



# "A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS"

## *an event to remember*

On December 20th more than 70 volunteers joined together at Calvary Assembly of God's gymnasium to ensure that 225 low-income South Bay children and their families received a very merry Christmas. The children enjoyed an afternoon of cookie decorating, crafts, games and of course, photos with Santa. While the children were busy at play, their parents were hard at work completing a first aid class. The families reunited to enjoy lunch and to receive their Christmas packages and gift cards, all donated from a variety of community sponsors.



*Smiling faces of Desaray & her children who "Loved the Party and of course the presents!"*

Community's Child would like to thank the following sponsors of this year's event:

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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS AND THAT GREAT LOOKING SANTA !**



*Pictured above are some of the more than 225 children and 70 volunteers who came together to celebrate this year's "A Community Christmas."*

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR**

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**Director's Letter:**

Dearest Supporters and Friends,

I am asking you to help those families in our South Bay community who are now facing homelessness and forced by no fault of their own to stand in our food lines. Please won't you consider making a monthly pledge of \$10, \$25, \$50, or more as you can afford. Any financial gift you can make will be gratefully received. Utilizing our community partners, every \$1.00 you give will provide \$5.00 of food or services, and with Toyota's matching funds, your contribution is doubled!

**Toyota Financial Services has generously agreed to match every dollar you donate, up to \$25,000.**

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DOUBLE YOUR FINANCIAL GIFT!**

**If every one receiving this newsletter commits to donating just \$10.00 per month, we will achieve our goal of raising a grand total of \$50,000 to help those most in need in our community.**

The economic down turn has affected us all in some way. For Community's Child it has presented a double challenge; we see an ever increasing need for services coupled with a significant decrease in our donor contributions. The number of women and children in our community who are going without proper food, housing, and essential medical care is rapidly growing. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, homeless and low-income women with children are the most at risk and they make up the largest number of clients we serve.

Given the current state of the economy and the ever growing unemployment rate, it is safe to say that the need for our services to the community will continue to grow in 2009. We need your extra financial support in these tough times. While all of us have experienced the impact of the economic down turn, most of us still have a roof over our heads and can put food on our tables. *And while it may not be a good time to invest in the money markets, it is a most opportune time to invest in your community.*

**Your donated dollars make a difference! In 2008 YOUR donations provided:**

- 5,000 Individuals with Food, Clothing & Personal Care Products
  - 500 Children with a Summer Food Program
  - 325 Children with Back Packs & New Shoes
  - 225 Children with a Christmas Event & Gifts
- 80 Single Adult Women with Prevocational Classes
  - 80 Parents with Child Health Classes
- 300 Families with Thanksgiving & Christmas Groceries
- 30 Homeless Women, Infants and Children with Shelter

**WITH TOYOTA MATCHING YOUR DONATION DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR  
THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO GIVE**

(\*Please see Page 4 for your "Matching Donation Form")

Thank You For Your Support and May God Bless You,

*Tara Nierenhausen*

Executive Director, Community's Child

**MEET SOME OF BUILDING HOPE'S CURRENT RESIDENT'S:**

Pictured left is Desaray with her children J.J. & Nylah. Desaray is currently in college full time and is working towards a degree in cosmetology. Desaray just recently acquired her driver's license and is looking for a good deal on a reliable little car.



Pictured above is Cedria and her daughter Heaven. Cedria is expecting her second child in June, Cedria is currently attending college and working on her certification in early childhood development. Cedria's goal is to become a director of a preschool where both of her little ones can attend while she earns an income to care for all of their needs.

Pictured right is Valerie and her daughter Sydney. Valerie is currently working on becoming certified as a court reporter. Valerie has amazing typing skills and is looking for part time work as an office assistant.



Pictured to the left is Kathleen and her son Ezekiel. Kathleen is currently working part time and is schedule to start college next month. Kathleen spends her spare time volunteering to feed and care for the South Bay's homeless.

Pictured to the right is our newest resident Melissa and her baby girl Serenity. Melissa will be taking an assessment test at the college to determine which career path is best suited to her personality, skills and desire to become self sufficient.



**THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN RESIDING IN "BUILDING HOPE" WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING THEM A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME WHILE THEY WORK ON SECURING THEIR FUTURES THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT.**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THESE TOUGH TIMES



*Pictured above are Sandra Carus, Elena Sacca-Smith and Corlyn Koreisha and who personally delivered a check to Tara Nierenhausen at Community's Child's "Building Hope," a transitional home for homeless women with infants and small children.*

**The economy is still falling and the number of South Bay residents coming to us for assistance with food and housing is still growing.....** As the economy and money markets continued to drop off so did Community's Child's foundation grants and general giving. As a result Community's Child was facing a first quarter operational shortfall of \$32,500. In response the Board of Directors sent out emergency requests for operational funding to all of our larger corporate, civic and foundation sponsors.

To our immediate rescue was the **Scriba Family Foundation** who provided a grant to cover the first 6 months of the mortgage for our transitional shelter "Building Hope." Our next rescue call came from Sandra Carus of Toyota Financial Services. She advised that she and several associates would personally be delivering a check from **Toyota Financial Services** for \$25,000 to assist with the first quarter of Community's Child's operational costs. Once at

the shelter, Sandra Carus also announced that Toyota Financial Services was prepared to provide an additional \$25,000 to match any financial donations from the community. This means that **Toyota Financial Services will match each dollar you donate to Community's Child**, to a maximum of \$25,000.

The Board of Directors for Community's Child personally thanks the Scriba Family Foundation and Toyota Financial Services for their outstanding generosity and commitment to serving the South Bay community.

**TOYOTA'S MATCHING DONATION FORM****Toyota's Matching Donation Program**

**YES, I would like to make a matching donation of:**

- \$10.00 per month  
 \$25.00 per month  
 \$50.00 per month  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

**A One Time Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Check Enclosed : \_\_\_\_\_ or, Please bill my Credit Card:

Visa: \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card: \_\_\_\_\_ American Express: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as appears on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Cut Out And Place Your Donation Form in The Envelope Provided

**Thank You and God Bless**

Secured donations may also be made on-line at [WWW.CCHILD.ORG](http://WWW.CCHILD.ORG)

**ALBERTSONS' COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAM**

**IMPORTANT ALBERTSONS COMMUNITY PARTNERS ACTION ITEM  
YOU MUST RELINK YOUR CARD TO KEEP OUR PROGRAM  
SUCCESSFUL!**



Dear Friends,

As many of you know, we have been earning much needed funding through the Albertsons Community Partners Program. We need your help to continue earning funds. Link (or re-link) your Albertsons Preferred Savings card to our organization now at:

**WWW.ALBERTSONSCP.COM**

All you need is your Preferred Savings Card Number (found at the top of any of your Albertson's grocery receipts) and Community's Child's Organization ID. It will only take a minute and will help us greatly.

If you can not locate your Preferred Savings Card Number, please call: (877) 932-7948.  
Community's Child's Organization ID Number is: 49001013624

**PLEASE PASS THIS NOTICE AROUND TO YOUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES, CO-WORKERS AND NEIGHBORS SO THEY CAN LINK THEIR CARDS FOR US AS WELL.**

If you do not have a Preferred Savings Card, you can get one at any Albertsons or online at Albertsons.com.

Every time you shop at Albertsons and scan your linked Preferred Savings Cards, Community's Child will earn back up to 4% of your shopping dollars!

Thank you for your support!



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Community's Child has the following Volunteer Opportunities:

- **General Office Assistance:** Telephone answering, filing, letters, data bases, assistance with class preparations, and bulk mailings
- **Baby Sitting:** All hours are available.
- **Mentors:** To work one on one with a resident of "Building Hope." All you need is a caring heart and some time to spend. Training and support is available.
- **Gardening:** To cut lawns once per week, weed flower beds, prune shrubs and plant containers.
- **Tutors:** Math and English tutors for all levels.
- **Donation Organizers:** To collect, sort, store and manage the donation receiving areas.

All volunteers who wish to work directly with the residents of "Building Hope" must complete a criminal record search. Community's Child provides the forms and pays the fees for these searches.

We highly value our volunteers as they make a world of difference in the lives of those we have the privilege of serving.



Working to protect and empower one of our community's fastest growing and most distressed populations...

"Homeless Women with Infants"

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Toilet Paper & Liquid Laundry Detergent

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Sturdy Wooden Rocking Chairs & Twin Size Cotton Blankets

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Small Computer Desk and Printer Cart

Digital Converter Box for T.V.



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