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St. James Academy Students hold Baby Shower for Mothers in Need

Solana Beach, CA St. James Academy has set up "family" groups which consist of one student from each grade level put together in a group called a "school family". Each year there is a theme for the monthly school family activity. This year's theme is "The Works of Mercy". The activities they have participated in this year have included sheltering the homeless where the children made place mats, posters, and snack bags for the transitional homeless shelter that was set up in the parish for two weeks in November. In January, they practiced "visiting the sick" by making flower pots for residents at La Vida Del Mar, an elderly care facility.

The February Act of Mercy was to cloth the naked, so they held their annual baby shower to provide assistance to women and babies in need. Every student in the school brought in one or more wrapped gifts such as diapers, baby food, bath supplies, and infant clothing. Each classroom held a baby shower in which the children unwrapped the gifts they brought, and then had Valentine treats. Hundreds of items were collected and parents took them to the various agencies.

All gifts were sent to the following organizations: The Community Resource Center, Veronica's home in San Bernardino, Life Choices in Poway, The Family Recovery Center in Oceanside, Birth Choice of San Marcos, COLFS (Culture of life Family Services) in Escondido, and the newly opened Birth Choice Center in Oceanside.

St. James Academy is a K-8 elementary school serving the North County communities of Solana Beach, Del Mar, Carmel Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Encinitas, Carlsbad and San Marcos. St. James Academy is part of the St. James Catholic Community, which includes St. James Church and St. Leo's Mission. For more information, go to www.saintjamesacademy.com or call 858.755.1777.

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