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NEWSLETTER



CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY TOY STORES

We can just hear your thoughts, “Please, don’t bring up Christmas yet; school just started!”
However, out of necessity we are already planning and preparing for these events and
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In 2016 we were in the range of 500 children served. **In 2017 it jumped to just over 700 children served** in Kingsburg, London, and Traver. To be very frank we were scrambling to keep up with the demand; and yes, each and every one of those children was screened for qualification.

Some of the the increase was because as a staff we decided to provide for a number of children whose parents are largely not functional due to drug and alcohol abuse. The parents maybe didn’t care enough to provide for their children - but our staff does. Those children needed warm clothing and at least a small gift, if for no other reason than we care and it gave our staff the opportunity to show them so.

Between donations of money and toys - that easily exceeded \$21,000 in support of our communities’ children and that is FANTASTIC! We were able to do that last year because one family stepped up to the plate and covered the cost of shopping for toys when it became obvious that enough had not been donated. However we can’t count on that again.

We do NOT want to turn any deserving child away but unless we have increased donations of quality toys or increased donations of money to go shopping we may have to limit the number of children served.

So we are pleading, begging, asking, beseeching, imploring, and prayerfully entreating you to PLEASE start sending in your financial and toy donations NOW! Waiting until the end of November or early December is always helpful and appreciated, but the earlier we know what we are dealing with the better we are able to gauge what we can do.

Parents LOVE these toy stores because it allows them the ability to select, purchase, and provide for their own children; just like many of us are able to do. The toy stores are special events that are only for prescreened families. For only \$5.00 per child, or less depending on circumstances, parents are able to choose for themselves what they would like to give to their child. The parents are receiving an approximate \$30.00 value for each \$5.00 spent.

In years past families were “sponsored” at Christmas. Although grateful for the assistance, we found that the parents were embarrassed and sometimes even felt humiliated when strangers showed up at their home to provide for their children what they could not manage to do themselves. Thus the **Christmas With Dignity Toy Stores** were born; because it allows parents the dignity of providing for their own children.

There will be a toy drive through the elementary schools later on. The dates are based upon what is available on their school calendars. Nevertheless we need to get a jump on this NOW!

PLEASE DONATE NOW! and PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Financial donations can be mailed to 1139 Draper Street, Kingsburg CA 93631. Please notate on your check that your donation is for Christmas Toys. Toys may be dropped off at the same address Mon-Fri 9:30 – 4:00 (We are closed for lunch.) Please give us a call if you have questions. 559 897-7961 **THANK YOU!**



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VARIOUS HAPPENINGS

LONDON:

- In late August a group from Sacramento conducted a weekend long Vacation Bible School program for London's Youth
- Professional tutoring services will be starting up soon, using our LCAPS facilities & funds
- Key Club will again be meeting in London on a monthly basis (Thank you!)
- Through the ministry of Traver's Pastor Juan and his wife Laura: A couple who has been living together for 28 years accepted the Lord, got baptized, and will soon be getting married. This will be the first wedding conducted at our London facility.
- Due to growing demand for facility use we have purchased a used modular classroom building and are in the building permit process with Tulare County.



TRAVER:

- The Traver Ministry House is finished and occupied! Pastor Juan and Laura's family is so excited to finally be living in Traver. We are pretty excited too!
- On September 28th we will officially inaugurate the new soccer field with the beginning tournaments for Traver and London's Kid's Clubs. There are so many ministry opportunities at these events. THANK YOU to those who supported the creation of this field with your time, money, and labor!



KINGSBURG:

- Our afternoon Girl's Bible Study is 20 girls strong and there are some great relationships being formed and LOTS of fun and learning happening. There is still room for your daughter if she is interested in attending.
- At the request of one of the girl's mothers a study for women will soon be starting
- You will soon have the opportunity to Ring Those Bells for the Salvation Army. Keep some Friday and Saturday dates open in late November and December please.
- Speaking of the Salvation Army, they meet and work out of our facility and the board is mostly comprised of KCAPS' Staff and volunteers. For many years PG&E's REACH Program (help with utility bills for those who qualify) was administrated through the Salvation Army and KCAPS had access to those funds. We recently received word that the relationship between the Salvation Army and PG&E has ended. We are searching diligently for who the new fund administrators may be so that hopefully we can again access those funds. Please pray with us that we can be quickly successful in this endeavor. So far it has only been auto-messages slammed in our ears. 😞



PRAYER REQUESTS

☞For the ministry of Pastor Juan & Laura in Traver ☞For the next resident of our Transitional Living Home, we know who it is, we're just waiting on some details ☞For the upcoming Toy Stores and Food Drive ☞For the hearts of the clients we serve ☞For those who are unemployed and seeking jobs ☞For God's wisdom! May KCAPS continue to hear HIS voice and follow where HE leads. ☞Thankfulness for HIS blessings ☞Thanksgiving for our supporters!!