

# Community Service Events

**Faith without works is dead.**

**This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine!**



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## Christ Our Hope Catholic Church

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## **Christmas Play / Extravaganza 2006**

[Christmas Play](#) & Extravaganza  
Sunday December 10, 2006 at 1:00 PM



Original Play Presented  
Cast: Youth of Our Parish  
Food, Refreshments & Fellowship!  
Musical Selection  
Animated Twelve Days of Christmas  
Pictures with Santa

(Sponsored by Religious Ed Dept & Women's Club of COH)

**Event: Christmas Play / Extravaganza - Volunteering**

Venue: Sr. Thea Bowman Hall

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2006

Members of the Confirmation / Pre-Confirmation Class were asked to participate in this event from the first meeting with parents in September 2006. Students were asked to be part of the cast, help set up and clean up and participate in the effort to the best of their abilities and in consideration of their school schedules.

Students were asked specifically as part of religious education class assignments to be the "stage crew".

The following students assisted in the following efforts:

Clint W.	Set Up Crew
Tracy I.	Backstage Crew Manager
Jordan D.	Played "Joseph", & Assistant Director
Stephen C.	Played "Innkeeper"
Chelsea W.	Narrator

Thank you to those who volunteered and it has been noted that those who acted also had additional rehearsals. All of you helped make this event such a huge success.

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## **Operation Christmas Child**



[Operation Christmas Child](#)

You Are Invited to [Prepare a Shoe Box](#) &/Or

Help Make Christmas Possible For A Child Overseas

Sign up to go with the Confirmation/Pre-Confirmation Class

When: Friday, November 24 from 12 - 4PM

Help Prepare Shoe Boxes to go Around the World.

Youth Aged 13 and Up & Adults Welcome!

Sign Up to Help At the Warehouse

For Further Info Contact Karren De Bow @ 770-987-9207 or by [email](#)

### **Event: Operation Christmas Child - Volunteering**

Venue: Operation Christmas Child Warehouse

Date: Friday, November 24, 2006

On the day after Thanksgiving when most people are either out of town or shopping for the best bargains to begin the Christmas season, a group of our youth spent 4 hours on their feet, using their hands in service to God and our global community. A group of Confirmation, Pre-Confirmation Students and parish youth actively worked in pre-sorting, examining, and repacking hundreds of shoebox Christmas presents from 12 noon to 4 pm. Our youth were chaperoned by Ms. K. De Bow, Ms. J. Sheppard and Ms. T.E. Helsten.

Uplifting Christian Christmas music played throughout the warehouse while volunteers worked tirelessly with little break to get as many gifts processed as we could to do our part. During the afternoon shift everyone was asked to stop, take a gift box, hold it in our arms and say a prayer for the child who was to receive it as each of us were the last persons to touch the box before it is sent on its journey overseas. We prayed for God to touch the life of the child and their family.

All who volunteered received a special surprise at the end of the shift; we got a T-Shirt and a Christmas tree ornament. We learned that community service really is work for Our God as we are His hands and feet. Although a number of our group started off feeling it was an obligation, I believe they all realized it was something they wanted to do after all. It was a moving experience to watch the training video and see the faces and smiles of children who have received the shoeboxes in the past, then to actually go on the warehouse floor and see the work before us. It was a good feeling when we left knowing we helped in this nationwide Christian effort.

We worked side by side with people and groups from other states including Florida, Alabama and North Carolina. Kudos to our students Victor and Chelsea who brought boxes with them and Aaron who sent one even though she could not make it.

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Thank you to those who volunteered and those who chaperoned. You made a difference today!

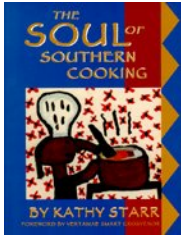
Thank you also to the three students who brought shoeboxes:

Victor Fernandez

Aaron Thompson

Chelsea Williams

## **Community SMORGASBORD**



### **Event: SMORGASBORD**

Venue: Christ Our Hope Church

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2006

Confirmation, Pre-Confirmation Students and members of our COH Teens actively assisted in setting up, decorating, serving and cleaning up after the First Community Smorgasbord.

Some students helped set up on Saturday and Sunday, others were primarily there on Sunday to help ensure this event was such a huge success.

## **Yard Sale & Craft Fair**



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### **Event: Yard Sale & Craft Fair**

Venue: Christ Our Hope Church

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2006

Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation Students actively staffed the children's tables. Students were supported by some additional member from Christ Our Hope Teen Group. This group did face-painting, supported the drawing table, helped with the cake-walk, magnetic dart toss, pin-the-tail on the donkey, making bracelets and necklaces. Students volunteered anywhere from an hour to nine hours. They were helpful and took good care of the children in their charge during the day. Students helped with setup and cleanup efforts as well.