

**Adopt A Family** was a great success, with many, many volunteers shopping, wrapping and organizing. Gifts were delivered to Mammoth/San Manuel and to the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation. In Mammoth 90 families and 279 children received gifts; 190 Apache children also enjoyed Christmas. This made very good use of the SBCO van!



**SBCO Collects Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education**



Emilie Siarkiewicz has reorganized this collection to benefit schools in our service area, based on goals, wish lists and their own efforts to collect the labels and box tops.

Labels for Education has been in place for 41 years, and provided \$114 million in merchandise to participating schools. This began with Campbell Soup Company and has expanded to Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Bic, Post and Pace. These labels accumulate as points for art supplies, athletic equipment and academic supplies.

Box Tops was started in 1996 by General Mills and includes Green Giant, Hefty, Hanes, Progresso, Scott, Boise, Ziploc and Land O' Lakes. Box tops coupons are worth 10¢ each and the cash can be used for anything the kids need – playground equipment, field trips, and books. A school can earn up to \$20,000 with these little cardboard coupons.

At the moment there is a container at Suite L in the commercial center in SaddleBrooke. The SBCO office is open M-W, 9AM – 3PM. Emilie is getting permission to have other drop off points in SB and at the Ranch. Surely you must use one of the above products! Cut off the label or box top and begin saving them. Do note that there are expiration dates on the box tops.



For 1,600,000 points a school could get a 4-door minivan! You can make a difference!



**Kids' Closet** finished the fall season by serving 1422 children and 19 kids in crisis. End of the year inventory was taken; the buyers are getting ready to return to the market. End of the year inventory was taken, and the spring wardrobes will begin distribution in February.

Look for a **Flyer** in SaddleBag Notes in February. It features the food drive on the front, and info about us on the back. This will also be in the Buyer's Edge, and AZ Daily Star in our geographic area going to 15,000 subscribers. This is a cost-saving measure over mailing a newsletter to just our residents.



And speaking of the **food drive**.... **Put Saturday, March 14 on your calendar!** That is the date for the annual food drive that provides thousands of pounds of nonperishable food items for the Tri Community Food Bank (TCFB) in Mammoth, serving other neighboring communities.

You will receive a flyer in your tube prior to that date, with suggested food items. We do ask for unopened packages, items that have not expired, no baby food, and things high in protein! Peanut butter, tuna, canned meats, canned pasta with meat are a few of the things to consider.

Volunteers are welcome that morning, meeting at SB Clubhouse at the end of SaddleBrooke Blvd by 8:00AM. Unit captains will collect the bags at the base of the driveways, bring them to HOA 1, and there all will be sorted and placed on trucks for the ride to Mammoth. This is generally completed by late morning! Call Joan or Rich Roberts 825-7577 to offer your help.

Monetary donations are appreciated! Contact your food drive captain or the Roberts to ensure safe delivery.

The **Feb 9 General Program** will be all about food and will be held in the MVCC Ballroom at 3PM. There will be an update of the "Feed a Child" program as well as representatives from TCFB talking about the needs in that area.

The SBCO board is looking at a **Holiday Home Tour for December 2015**. At the moment we have 2 homes, but certainly need more! Can you recommend someone? We also plan to add a boutique of hand-crafted items at Suite L during the tour. More on this as time passes.

A **Trades Fair** is planned for high school students in the Mammoth/San Manuel area for March 3, 2015. The committee is working with Central Arizona College and the local school district to offer graduating high school students alternative opportunities that do not include a 4 year college experience. It is hoped that our education committee could award scholarships to some of those interested in attending a trade school.

**SBCO wishes you a very Happy 2015**