



THURSDAY
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Toy, household giveaway set

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Time for Change Foundation in partnership with the Home of Neighborly Services will host a Toy and Household Item Giveaway on Saturday for deserving families who could otherwise not afford to have a Christmas.

The giveaway, scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon at 1255 E. Highland Ave. in San Bernardino, will help spread joy to more than 100 families this holiday season.

The foundation acknowledged Gifts in Kind International as it is their vision to continue to grow corporate product giving through innovative solutions, which strengthen nonprofits and expand corporate citizenship.

The foundation also credited the California Institute for Women for donating bikes to children of an incarcerated or paroled parent. With support from organizations such as these the agency can continue to provide assistance to needy families.

"Due to the difficult economic climate, families are really suffering, but we are grateful that we are in a position to help others by reminding them they are not forgotten," said Kim Carter, founder and executive director of TFCF.

The agency's telephone volume and walk-ins has increased tremendously as parents call and stop by to

claim their spot in the giveaway line.

"This is better than the news reports on black Friday when you think of the joy we will bring to a child's face on Christmas morning," said TFCF Board Member Michelle Freeman.

Each family will receive one adult gift and toys for up to three children. The toys and household items include children bikes, dolls, trucks, comforter sets, kitchenware, and more.

In addition to the giveaway, TFCF has coordinated the event to be a morning of fun, food, and games as the children run and play on the holiday jumper.

"The Westside of San Bernardino is an incredible community rich with heritage. To see people suffering from lack of work and basic necessities is devastating," said Courtney Pepper, interim director of Home of Neighborly Services. "This giveaway will provide an opportunity for people to give to and support others ultimately making a child who is less fortunate happy this Christmas season."

For more information about the Toy and Household Item Giveaway, call Freeman at 909-886-2994 or mfreeman@Timeforchangeoundation.org.

Due to a limited number of supplies, the giveaway is on a first come, first served basis.