

Norton News Update

FSHD and RCSC Students Team up to Spread Holiday Cheer

Christmas came early for two first grade classrooms at Walter Douglas Elementary School in Flowing Wells School District this year. Family Studies and Human Development Ambassadors and Retailing and Consumer Sciences TREND members collaborated to prepare a Holiday Celebration for over 40 children in need.

Each child received a toy, a book and winter necessities. An employee of the Mattel Company donated over 100 toys while books, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks were purchased with money raised from the clubs' fundraising efforts. "This may be the only Christmas these children have this year," said Libby Mack, one of the first grade elementary teachers at Walter Douglas. She went on to say that some of the children live in shelters and over 90% of the students qualify for free and reduced lunches.

Dr. Allison Ewing, the Faculty Advisor for FSHD Ambassadors, declared, "This holiday season we wanted to make a difference in as many children's lives as possi-

ble. It was truly an amazing experience that we were able to positively impact 45 children and the families living in the Tucson community."

Meredith Parker, the faculty advisor for TREND explained how the Norton School helped make this moment a reality, "A thank you goes out to all who participated in making a difference for these children this holiday season."

Tamara McAllister, the principal at Walter Douglas, was excited to watch the joy on the children's faces as they opened up their toys. She personally thanked the team for coming to the school to deliver the items for the students.

Sanyu Kibuka, Assistant Director for the Terry J. Lundgren Center for Retailing at the University of Arizona, made an appearance at the event. She stated, "It was an incredible experience to watch the children receive gifts for the holiday season. It reminds me of how fortunate we are to be a part of this community."

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Thank you to everyone who Purchased Signature Cookies and to those who donated winter items for these children. This event would not have been possible without you.

