

# The Volunteer

Good Works Newsletter

## 2010 Good Works Recap

*Since its inception at the beginning of 2002, year after year, the RBF Good Works Program has been involved in many meaningful events to help our local communities. Good Works members have volunteered at food banks, soup kitchens, and centers for disabled citizens and senior citizens. Donation drives have been held to collect food, clothes, shoes, school supplies and toiletries, just to name a few. Good Works volunteers have built and painted homes, and cleaned beaches, creeks, and rivers. Every year, springtime baskets full of goodies are assembled and donated to foster children, families are "adopted" at Thanksgiving and holiday "wishes" are granted during the holidays for children in need.*

*Thank you to each and every person who has contributed to making RBF's Good Works Program successful year after year! The Program is successful because of you! Because of this, we have developed a Good Works Newsletter, that will be published several times a year to highlight past activities, feature upcoming events, share important Good Works information and acknowledge and thank everyone who contributes to the Good Works Program.*



*By Jim McDonald*

Today is a time when it is so very natural for us in business to be intently focused on how we are doing as an enterprise. And, for most of us personally, it is time for us to be giving great weight and attention to how the economic climate presses on our own sense of personal security. In this moment, however, we must also remind ourselves of the blessings we enjoy and recognize that there are so many pressing needs remaining in the world around us. As

we deliver this new format of "*The Volunteer*," it is done to shine a bright light on so many of you who do remind us that there is a place and time to meet the needs of our communities. Good Works at RBF is alive and well and we want to recognize and commend so many of you for your contributions to "making the world a better place." You inspire us and move us toward greater personal involvement!

What I know to be true about RBF is that it is much more than just a place of business. It is a place, for those of us who have chosen to make it our "professional home," to make a difference for our clients, for the people in our communities and the environment we live in. It is clear to me that when we choose to extend ourselves in service to others, amazing things can happen. It is my hope that as you read of the many accomplishments of your colleagues that you too will be inspired. And if you are, I encourage you to join the "Good Works" forum in your office. Or, if one is not active, take the initiative to start one. What you will find by collaborating with others are ideas, resources and encouragement for delivering programs that will center on the causes you are passionate about. You will also find an incredible opportunity to build a deeper, more meaningful relationship with your fellow RBF'ers. And, most significantly, you will find a personal kind of success and satisfaction that can only come from an opportunity to change the trajectory of life in your community.

Good Works....our work, inside and outside of the office, really does accomplish good things that last for lifetimes. Please know and appreciate that every company strives for excellence and RBF is no exception. However, RBF also seeks brilliance....to be bright shining lights in our communities by being the catalyst for lasting change.

**Join with us in Good Works and go and do great things!**

# Shoe Donation Drive

(San Diego: February)

The San Diego Good Works Committee organized a donation drive for gently worn shoes. These shoes were donated to two organizations: Soles4Souls which distributed shoes to people in Haiti following the devastating earthquake in early 2010; and Zappos.com, the online shoe retailer that provided brand new shoes to underprivileged local youths in exchange for our gently used shoes. Thanks to everyone who donated their shoes to these great organizations.



# City of Roseville's Celebrate the Earth Festival

(Sacramento: April)

On a Saturday in April, **Pal Hegedus**, **Christa Redd**, **Preston Shopbell** and **Jennifer Stewart** volunteered at the City of Roseville's Celebrate the Earth Festival in conjunction with Creek Week 2010. The Festival drew over 3,000 people, with 70 businesses and organizations participating to help spread awareness of the value in protecting our environment.

The Festival had themed zones: (1) Empowering Our Community, (2) Live Waste-Free, (3) Be Water Wise, (4) Green the Urban Water Environment, (5) Let's Eat Local, and (6) Travel Green. The event was educational and inspired people to consider how the decisions we make on a daily basis affect the environment. There were many compelling programs, events and local resources available to help increase awareness.

RBF's booth was located in the "Be Water Smart Zone" where RBF volunteers were able to share and market RBF's Water Resources, Surface Water, Environmental, and Sustainable services (in addition to many other services that RBF provides). The organic RBF chapsticks, corn plastic pens, and corn plastic mugs and pencils were a huge hit and the kids loved "fishing" (for toys) in the RBF fishing hole! A special thanks to those who participated in making this event a huge success.



*Preston Shopbell and Pal Hegedus at the RBF Booth.*



*Christa Redd ready to show kids how to "fish" in the RBF fishing hole.*



# Springtime Baskets

*(Irvine: April)*

The Irvine Good Works Committee held a Springtime Basket Drive to collect candy, plastic eggs, small toys, toiletries, and other treats that were donated to children (newborn through teenagers) who are helped by the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Orange County. CASA is a non-profit organization that serves children who, for their own protection, have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Due to the generosity of the Irvine staff, Good Works donated 52 baskets to CASA. Special thanks to **Nora Doyle**, **Nora Jans**, Mary Kenney, **Vera Klaich**, **Jessica Ochoa**, **Michelle Ramos**, **Andrea Ramsey**, **Megan Strahota**, and **Lisa Tran**, who dedicated their lunch hour to assembling, filling and wrapping the baskets.



*Andrea Ramsey and Megan Strahota.*



*Michelle Ramos, Andrea Ramsey, Nora Doyle, Vera Klaich, Mary Kenney, Nora Jans, Jessica Ochoa, and Megan Strahota.*



# International Sanctuary

*(Irvine: April)*

On April 10, several volunteers from the Irvine office supported International Sanctuary's (iSanctuary) first fund-raising Gala at the Sawdust Festival Grounds in Laguna Beach, CA which was attended by over 500 people. Volunteers assisted with event set-up and the silent auction. The Gala was an overwhelming success with iSanctuary exceeding their original goal of \$10,000 by more than \$18,000.

iSanctuary is a non-profit organization that works with survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. iSanctuary is based in Orange County and currently partners with an aftercare home in Mumbai, India to provide survivors of human trafficking with a revenue generating craft. The proceeds from the Gala will truly improve the lives of many rescued victims.

A special thanks to **Jennifer Chan**, **Jessica Ochoa** and **Andrea Ramsey** who spent their time volunteering to help iSanctuary.

# Paint Your Heart Out

(Irvine: April & May)

During April and May, the Irvine Good Works Committee, teamed with Paint Your Heart Out (PYHO), a California non-profit organization that works with low-income senior and disabled homeowners to paint and repair their homes. Since 1991, PYHO has refurbished over 700 homes in Anaheim, Brea and Santa Ana, at no cost to the homeowners.

On two different Saturdays, the Irvine Good Works volunteers prepped and painted the house belonging to a low-income senior in Anaheim. The volunteers learned to patch stucco and do minor repairs to ensure the house was ready for painting.

On the second Saturday, "Paint Day," the Irvine Good Works team joined 24 other teams to give 25 homes a new coat of paint. RBF's sponsored homeowner was very thankful for all of the hard work that the team put into his home, now a beautiful light blue with white trim. Volunteer **David Jacobus** said, "I love working with Paint Your Heart Out because it's a great way to make a change in my community. We had a great group of RBF volunteers this year and I am looking forward to next year."

Thank you to **Deborah Alvarado, Jeff Langdon, Andrea Ramsey, Lisa Tran** and their guests for volunteering and a special thanks to **David Jacobus** for organizing this successful event.



Jeff Langdon and Donnie Weber cleaning paint brushes after the event.



Jennifer Jacobus, Jeff Langdon, Dave Jacobus, Robert Mills, Emi Kibuishi, Deborah Alvarado, Donnie Weber, Julie Kibuishi, Taka Kibuishi, Lisa Tran and Tao Akashi.

# I Love A Clean San Diego's 8th Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup

(San Diego & Carlsbad: April)

On Saturday, April 24, volunteers from the RBF San Diego and Carlsbad Good Works Committees joined approximately 200 other volunteers to help pick up trash in the Mission Valley Wildlife Preserve along the San Diego River. Approximately 8,500 pounds of trash were collected by all of the volunteers at this location. RBF Good Works volunteers collected a total of eight jumbo garbage bags of trash!

Over 5,000 volunteers collected approximately 160,000 pounds of trash from 69 cleanup sites throughout San Diego County's coastline and open space areas during "I Love a Clean San Diego's 8th Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup." These volunteers helped prevent debris from polluting bays and beaches caused by litter from San Diego's creeks, streams and storm drains to the coast. In addition to litter removal, volunteers also assisted with storm drain stenciling, tree planting, weeding and graffiti removal.

A special thanks to **Kate Maker, Mak Shatila** and Erin Gross for volunteering at this event. For more information on the Creek to Bay Cleanup, visit [www.creektobay.org](http://www.creektobay.org), or for more information on "I Love A Clean San Diego's" next scheduled cleanups, visit [www.cleansd.org](http://www.cleansd.org).



# Mercy House Social Gathering

(Irvine: June)

On a Saturday in June, volunteers from the Irvine Good Works Committee, and their friends and family members, hosted a potluck for mothers and their children currently residing at the Regina House, part of the Mercy House organization. Mercy House is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to end homelessness by providing a unique system of dignified housing alternatives, programs and supportive services. The organization has homes throughout Orange County and the Inland Empire.

RBF volunteers brought a variety of food for the families and organized games for the children such as hot potato, potato sack races, bingo and bubble blowing. **Michelle Ramos** prepared and distributed little goodie bags with coloring books, crayons, hair accessories and hot wheels to the children.

Special thanks to **Debi Blake**, Michael Blake, Montana Brooks, Sara Correa, **John Dorado**, **Jessica Ochoa**, Michelle Ochoa, **Andrea Ramsey** and Savanna Ramos for volunteering at this Good Works event and to **Michelle Ramos** for coordinating, organizing and ensuring its success.



*Andrea Ramsey assisting the children in the potato sack race.*



*RBF volunteers with the Regina House residents.*



*Andrea Ramsey and Michelle Ramos participating in a game with the children.*



*Debi Blake, John Dorado, and Andrea Ramsey enjoying the afternoon with the families.*

# Back to School Drive for Family Giving Tree

(San Jose & Walnut Creek: July)



The San Jose and Walnut Creek Good Works Committees participated again in the Family Giving Tree's Back-to-School Drive and collected backpacks and school supplies for children in need. The Family Giving Tree's Back-to-School Drive works with local social service agencies and schools that assist children enrolled in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program. Their agency partners interview these families to evaluate their specific needs. Family requests are sent to the Family Giving Tree Elves who then print these individual wishes on cards and distribute them to host companies like ours throughout the Bay Area. A big thank you to all those who contributed to make this another successful Good Works activity!



## School Supplies Drive

(Irvine: July)

The Irvine Good Works Committee hosted a School Supplies Drive in the Irvine Office. Generous donations of pens, pencils, rulers, binders, calculators, crayons, markers, colored pencils, paper, backpacks and over 300 binders were collected and donated to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) organization of Orange County.

CASA is a non-profit organization that serves children who, for their protection, have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care. This year, 380 children received backpacks filled with school supplies and gift cards to purchase outfits for their first day of school. Lynda Sloan, Director of Community Relations at CASA, sent RBF a thank you letter stating, "We appreciate your support and dedication to CASA and the children we serve. Please accept our sincere thanks for your contributions to this year's Back to School Picnic and helping make it a success. Together we are helping these children realize that someone cares!"

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to making this another successful Good Works activity.



Participating in a Good Works event or community service project? Contact [Lisa Tran](#) in the Human Resources Department to request a Good Works T-Shirt for you and your family members. For more information about volunteer opportunities and upcoming Good Works events in the Irvine Office, please contact [Lisa](#) at ext. 7039 or [ltran@rbf.com](mailto:ltran@rbf.com).



# Topographic Survey for Canine Support Teams

(Temecula: July)

In July, the Temecula Survey/Mapping Department prepared a topographic survey map for future grading plans to update the Canine Support Teams facilities. Founded in 1989, Canine Support Team's mission is to provide specially trained dogs to people with disabilities to support the personal, social and occupational independence of individuals with disabilities. The dogs have increased the ability of persons with disabilities to live independently and simultaneously provide loving companionship.

**Sabino Flores** visited the Canine Support site and collected data on the existing site conditions. **John Duquette** processed the field data and prepared an AutoCAD drawing for the existing site. Thank you to **John** and **Sabino** for volunteering their time to help this cause. For more information about Canine Support Teams, please visit <http://www.caninesupportteams.org>.

*Sabino Flores collecting data on the existing site conditions.*



## Hotel / Travel-Size Toiletries Collection

(on-going)

Have you ever thrown away unused hotel shampoos, conditioners, lotions, soaps etc.?

Do you have hotel toiletries in your bathroom drawer that are taking up space?

Do you bring your own toiletries during travel and have no use for hotel provided items?

Did you know that you could help people in need by donating these unused toiletries?

Examples of hotel / travel-size donation items:

- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Facial / Body soap
- Body lotion
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash
- Toothbrush / Toothpaste
- Comb

For more information, contact **Lisa Tran** (ext. 7039) in the Human Resources Department.



# Carlsbad RBFers ROCK!

*(Carlsbad: August)*

The Carlsbad Office held a School Supplies Drive for the Brother Benno's Back-to-School Backpack Program. The Brother Benno Foundation is dedicated to distributing the generous gifts entrusted to it by the community and to serving and uplifting the dignity of those in the North Coastal San Diego County community who are in vital need. Vikki Ramey and Debbie Knight from Brother Benno's Ladies Auxiliary stopped by the Carlsbad Office to collect a box overflowing with donations of school supplies. The ladies were absolutely "blown away" by the generosity of the office staff.

On Saturday, August 14, nearly 800 backpacks loaded with donated school supplies were distributed to low income children in grades K-12. Thanks to the generosity of RBF and many other businesses, organizations and individuals in the local community, the children started their school year with lots of wonderful new school supplies. A special thanks to **Andi Sanders**, **Tim Thiele**, **David Wiener**, and every Carlsbad team member who contributed to the success of this drive.



*Tim Thiele and his family helping at the Brother Benno Foundation.*

# Aliso Beach Clean-up

*(Irvine & Temecula: August)*

On Saturday, August 21, 13 volunteers from the Irvine and Temecula Offices, and their friends and family members, gathered at Aliso Beach in Laguna Beach, CA to participate in a beach clean-up. The weather was perfect and our volunteers were busy helping to clean the environment one piece of trash at a time. After the beach clean-up, volunteers had a chance to hang out on the beach and enjoy lunch together. A special thanks to **Remi Candaele**, **John Duquette**, **Kim Hartsfield**, **Jeff Langdon**, **Chris Riehle**, **Lisa Tran**, and **John Voelpel** and their families and friends who spent their Saturday morning volunteering to help keep Aliso Beach clean!



*Michelle Langdon, Remi Candaele, Jeff Langdon, Kim Hartsfield, John Duquette, Molly Riehle, Chris Riehle, Miles Riehle, and Patrick Duquette.*



*Jeff Langdon, Michelle Langdon and Remi Candaele.*



*Meaghan Kempainen and John Voelpel stopping to pose for a picture.*



*Chris Riehle, John Duquette, Patrick Duquette, Molly Riehle, and Miles Riehle enjoying lunch together after the event.*

# Planting & Harvesting

*(Irvine: September)*

On Saturday, September 18, eight volunteers from the Irvine and Ontario Offices and their friends and family members volunteered at the Second Harvest Food Bank's Incredible Edible Park in Irvine. The Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is dedicated to alleviating hunger, developing programs to increase awareness of the hunger problem, and providing an opportunity for volunteerism and community involvement.

Volunteers spent several hours planting broccoli seedlings which would be ready for harvesting at Christmas. A special Thanks to **Debi Blake, Susan Harden, Sue Harris, Rebecca Kelcher, Carolyn LaPrade, Paul Martin, Cindy Okamoto, and John Voelpel** and their friends and family members who spent their Saturday morning volunteering to help the Food Bank alleviate hunger in their local community.



*Paul Martin and Sue Harris.*



*Rebecca Kelcher and John Voelpel.*

# Canstruction

*(Irvine: September)*

In September, the Irvine Office was proud to be one of 14 Orange County companies participating in the Orange County Canstruction® competition held at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa, California. The dedicated RBF Canstruction Team, combined with the efforts of the Good Works Committee, volunteered their time to design, collect the necessary materials, and build the structure. RBF's to-scale model of a "Smart" car was cleverly named "Be Smart, Drive Away Hunger" and represented RBF Consulting's Transportation practice area which focuses on Sustainability, Smart Growth and Smart Transportation Solutions/Smart Streets. RBF's "Smart" car won the "Best Meal" award with over 9,600 cans of food donated to the Orange County Food Bank. Thank you to everyone in the Irvine Office who contributed and a special thank you to the Canstruction Team for the countless hours they dedicated to this great cause.



*RBF's "Smart" car display at South Coast Plaza.*



*Adrian Anderson, Nora Jans, Sue Harris, Tracy Sanchez, Lisa Tran, Jeff Langdon and Gary Warkentin.*

# Pink Day

(Irvine: October)



The Irvine Good Works Committee hosted its annual Pink Day in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Many RBF Irvine team members wore pink to work on October 28 in an effort to raise breast cancer awareness. As in past years, team members who wore pink in support of the cause gathered in the afternoon for some group photos. Thank you to everyone who wore pink to help raise breast cancer awareness.



RBF Irvine Office team members wearing pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Week.

# Race for the Cure

(Temecula: October)

On October 17, RBF team members and their family members and friends participated in the 12th Annual Komen Inland Empire Race for the Cure. The Race was a great way to encourage fitness and health and to raise money to support the Komen Inland Empire Affiliates. In appreciation for participating in the event, participants were treated to hamburgers grilled by **Mike Tylman**. Thank you to Gaile Cook, **Darren Edgington**, **Cheryl Parker**, **Mike Tylman**, and everyone else who all participated in this great cause.



The RBF Race for the Cure Team.

# Pink Day Bake Sale

(San Diego: October)

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, the San Diego Office held a Bake Sale which raised a total of \$265 for the local chapter of the Susan G. Komen For the Cure organization. Bragging rights were also awarded to RBFers whose goodies went the fastest. Thank you to all the San Diego team members who donated their culinary skills to this "sweet" event.



Ron Hiew and Alex Jewell supporting the Bake Sale.

# Clothing and Book Drive

*(Irvine: October)*

In October, the Irvine Good Works Committee conducted a “lightly used” Clothing and Book Drive to help those in need. All donated items were donated to the Orange County (OC) Rescue Mission. The OC Rescue Mission assists people in the community by providing guidance, counseling, education, job training, shelter, food, clothing, health care, and independent living. An entire van full of clothing and books were donated by Irvine Office team members. Thank you to all who donated to this successful drive and a special thanks to [Michelle Ramos](#) for coordinating with the OC Rescue Mission.



# Red Cross Blood Drive

*(Irvine: October)*

On October 5, the RBF Irvine Office hosted its semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Many RBF team members generously volunteered their time and donated more than 25 units of blood to help alleviate the shortage in southern Orange County. Thank you to everyone who participated in such a personal life saving effort.

The next Irvine Office Red Cross Blood Drive is schedule for March 22, 2011. If you have any questions regarding the next Irvine Office blood drive or are thinking about hosting a blood drive in your office, please contact [Lisa Tran](#) at ext. 7039.



# San Diego Quarterly Blood Drives

*(San Diego: Quarterly)*

Throughout last year, the RBF San Diego Office hosted quarterly blood drives for the San Diego Blood Bank. Many RBF team members, family, friends, and neighbors generously volunteered their time and donated blood to help alleviate the blood shortage in San Diego. Thank you to everyone who donated their blood to this great cause.

# Thanksgiving Adopt-a-Family

*(Irvine: November)*

This past Thanksgiving, the Irvine Good Works Committee, in conjunction with the Irvine Coordinating Committee, facilitated the office-wide holiday “family adoption” program. The Irvine Office adopted 18 families, providing each with all the trimmings for their Thanksgiving holiday. Some RBFers even had the chance meet their adopted families while personally delivering the food and much more. Each holiday season, through Orange County’s South County Outreach (SCO), over 500 families are adopted by businesses, organizations, congregations and individuals in the community. Thank you to all of the departments that donated and to [Lisa Tran](#) for coordinating with SCO.



# Thanksgiving Adopt-a-Family

*(San Diego: November)*

In the spirit of giving the Thanksgiving holiday season, and as the office has done for the past few years, the San Diego Good Works Committee “adopted” two families to share the gift of a Thanksgiving meal that would not otherwise be possible. These two families are a part of RBFer [Joel Bowdan](#)’s church family in the San Diego community and we were pleased to be able to connect to these families directly through an RBF team member. Through generous donations from the San Diego Office, the two “adopted” families each received a full Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings.



# Thanksgiving Food Drive

*(Walnut Creek: November)*

The Walnut Creek Office held a Holiday Food Drive in November to benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. The mission of the Food Bank is to provide an effective food collection and distributing system to alleviate hunger, reduce food waste and increase public awareness of hunger and food security issues. Walnut Creek team members collected 116 pounds of food to help those in need in their local communities.

# The Carlsbad Office Adopts a Family for Christmas

*(Carlsbad: December)*

During the holiday season, the Carlsbad Office “adopted” a local family from the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau. Since 1970, the goal of the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau Adopt-A-Family Project is for businesses, organizations and individuals to provide families in need in the Carlsbad area with gifts and food to help them celebrate the holidays. Through the generous donations from the Carlsbad team members, their “adopted” family was provided with warm winter clothes, food staples, and hygiene products.



*Saul Kane, Kate Maker, Nick Minicilli, Scott Taylor, David Mizell, Henry Trang, David Wiener, Matt Capuzzi, Bob Davis, Stephanie Cheng, Tim Thiele and Andi Sanders.*

# Holiday Wishes and Gift Wrapping

*(Irvine: December)*

During the holiday season, Irvine team members granted over 140 holiday “wishes” for children in need. A special thank you to everyone who participated for their generous donations.

On December 15, team members from the Irvine Office volunteered to help the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation for their annual gift wrapping event. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Orange County is a non-profit organization that trains community volunteers to serve as powerful mentors and advocates for our community’s most severely abused, abandoned and neglected children. Volunteers helped wrap gifts that were donated to CASA children for the holiday season. A special Thanks to **Marcela Pearson** and **Lindsey Woehl** for volunteering for this great cause.



*Lindsey Woehl and Marcela Pearson wrapping gifts for CASA.*



*Holiday “wishes” ready to be delivered.*

# Southern California Holiday Breakfast

*Good Works at work at Santa's Breakfast  
(Southern CA: December)*

On December 4, the Irvine Office hosted the Southern California Holiday Breakfast for all Southern California team members and their families. Several Good Works members volunteered at the Card Decorating station where children decorated cards for residents of the Villa Valencia, a local senior retirement home. A special thanks to **Tom Meng**, **Cherie Piazzisi**, **Michelle Ramos**, **Andrea Ramsey**, and their guests for volunteering and a special thanks to **Lisa Tran** for organizing this activity and for hosting RBF families as they created holiday cheer for others.



*Team members and their family members busy decorating holiday cards.*

# Holiday Food Drive

*(Sacramento: December)*

The Sacramento Office teamed up with Vanir Development and Vanir Construction Management to support the California Emergency Foodlink. Foodlink is Sacramento County's Official Food Bank, founded in 1992 with the mission of finding sensible solutions to hunger that effectively address its root causes: poverty and joblessness. To accomplish its mission, Foodlink has implemented a strategy of building better communities by providing jobs, preventing hunger and training for the future. At no charge to recipient agencies, Foodlink delivers more than 120 million pounds of food per year throughout California. Through innovative programming and an intense desire to create change, Foodlink has been fighting hunger in California for nearly two decades. Thank you to the Sacramento Office team members for giving back to the community this past holiday season and a special thanks to **Fareed Pittalwala** for coordinating this successful event!



# Holiday Spirit

(Camarillo: December)

The Camarillo Office once again supported Casa Pacifica, a local Children's Crisis Care and Residential Treatment Center headquartered in Camarillo. Casa Pacifica safeguards and nurtures children 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, from abuse and neglect through fostering their development and healing. Casa Pacifica cares for more than 2,100 Ventura and Santa Barbara County children and youth, aged birth to 18.

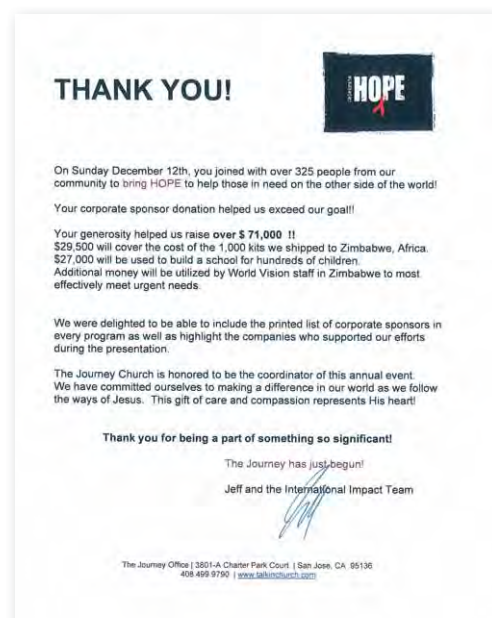
Each child is encouraged to make a "wish list" of a few items, one of which is written on an ornament. Camarillo team members are invited to sponsor children by choosing an ornament and purchasing that gift. Special thanks to **Dawn Morsa** for coordinating this holiday outreach and to all RBF team members who shared in the true spirit of the season.



# Celebrate Hope Project

(San Jose: December)

**Laura Worthington-Forbes** and her husband Scott Forbes joined over 325 people in December to "bring hope" to those suffering with AIDS in Africa. The Journey Church sponsored the Celebrate HOPE event which raised over \$71,000 and prepared 1,000 care-giver kits. \$27,000 will be used to build a school for hundreds of children. The World Vision organization in Zimbabwe will use the remaining \$44,000 to meet urgent needs.



# Helping the Food Bank

(San Diego & Carlsbad: Quarterly)

The San Diego Good Works Committee regularly coordinates canned food drives and organizes volunteer events at the local food bank warehouses where San Diego and Carlsbad RBFers sort and package food for distribution to the homeless, homebound, seniors, and others. Canned food drives take place just prior to the events.

## The Collection “Cube”

(Phoenix: Ongoing)

The Phoenix Office has an ongoing collection “cube” where team members can drop off “gently used” clothing, small kitchen appliances, old cell phones, and travel sized soaps and shampoos. All of the items in the “cube” are donated to UMOM New Day Centers. UMOM is a family shelter that provides homeless and low-income families with food, shelter, and the tools needed to build a bridge to self-sufficiency. For more information about UMOM, please visit [www.umom.org](http://www.umom.org). Thank you to all the team members in the Phoenix Office who donate to this great organization.



*Good Works Committee membership is open to all staff and you don't need to be a member to participate in any of the community outreach activities that have been organized through your Office's Good Works Committee. If you are involved in a community service organization that could benefit from*

*RBF volunteers, please bring it to the attention of your Office's Good Works Committee or a Human Resources representative.*

*For more information about RBF's Good Works Program, visit us on the Intranet at <http://rbfintranet/goodworks> or contact **Lisa Tran** in the Human Resources Department.*

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