katherine Aleman led the charge to plan and distribute the food. Donnette Wheat from the Auburndale ward said “Thank you to Bishop Joe Wheat and so many JustServe volunteers from the ‘new’ Norco ward.”

*Pictured: Heather Snow and children- Auburndale Ward*

