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Dear Friends of Saint Charles Caritas, Charity on the Border:

Greetings to all!

We would like to say **THANKS A MILLION TO ALL OF YOU** who are spending their time and treasure to make this charity a success.

Please see below pictures I took during our visit at the TJ dumpsite for Project# 20 distribution of bags of food for more than 250 poor families (approximately 1500 people), knitted hats, brand new blankets, rosaries, used/new toys, 300 packages of cookies and Snicker bars for the children.

January 22, Saturday: The first picture is the back draft of the TJ dumpsite and the rest of the pictures, the volunteers distributed all the above items. Thank you to our volunteers mostly outside of St. Charles: **Bob Cizek** (from Mission de Alcala of SD), **Blanca Mendez** (St. Jude), **Susan Field** (North Park), **Mary Wilson** (Holy Trinity), **Sharon Everett** (St. Patrick) and I. The knitted hats were very much liked by the children (thank you so much to **Nita Blackinton her sisters from Minnesota**, these hats were hand knitted), and the blankets were specially liked by the parents and grandparents (thank you, **David & Rowena Lewis**. Mr. Lewis is studying to become a deacon), thousands of small tubes of toothpaste, donated by **Bob Cizek**, and **Susan Field** donated the packages of cookies, the Holy Rosaries, hand made by **Christine Phillips** and friends, the majority of the brand new toys were donated by **Don Jackson**. Coming in into TJ, we were stopped by the Mexican customs for secondary inspection. The knitted hats and toys we hand carried were subject to duty tax for P150 pesos equivalent to \$12. Blanca Mendez paid the taxes.



Thank you to the following volunteers:

January 15 & 16, Saturday Sunday fund raising: Diane Martin (all day), Janiley Camarista, Jack Stroh (paid for the lunches for the nuns and volunteers), Elvia Valdivieso, Sister Edie, Sister Pauline Dibb and friend Barbara, Christine Phillips, Bob Piccola, Cecilio & Lolita Salamanca, Greg & Evelyn Degano, Alex Rullan and 12 nuns from TJ charities.

January 20, Thursday at 5pm volunteers for the Costco buy of food for our 6 charities: Diane Martin paid for the hot-dog combo for all the volunteers, Jack Stroh, Elsa Guitirez, Lupe & Carmen Zamora.

Please see below the disbursements for our charities.

		January 2011
Casa de Cuna	Orphanage/Disadvantaged Children	498.08
Santa Teresita	Home for Girls (4-15 years old)	503.25
Casa Eudes	Home for Girls (6-18 years old)	475.74
Asilo de Ancianos	Home for the Elderly	465.86
La Esperanza Clinic	Tijuana dump site	473.42
Adoratrices del Santisimo	Ingredients for baking pastries, fund raising to build a church	509.58
Birthline, Chula Vista	Mother's Resource Center	-
Pastoral Charity Fund	St. Charles (c/o Fr. Nemesio Sungcad)	500.00
Special project:		
Tijuana dump site	Continuation of Project# 20, distribution of food for 250 poor families/ Purchased 300 packages of cookies for the children	300.23
Interfaith Shelter	Lunches food	178.08
January 2011 Total Disbursements		\$ 3,726.16

The next Caritas day is February 19 & 20, Saturday & Sunday. Please come and see us!

May you all have a wonderful weekend!

All the best to all,

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