

Calvary Children's Home Toy Collection Update

I'm so pleased to share that over 40 gifts were donated for Christmas at the Calvary Children's Home today. The girls of the Camden Pointe Junior Tennis Team would like to thank everyone for generously supporting their efforts to help other kids. Four members of the tennis team spent 3 hours wrapping gifts this afternoon. Then, we delivered them. Upon getting out of our vehicle, we were welcomed by 2 teenagers offering to help us unload before we ever entered the reception building.

When we entered the front door, a lovely Christmas tree was in the middle of the room with no presents under it. We were greeted by Sherry and C.J. who could not believe their eyes when they saw just how many gifts the girls were bringing. C.J. has lived at the Calvary Children's Home since he was 8 yrs. old. He is now married, has a baby, and his family resides in one of the homes on campus with 5 kids they care for and support. Did you know that the Calvary Children's Home receives zero funding from the state? Their entire existence is funded 100% by donations through the year. Sherry explained that this time of the year is a favorite for them because so much is given. Donations are received throughout the year, however, most are given at this time. C.J. shared a bit about his experience growing up there and we learned that they recently purchase a home across the street for college students to live as they transition from the "home" to adult living. There are 31 kids at Calvary now with 3 college students.

We received a holiday photo of the kids while there and it was so sweet to see girls point to a child on the photo and then tell Sherry and C.J. how they think a certain gift they had wrapped would be so perfect for each child! The girls learned a lot today and I believe they became more aware of how very fortunate they are... My heart was warmed as we exited the house and I heard the girls immediately speak about how good that felt and how cool it was to be able to listen to C.J.'s story about his own life as a child at the Children's Calvary Home. I think it's safe to say that today's experience for these four girls was the beginning of a tradition of giving...

Thanks so much to you and the residents, friends and families of Camden Pointe.

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