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St. James Academy Students Raise Funds for Haiti and Local Families in Need *19th Annual Valentine's Day Baby Shower Gives Love to Many*

Solana Beach, CA- The students and teachers at St. James Academy hosted their annual Valentine's Day baby shower for homeless women and babies. Each student in grades Kindergarten through 6th brought in a wrapped baby gift and during the class parties, which usually include a baby shower cake, the children opened their gifts of much needed baby supplies and baby clothing.

The gifts were delivered by St. James Academy parents to Community Resource Center, Culture of Life Family Services, Veronica's Home in San Bernardino, Family Recovery Center, Birth Choice, Life Choices, and Brother Benno's. Hundreds of baby items were donated including layette items, blankets, bath items, formula and cereal, clothing, and thousands of diapers and wipes.

This year, St. James Academy 7th and 8th grade students added a new dimension and sold Red "Hearts for Haiti" prayer bracelets. Over \$900 was collected and sent to Catholic Relief Services specifically for Haiti relief.

St. James Academy Principal Kathy Dunn was thrilled with the students' commitment to helping others in need. "We are so happy to continue our St. James Academy outreach tradition by helping moms in crisis. The students look forward to helping these moms and babies each year and spread a lot of love in the process."

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, Oceanside and San Marcos. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and certified by the Western Catholic Education Association. St. James Academy is part of the St. James Catholic Community, which includes St. James Church and St. Leo's Mission. For more information, please go to www.saintjamesacademy.com or call 1-858-755-1777.



Mrs. Smith's Second Grade Class at St. James Academy