

Dear Community,

Thank you to all the generous donors who helped with the Sponsor a Family/Senior holiday giving program!

With a collaboration of efforts from the community, volunteers, city employees, schools, churches, local businesses and clubs such as Niles Rotary Club, Nile Café, Hired Hands, Mr. Mikey's, Niles Main Street Assoc., Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum, St. Nick's of Niles, Niles Pie Company, Human Rights Commission, Senior Commission, Seascape Beach Resort, Play 2 Learn Preschool, Lam Research, Kaiser, Palo Alto Medical Center, Mission San Jose Chamber of Commerce, Irvington Presbyterian Church, Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, Pet Food Express, Petco, Lion's Club, Mobile Mini LLC, Grimmer Elementary, Fremont Assoc. of Managers Employees, Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station, Apple Matching Gifts Program, Chevron matching foundation, KT matching foundation, Sales Force Foundation, and ALCAL we were able to help many families, seniors, seniors' pet companions!

With everyone's contribution, dedication, and persistence we were able raise \$19,000 in cash and \$41,000 in toys, clothes, food, gift cards, and household items which was a grand total of \$60,000. This allowed us to serve over 60 families (275 individuals), 175 seniors, and 36 seniors' pet companions. All the recipients were astonished and overjoyed by the community's outpour of kindness and concern for others.

While it is rewarding to help so many people during the holiday season, we also keep some funds on hand for "special needs" during the year. These flexible funds allow us to meet some critical needs, which may not be covered under governmental program guidelines.

This year we had extraordinary volunteers to be mentioned and thanked:

Nicki Bouton, spearheaded the program with the community and promoted our program in the Niles parade

Sarah Prudhom with Hired Hands, coordinated the family sponsorship

Oonagh Lanigan, coordinated the senior sponsorship and promoted our program in the Niles parade

Laurie Manual, coordinated the seniors' pet companion sponsorship

Nisha Kalra, coordinated with the City and community sponsorships

Rena Dein, coordinated the Movie Night at Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum

Michael McNevin, Tom Smyth, Donna Smyth, Sarah Prudhum and Han Trinh coordinated the Benefit Concert

Rose Evernden-Andrade and Judy Zlatnik- Coordinated the Santa's Pizza Party

Thank you to everyone who joined this holiday program! You have touched many families, seniors, and seniors' pet companions' hearts and lives. Each one of you truly made a difference in our community. There were big smiles and tears of joy from all the recipients, because of your generosity and kindness. The City looks forward to working with you next year in 2013!

You can still donate to the year round Urgent Need Fund through the city website at [www.fremont.gov/hsdonate](http://www.fremont.gov/hsdonate).

