



A Visit From Saint Nicholas 2006

The Legend of Saint Nicholas

Saint Nicholas, the subject of many well-known legends, was a virtuous man known for his charity and love of children. He lived in the fourth century and is best remembered for leaving bags of gold on the doorsteps of the poor. Today, Saint Nicholas' Feast Day, December 6th, is observed as a children's holiday in many countries throughout the world and celebrates the human kindness that helps build every community.



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Volunteer San Diego is proud to bring *A Visit from Saint Nicholas* to life for the third year with volunteers secretly visiting eight Title I schools in San Diego County. On November 16, friends and volunteers will gather at our packing party to fill the brightly colored backpacks with toys and books for some very special children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Our Helpers

Johnson & Johnson hosts the packing party and generously donates storage space for the completed backpacks. FedEx Express will do what they do best and make sure that all the backpacks, toys and books arrive at the schools on time and in perfect condition.

On December 5th, volunteers will arrive at the schools after all the children have left for the evening, leaving a backpack on every child's desk and covering their classrooms with gold tinsel.



Discovery Day

On December 6th, 2,700 children will arrive at their schools to find that some legends are true. They will discover their classrooms sprinkled with gold and a backpack at every desk. Volunteers, including Ralph Rubio from Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill and some San Diego Padres, will be on hand to hear the sounds of surprise and delight that will echo through the classrooms. They will also read the story of St. Nicholas to the children, celebrating the spirit of giving and teaching the lessons that come with unexpected acts of kindness.

Hundreds of San Diegans share the joy...

Hundreds of county residents can join in supporting, *A Visit From Saint Nicholas* by sponsoring a child's participation in the program. They can also organize collection drives at work, throw fundraising parties, and by eating the St. Nick Combo at Rubio's. For each St. Nick Combo purchased between November 7th and December 25th, \$1 is donated to the program.



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