



## The joy of Christmas returns

Every year Christmas arrives bringing an atmosphere of happiness and joy to everyone. It is a time when families and friends gather to enjoy the gift of life and friendship. During this Christmas we can pause and reflect on all the good things we have received on this year. We can do many things to make this Christmas a special moment:

Let's bring the joy of the season to all people that surround us.

Let's pray for peace all over the world especially in those places thorn by war.

Let's pray for the homeless and for all people that struggle by different kinds of poverty.

Let's love one another, as Jesus did, so Christmas will touch the lives of every person in the world.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."*

*Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



Nativity Scene at *Albergue San Juan de Dios* in Ecuador. It has 4.000 pieces that conforms the entire Scene reflecting different passages related with Jesus' birth narrated in the Bible.





## Saint John of God committed to serving our community

### Co-workers appreciation lunch

On **November 16th**, after the California Department of Health Annual survey, St John of God Retirement and Care Center expressed its gratitude and appreciation to all the Co-workers for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the company. All the Co-workers received a personal thank you from Mr. Santiago Lopez, CEO, and from all the managers.

Complimentary lunch provided by the company for all the Co-workers.



For the fourth consecutive year St John of God Retirement and Care Center participated in the event “Walk to End Alzheimer’s - Los Angeles” which took place on November 8th. This is the largest event in the world to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research.



# Ninth annual Turkey Basket Giveaway held at Samaritan's Helping Hand

Article published in the local newspaper "Daily Press" on November 26, 2015

VICTORVILLE — Residents in need lined up at Samaritan's Helping Hand Tuesday morning in Old Town for St. John of God's ninth annual Turkey Basket Giveaway.

Members from St. John of God Health Care Services, along with Samaritan's Helping Hand, ICR Staffing Services and St. Joseph Health, St. Mary gathered at the Samaritan's Helping Hand facility at 15527 8th St. in Victorville to give out Thanksgiving food baskets to help families who are struggling during the holiday season.

At least 250 turkeys were donated from ICR and each basket contained a full Thanksgiving meal complete with a turkey, dinner rolls, a pumpkin pie, stuffing and more.

Greg Barnes, Administrator for St. John of God Health Care Services, said they have been putting on this event for the past nine years. Barnes said he and his organization have also given away turkeys to the homeless shelter and local churches in the area.

"We've been helping the High Desert community for 30 years and we plan to continue this until we can no longer," Barnes said.

A quick prayer of thanks was given before each basket was distributed. Those who came to pick up a basket were then divided into four different lines to ensure the event went as smoothly as possible.

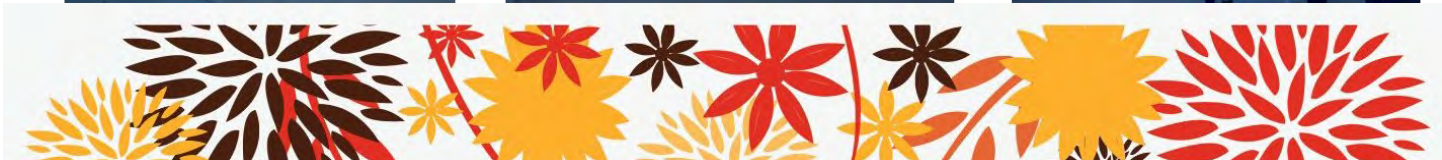
Santiago Lopez, President at St. John of God, said 35 people came out to volunteer to give out baskets to families in need. Lopez said before residents can receive a basket they must sign up a month in advance.

"What we do is have the people line up and they must show their IDs to make sure they can pick up a basket," Lopez said.

Lopez said each year there is a good turnout for the event, and they estimated a turnout of about 300 this year.

Melanie Lovingood, President of ICR Staffing Services, said she and her husband Robert Lovingood, 1st District Supervisor for San Bernardino County, have helped donate turkeys to the community for many years.

"My husband has been helping with this event since the beginning," Melanie Lovingood said.





## Exercise Class

Monday-Saturday at 10:00AM  
Sundays at 11:00AM      **Location:** St. Richard Pampuri

## Pampuri Events

- Pampuri Resident Council Meeting on Thursday **December 3**, at 2:30pm
- Happy Hour Singalong **Every Thursday** at 3:15pm
- Gospel Musical Saturday **December 5th** at 2:00pm
- Birthday Celebration Friday **December 11h** at 12:00pm
- Culinary Class on Wednesday **December 16th** and 30th at 3:15pm
- Gift Shop Sale on Wednesday **December 9th** at 2:15pm
- Auction on Thursday **December 17th** at 1:30pm
- Christmas Special Musical on Saturday **December 19th** at 2:00
- Winter Concert on Wednesday **December 23** at 2:15
- Christmas Eve Luncheon on Thursday **December 24th** at 12:00
- New Year's Eve Event on Thursday **December 31** at 2:00

## St. Benedict Menni Events

- Happy Hour Singalong **every Friday** at 3:30pm
- Birthday Celebration Friday **December 11th** at 12:00pm.
- Christmas Eve Luncheon on Thursday **December 24th** at 12:00
- New Year's Eve Event on Thursday **December 31** at 2:00

## St. John Grande

- Grande Resident Council Meeting Tuesday **December 29th** at 1:30pm
- Happy Hour Singalong Thursday **December 3rd, 10th, 17th** at 3:15pm
- Birthday Celebration Friday **December 11th** at 12:00pm.
- Gift Shop Sale on Wednesday **December 9th** at 2:15pm
- Auction on Thursday **December 25th** at 1:30pm.
- Christmas Eve Luncheon on Thursday **December 24th** at 12:00
- New Year's Eve Event on Thursday **December 31** at 2:00

## Special Events Skilled Nursing

- Wednesday, **December 2nd:** Bible study w/Tom at 1:45 on 2nd floor  
    Bingo Blow out at 3pm in founder's hall
- Thursday, **December 3rd:** Pascal unit scenic drive at 10:30am
- Saturday, **December 5th:** Gospel Concert at 2pm in Founders Hall
- Wednesday, **December 9nd:** Bible study w/Tom at 1:45 on 2nd floor
- Thursday, **December 10th:** Woman's league Annual Christmas luncheon at 12 Noon in founder's hall
- Monday, **December 14th:** Cooking class at 2:30 on 3rd floor activity room
- Tuesday, **December 15th:** X-mas trio band & Santa Visit at 2:00pm in founders Hall
- Wednesday, **December 16th:** Bible study w/Tom at 1:45 on 2nd floor  
    Resident Action at 3pm in founder's hall
- Thursday, **December 17th:** Resident Lunch outing at 11am
- Saturday, **December 19th:** Delta Sigma Fata Annual Visit on all 3 floors at 12 noon  
    Happy Holiday show by the Santa Monica  
    Oceanaires at 2pm in founder's hall
- Wednesday, **December 23rd:** Special Winter Violin Concert at 2pm in founder's hall
- Thursday, **December 24th:** Christmas Eve Luncheon at 12 noon in founder's hall with live entertainment by pianist Rick Michael
- Friday, **December 25th:** Christmas sing along with hot coco at 2pm on all 3 floors
- Monday, **December 28th:** Cooking class at 2:30 pm on 3rd floor activity room
- Wednesday, **December 30th:** Bible study w/Tom at 1:45 on 2nd floor
- Thursday, **December 31st:** NYE Social at 2pm in founders hall w/live entertainment by "2 for the show"

## ***The Annual Gathering of: The Blessing of The Lights.***

**All residents, families, and staff are welcome to join us for our annual blessing of The Lights on Wednesday, December 9th , 2015 at 4:00 P.M. The location will be the outside court yard and circle way by the water fountain. Don't miss out on this beautiful event, you will enjoy it!!!**