Time For Change gives, receives a lot

On Wednesday, December 21 the Deer Creek Red Hatters stopped by the Time for Change Foundation office and dropped off several gifts for the women and children. They have been strong, ongoing supporters of the work TFC does. Also pictured is TFC Executive Director Kim Carter, third from right.

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Those who give much receive much as in the case of the Time for Change Foundation. They give hope, love and support to women and children who may not otherwise have any

and in turn, this Christmas season they were the recipients of others’ generosity and kindness.

Earlier this month a community member named Glaucie, last name unavailable, was very moved by the work that TFC does, and said she would be making a donation. While donations of any size, both financial and in-kind, are always greatly appreciated, TFC was in for quite a treat when Glaucie made a far bigger donation than they expected; she donated about 50 gifts total, for mothers, children and single women. Each child received four

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“We are truly grateful for them and for their willingness to make a difference in the lives of others,” said Kunkel.

On Saturday, December 17 TFC hosted their annual bike giveaway which is just one of the many ways they give back. The event provides bikes for dozens of children as well as household goods for community members in need.

There was a concern at first that due to tough economic times, they would not be able to hold this yearly event, but thanks to California Institution for Women and Gifts In Kind International, TFC was able to put on the giveaway.

About 400 people attended the event. With San Bernardino being the second poorest city in the nation, there was a great need for this giveaway.

“Our main focus was to make sure we were able to put a smile on other children’s faces and that is what’s most important,” said TFC Executive Director Kim Carter. “Poverty has a devastating effect on kids and parents alike.”

The Time for Change Foundation wishes to thank the inmates at the California Institution for Women who refurbished the bikes that were given to the kids as well as to Warden Guillermo G. Garcia and Mr. Samson, who made the bike giveaway possible.

For more information on the Time for Change Foundation, visit their website at timeforchangefoundation.org or call (909) 886-2994.

The number one motivation for working hard and giving back: Smiles on kids’ faces when they receive a new bike, such as this young man who was all smiles when he got his bike at the Time for Change bike giveaway on Saturday, December 17.

TFC gifts.

“She came in with a huge heart and passion for the children,” said TFC spokesperson John Kunkel.

TFC also received a donation from a ‘colorful’ group of ladies, the Deer Creek Red Hatters. On Wednesday, December 21 the group stopped by the TFC office and dropped off several gifts for the women and children.

Over the last three years the Red Hat Society has helped TFC with several useful donations that allow them to keep providing the services and programs that empower the women they serve.

While many of the household items were sold, towards the end of the TFC bike giveaway on Saturday, December 17, many of the items were given out to those in need.