

Dear Saint Charles Caritas, Charity on the Border:

**May your days be always be blessed with peace and good health!**

**December 24, Saturday**, the volunteers distributed 903 blankets, 660 little boxes of raisens, 700 tootsie pops, 726 Grandma Cookies, 744 cracker

Thank you to all volunteers who came with me to distribute all these items: Arturo Fernandez, Blanca Mendez, Cecilio Salamanca, Mary Wilson,

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THE DONORS OF THESE BLANKETS: Stacey Davenport (from Davenport Executive Search for Life Sciences)

**The recipients especially the parents and grandparents were very thankful and wish you all a Merry Christmas and ask for more blessings**

We thank Susan Guenzel, (please pray for her health) donated food for the 6 charities in Tijuana and goodies for the Project: Children's Blankets.

A donor who requested to be anonymous donated the brand new refrigerator, all in one fax machine, telephone and surge protector. The wishes of

Please see below the distribution for December 2011. NO CARITAS DAY.

	NO CARITAS DAY	Dec. 2011
Casa de Cuna	Orphanage/Disadvantaged Children	\$ 504.97
Santa Teresita	Home for Girls (4-15 years old)	\$ 477.92
Casa Eudes	Home for Girls (6-18 years old)	\$ 468.35
Asilo de Ancianos	Home for the Elderly	\$ 498.20
La Esperanza Clinic	Tijuana dump site	\$ 558.65
Adoratrices del Santisimo	Ingredients for baking pastries, fund raising to build a church	\$ 546.44
<b>Special projects: Earmarked by donors</b>		
Project Blankets for Childrens TJ dumpsite	Goodies for children (Costco)	\$ 792.90
"	Raisens (99 cents store)	\$ 109.99
La Esperanza Clinic (TJ dump site) Refrigerator, fax machine, Telephone & surge protector	donor wanted to remain anonymous	\$ 623.57
Leaflets on "How to Pray the Rosary" donated by JEP		\$ 51.02
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	<b>Dec. 2011 Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 4,632.01</b>

903 blankets were distributed: Pictures during distribution of Children's Blankets: Picture 1 (left): The elderly recipients started to come in (Yolanda take care of the entrance gate) 10 families at a time. Picture 2 (right) Diane, Cecilio & Regina are ready for the children and elderly for the blankets. Picture 3 (left) Blanca, Mary & Arturo are ready for the children. Pictures 5 & 6 are the children receiving these blankets.





December 24, 2011. After the distribution of blankets we visited one of the homes of the recipients. This house that you will see is squatting at the side of the hill of the dumpsite. There are 3 families who live in this house, 2 grandma's, 7 children and some relatives. Picture 1 (left). This is the only way you can go to this house. Picture 2 (right), the entrance of the house. Picture 3 (left) inside the house with dirt floor. Picture 4 (right) outside this is where they cook their food. Picture 5 (left), a sister from La Esperanza paused with the girl who lives in this house. Picture 6: 2 grandmas with the children they are taking care of.





The above pictures represent one of the houses on the hill of the TJ dumpsite.

Thank you so much for your patience, viewing all the pictures.

Truly yours,

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