

Toys For Tots Brings Christmas Joy – And Presents

By Karin Giron, Education Coordinator, Escondido TANF

For the fourth consecutive year, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Escondido TANF collaborated with the U.S. Marine Corps and the San Diego Toys for Tots Program. What made this year even more special is that both the La Mesa TANF and Manzanita TANF offices began participating in the Toys for Tots Program.

TANF staff began working on the program in September. The process is lengthy and includes submitting a proposal and ensuring eligibility of participants. TANF staff also is responsible for picking up the toys at the Navy & Marine Corp. Reserve Center in Mira Mesa. After that, staff then distributes the toys to the families.



Although a lot of work goes into coordinating the program, it's well worth all the effort - especially since there was a great response from TANF participants at all three TANF offices.

"I think it's a great thing they do," said Escondido TANF participant Alicia Matlock. She received a large bag of presents for her two daughters Shelby, 8, and Cali, 5.

Many other participants were similarly thankful and appreciative when they picked up their children's toys. At the Escondido TANF office, participants were given a Holiday Gift Bag donated by Fed-Ex Shipping Center employees. The blue bags were filled with non-perishable food items to assist them in their holiday meal preparation. At the La Mesa TANF office, a gift-wrapping station was set up for TANF participants to wrap their children's presents. The Manzanita TANF staff delivered wrapped presents to remote TANF participants.

According to its website, the mission of San Diego Toys for Tots is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those



toys as Christmas gifts to needy children (infants to 12 years of age) residing in San Diego County. They serve both civilian and military families. Their goal is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

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Resumes Can Be The Key To Finding Employment

By Gary Taylor, Reporting for TANF

Kelly Allen believes one of the most important steps to finding a job is writing an effective resume.

Allen is the Career and Vocational Development Specialist at Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) TANF Escondido. He's been in that position for nearly three years. In that time, he's held several workshops for TANF participants seeking employment or attempting to advance their career prospects.

In late December, Allen led a Resume Workshop at the Escondido TANF office. Several participants met with him for nearly 90 minutes and received tips on writing effective resumes and cover letters. "Finding a job is a full-time job," Allen told them. "The more effort you put into it, the better the results."

"I always make the mission of my workshops to not only present information, but to also impart knowledge so that those in attendance are empowered with skills they can utilize throughout their developing careers," Allen said. "I love it when I've helped someone develop their resume writing and interviewing skills. It's even more gratifying when they obtain a position and a pay scale they hadn't previously experienced or imagined possible."



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A Special Thanks to Fed-Ex Shipping Center, Carlsbad Employees

We would like to thank the employees at the Fed-Ex Shipping Center located in Carlsbad for the generous gift of Holiday Gift Bags.

The funds for the Holiday Gift Bags were raised by Fed-Ex employees. When Maria Rodriguez (a current Fed-Ex employee and former TANF participant) was informed about the Holiday Gift Bags, she saw an opportunity to give back to the community. Maria suggested Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) as the organization that could assist Fed-Ex in providing those items to families in need.

In late November, Fed-Ex employees provided 50 Holiday Gift Bags filled with non-perishable items to aid in preparing a Holiday Meal. The SCTCA Escondido TANF office assisted them in distributing the Holiday Gift Bags to families within the service area throughout the month of December.

— KARIN GIRON

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In mid-September, when TANF staff attended an orientation for the San Diego Toys for Tots Program, we were informed that the program administered by the Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Center in San Diego receives limited support from the National Toys for Tots Organization. The San Diego program relies on local donations (both monetary and toys) and area volunteers to administer the program. Due to the decrease in toy donations last year, the program coordinators had to purchase toys for eligible youth.

If you are interested in donating in the future, please contact the San Diego Toys for Tots Program directly at sandiego.toys4tots@gmail.com.



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Allen pointed out employers are interested in hiring someone who is “pro-active and professional.”

“Employers want to know, ‘What can you bring to the table? What do you have to offer? How are you going to help us solve the problem? You can train skills – you can’t train attitude,” he said. “Employers will invest in training you and improving your skills. But they don’t want to invest in someone who has a bad attitude. They want someone with a positive attitude.”

One of the workshop participants said her job requires her to maintain a

professional attitude even when things get a little frantic. “I have a job that is hectic,” said Brittany Murillo, an Escondido TANF participant who works as a dispatcher for a tow truck company. “I have to handle all these calls coming in – some of them at the same time. I’m dealing with insurance companies, the CHP, people who want their cars back. It gets really busy.”

Allen pointed out that Brittany’s ability to handle multiple calls is a job skill she should include on her resume. “It’s a skill that shows an employer you are capable of multi-tasking and satisfying customer or

client needs,” he told her. “That is something that would impress a prospective employer.”

In a sample resume provided during the workshop, Allen wrote that participants should “indicate why you want to work for the specific company or organization and what you have to offer them. This is where you highlight your skills and experience... you want to match the skills and qualifications the hiring company or organization is seeking. Pay close attention to their job posting/description.”

Intertribal Court Offers Free Walk-In Legal Clinics

By Nicole Scott, California Indian Legal Services



California Indian Legal Services (CILS) is offering a free walk-in Domestic Violence Legal Clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Intertribal Court on the Rincon Indian Reservation.

This clinic is staffed by a Legal Advocate and Attorney who will assist victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking. Services can include helping with safety planning and crisis intervention; assistance with filling out Restraining Orders; Restraining Order Hearing preparation; and other legal consultations relating to victimization.

The walk-in clinic will operate on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are no income guidelines for assistance. The Legal Advocate and Attorney are very experienced in these areas of law and they will provide trauma victims with informed, confidential, and culturally appropriate services.

CILS is also offering a one-day free Will and Estate Planning Legal Clinic on Wednesday Jan. 20. This clinic is from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Intertribal Court at Rincon. Come by the Court for a free 30- minute consultation with a CILS attorney. CILS attorneys will provide general legal advice on wills and estate planning. Get answers to questions like: Do I need a will?; What is required for a valid will?; and What are trusts and do I need one?

Clients who need extensive services will need to schedule an appointment for a later date. CILS provides free legal services for income-eligible clients and charges a low hourly rate for over-income clients. 🖋️

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— DISPATCHES —

Santa Ysabel



In early December, Santa Claus visited dozens of children on the Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation.

He didn't arrive in the middle of the night on a sleigh led by reindeer, though. This time he came in broad daylight riding in a firetruck that was as red as his jolly red suit.

When he lifted himself out of the truck, the children waiting in the Fire Department station house let out a big cheer.

That's what happens when you're Santa and children are around.

Over the course of the next two hours, Santa sat on a big chair at the front of the station house and handed out wrapped presents to babies, children and teen-agers up to 17.

Some of the kids approached Santa warily; others leaped into his arms; still others slid onto his lap after some coaxing from their parents. Everyone got a present – and sometimes a question or two.

“What is your name?” Santa asked one little girl.

She smiled quickly but didn't say anything. She looked like she was afraid to speak.

Santa laughed heartily. “That's ok,” he said, handing her a brightly-wrapped gift. “I'm Santa Claus – I already know your name!”

The little girl laughed and ran into the arms of her mother.

And so it went – child after child receiving present after present. After every child had received a gift, there were still so many gifts left that a second round began. Once again Santa handed out presents – this time even the quietest children rushed up to him.

“I remember you!” bellowed Santa to one little boy. “Two presents in one day – you must have been very good this year!”

When all the presents had been handed out, four bicycles were raffled off to end the event.

All the presents, the bicycles, the gift cards (courtesy of the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians) were donated, said Brandie Taylor, council member of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel.

And Santa Claus? Somehow - at his busiest time of the year – he arrived on the reservation, reminding all the children that Christmas was coming. 🖋️

- GARY TAYLOR

Best Pictures of 2015

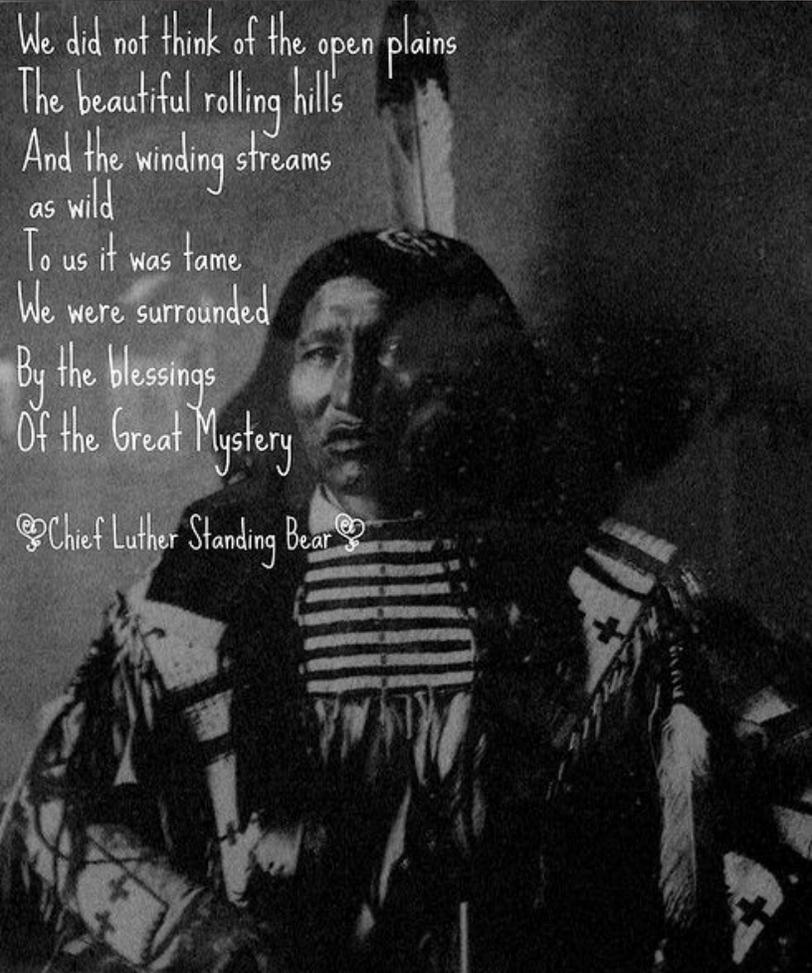


Over the course of a year, the SCTCA TANF Newsletter publishes hundreds of photographs. The pictures are selected because of the stories they tell. In 2015, there were many photos that were exceptional. On these two pages, we have selected a dozen of those pictures.

- GARY TAYLOR



Best Unpublished Pictures



We did not think of the open plains
The beautiful rolling hills
And the winding streams
as wild
To us it was tame
We were surrounded
By the blessings
Of the Great Mystery

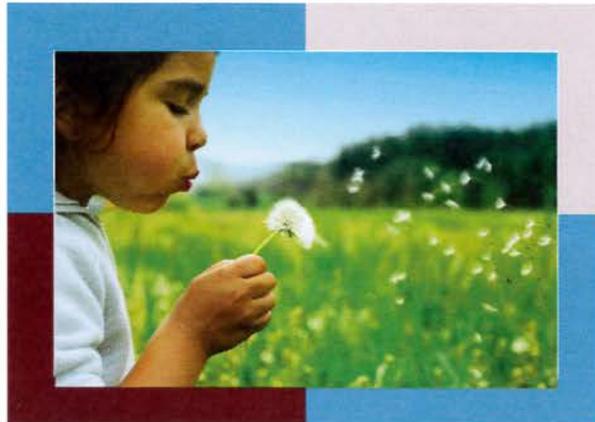
♡ Chief Luther Standing Bear ♡

Not all of the best photographs were published last year. As in previous years, the reasons do not change – tight deadlines, not enough space or simply a judgement call selecting one picture over another. But many of the unpublished photos are exceptional, even if we were unable to publish them. On these two pages, some of our best unpublished pictures are shown for the first time.



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Space #8 – Classroom 1 Classes: January 4th – February 12th, 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Life Skills 8:30AM–10:30AM Beth Moffat		Loving Solutions 8:30AM–10:30AM IHC Staff	Tribal Culture 8:30AM–10:30AM Bonnie Salgado
DMV Preparation 10:45AM–12:45PM Laura Rizza	Culture Class 10:45AM–12:45PM Bonnie Salgado		Tribal Culture 10:45AM–12:45PM Bonnie Salgado	Indep. Tribal Culture 10:45AM–12:45PM
	Independent Culture 1PM–4PM		Indep. Tribal Culture 1PM–4PM	

Space #8 – Classroom 2 Classes: January 4th – June 30th, 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	MATH TUTORIAL 9:45AM–12:45PM J. Murphy
	Study Hall	Diploma / GED 10:45AM–1:45PM J. Murphy	Study Hall	No classes
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	No classes

Space #39 – Computer Lab Classes: January 4th – June 30th, 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Self Paced Class 8:30AM–10:30AM Staff	MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	Intro to PC's 8:30AM–10:30AM Charles	MICROSOFT Word 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda	10 Key Class 8:30AM–10:30AM Wanda
Self Paced Class 10:45AM–12:45PM Staff	MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	Intro to PC's 10:45AM–12:45PM Charles	MICROSOFT Excel 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda	Keyboarding 10:45AM–12:45PM Wanda
Self Paced Class 1PM–4AM Staff	Self Paced Class 1PM–4AM Staff	Computers Lab 1PM–4PM OPEN LAB	Self Paced Class 1PM–4AM Staff	Computer Class closed @ 12:45PM on Fridays

Two Directions Computer Labs are open at all times during business hours. Make sure to sign in and out to receive work participation hours.

Escondido

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ABE/GED 9AM–11AM Spanish 9AM–11AM Phillip Roy/ Health Care 9AM–11AM Keyboarding 9AM–12PM Reading Horizons 9AM–10AM & 12PM–2PM Applied Skill Practice (GED) 11:30AM–1:30PM Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Life Skills/ What Color Is My Parachute 9AM–11AM Life Skills/ Practical Life Skills 11:30AM–1:30PM Math Refresher 9AM–11AM Open Lab/ Job Search/ Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	ABE/GED 9AM–11AM Spanish 9AM–11AM Math Refresher 9AM–11AM Keyboarding 8:30AM–12PM Reading Horizons 9AM–10AM Computer Skills (GED Prep) 11:30AM–1:30PM Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Phillip Roy/ Welding 9AM–1:30PM Reading Horizons 9AM–11AM 11AM–1PM Computer Skills (General) 11AM–2PM Open Lab/Job Search /Applied Skills 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)	Spanish 9AM–11AM Phillip Roy/ Clerical Office 9AM–11AM & 11:30AM–1:30PM Keyboarding 9AM–12PM Reading Horizons 11AM–1PM Open Lab/Job Search 8:30AM–4PM (VARIES BY CLIENT)

To sign up, contact: Kayleigh Omish-Guachena, Training Director at (760) 737-0113 ext.13, kguachena@bgassociatesinc.com

El Cajon

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Parenting Training 9AM–4PM Job Readiness 9AM–4PM Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Counseling Services 9AM–4PM Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 1PM–6PM/BALLARD CENTER SCAIR Closed 1/18: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–3PM Job Readiness 9AM–4PM Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Counseling Services 9AM–4PM Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 1PM–6PM/BALLARD CENTER Ready to Work Training 1/26: 12:30PM–1:30PM	Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Counseling Services 9AM–4PM Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 10:30AM–5:30PM Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 1PM–6PM/BALLARD CENTER Women's Circle 1/6, 13, 20, & 27: NOON–2PM Sacred Pipe TUPE Program 1/6, 13, 20, & 27: 3:30PM–5:30PM Ready to Work Training 1/20: 12:30PM–1:30PM	Parenting Training 9AM–4PM Job Readiness 9AM–4PM Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Counseling Services 9AM–4PM Microsoft Computer Certification Training 10AM–NOON & NOON–2PM Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 11AM–4PM Sacred Pipe TUPE Program (SDAIHYC) 1/14 & 28: 4PM–6PM Coffee with the Director 1/21: NOON–1PM	Academic Tutoring (All Subjects) 9AM–3PM Job Readiness 9AM–4PM Career Development 9AM–4PM Individual Training Plan 9AM–4PM Counseling Services 9AM–4PM Structured Computer Lab 9AM–4PM SCAIR Closed 1/1: NEW YEAR'S DAY

**No Microsoft Computer Certification Training

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Monday Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM	Career Building 9AM	Life Skills 9AM	Parenting 9AM	Friday Office Hours: 8AM - 4:30PM
	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	Open Lab/ Job Search 12:30PM-2PM	
	Basic Computers Skills 2PM	Career Networking 2PM	Basic Computers Skills 2PM	

Manzanita

Manzanita SCTCA Tribal Training Program • 39 A Crestwood, Boulevard, CA
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Culture/ Entrepreneurial Class 9AM-12PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM	World of Work 9AM-12PM	GED Prep 10AM-1PM	Tutorial 9AM-12PM
Native Arts & Crafts 12:30PM-3:30PM	Computers 10AM-1PM	GED Prep 12:30PM-3:30PM	Computers 10AM-1PM	
	Parenting Class 12:30PM-3:30PM			

Commodity Distribution Schedule



DATE	LOCATION	TIME
JAN. 7, THURSDAY	LOS COYOTES LA JOLLA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 11, MONDAY	BARONA VIEJAS	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 13, WEDNESDAY	SAN PASQUAL	9 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 14, THURSDAY	MESA GRANDE SANTA YSABEL	9 AM – 10:30 AM 11 AM -12:30 PM
JAN. 19, TUESDAY	LA POSTA/MANZANITA OLD CAMPO	9:45 AM – 11 AM 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
JAN 20, WEDNESDAY	PAUMA PECHANGA	9 AM – 10 AM 11 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 21, THURSDAY	RINCON	9 AM – 12 NOON
JAN. 25, MONDAY	CAMPO	10 AM – 12:30 PM
JAN. 27, WEDNESDAY	PALA	9 AM – 11:30 AM



Coming in February:

- What art exhibition was held in Balboa Park this winter?
- Which local Native American student had her art displayed there?
- What was the theme of the exhibition?

In our next issue, see the pictures and read about the art exhibition.