

Give a Christmas

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Community

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EDGE PROJECT

Project Summary

My project was based on a desire I had to give back to the community. I worked with my Father-In-Law who is the supervisor for the La Verkin City Youth Council and we did a service project called "Give a Christmas" We collected toys, food and money from the citizens of La Verkin City and gave them to three specifically chosen families in need. The kids in the youth city council and I put out jars to collect money, made signs and flyers to advertise around town, and also advertised via social media. We then took the youth city council around to deliver the collected items to the families.

This was a fun project and it really helped me, the youth council and everyone involved who either donated to, or promoted, the service project to get into the Christmas spirit.

Project Highlights

- The kids and I really got to focus on the true meaning of Christmas and it helped us more fully appreciate all the good things in our lives.
- A few people in town really stepped up and without our even asking them they worked really hard to push the donations aspect. They helped us raise over \$300 in just a few days and get more toys than we had expected without using the donated money to purchase any.
- This was a great project. I loved getting involved with the community, especially the youth. It helped validate my decision to teach and made me realize the value of community.

From My Journal

Dec 21st: "We wrapped the gifts today for our first family that we were going to deliver "Christmas" to that night. When all the kids that could come had arrived, we delivered the gifts to this family. When we got to their house, we sang a Christmas carol, and then gave them the gifts. They were really excited, especially the youngest

boy Max. He kept saying excitedly "Are these all for me?" The family also had a teenage girl who was diagnosed with cancer and had to go up to Salt Lake quite often to get treatments. We gave them a hundred dollar gas card to help them out with this expense.



We loaded everything up in Councilman Phil Jensen's truck. It felt like we were Santa, filling up the sleigh.



"The Team"

The La Verkin Youth City Council (From Left to Right)

Stormy, Carissa, Robert, Luke, Jason Absent: Matthew