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Toys For Joy Does It Again!



On Saturday, December 11th, The Rock Church San Diego held its fourteenth annual Toys for Joy giveaway at Lincoln High School.

Seven thousand people stood in line with their children to receive what was for most, the only gift they would receive this holiday season. Mother of two twin girls, Amelia Jones said, "I've been on unemployment for most of the year. The gifts my daughters receive today will be the only Christmas I can give them."

Children not only received toys that day, groceries and clothing were also handed out to those that were in need. Over 1500 volunteers from The Rock along with other community churches did their part to make this year's event a smooth success. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks were handed out in the Kid Zone. While children played happily at the games, face and balloon stations; bikes were raffled off in numbers. The look of joy embellished the faces of those that were blessed with the winning addition of a bike to the gifts they had already received earlier.



This year's event added a separate teen area for the older kids to take part in. The "Teen Zone" provided live music, spiritual lyricist, dance crews and graffiti artist. Teenager, Elizabeth, exclaimed as she held up her fingers, "See what a great job they did on my nails, I had no clue that I was coming here to get my nails done and for free too!"



Other community partners handed out resourceful information on job training and placement programs, inner-city tutoring, gang alternatives and more. In addition, prayer stations were set up for families that needed a quiet and focused place to lay down their hardships, receive prayer or give themselves to Jesus Christ right then and there.


Toys for Joys proved successful. True to form, Pastor Miles McPherson didn't hold back on the ministering portions of the gift giving. We often forget during the Season of Giving that the biggest gift of all is receiving Jesus Christ our Savior into our lives. Jesus is the reason for this Season, and all participants that day knew that the abundant generosity that day could only come from above.




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