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HIS Seeks help to provide gifts for families this Christmas

SAN PEDRO (Dec. 3, 2007) – Harbor Interfaith Services is looking for volunteers who would like to play Santa by adopting a homeless or working poor family this holiday season.

Each year, the agency helps approximately 250 families by providing meal baskets and gifts for the children. Thanks to an overwhelming community response at Thanksgiving, the agency's pantry should have enough food for the Christmas meal baskets.

Right now, the organization needs toys and gifts for children and teens. New, unwrapped toys and games for children of all ages (newborn-18) and gift cards to entertainment venues (zoo passes, movie rental, electronics store, etc) will be gladly accepted.

Gifts of service are also appreciated. Here's what your gift can do:
\$50 - allows HIS to care for two young children in their childcare center
\$100 - covers the cost of three nights in the emergency family shelter
\$500 - purchases books for a single mom attending college
\$1,000 - funds a week of the HIS Kids after-school program

Donations can be dropped off at the HIS office at 670 W. Ninth Street in San Pedro. For more information please visit the website at www.harborinterfaith.org or call 310.831.0603.

At this time, HIS also appreciates that people save donations of used clothing and other items until after the holiday season. They simply do not have the physical capacity during this time of year.

The mission of Harbor Interfaith Services is to empower the homeless and working poor to achieve self-sufficiency by providing support services, including shelter, transitional housing, food, job placement, advocacy, childcare, education and life-skills training.

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