



December 31, 2009

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Community Relations Staff of the Housing Authority of the City of Tulsa (THA), over 2,700 children received gifts and toys this year. Staff members and site Service Coordinators shopped, wrapped gifts, loaded up vans and trucks (and sleighs?), and delivered presents throughout the week of Christmas.

The Community Relations Staff provided gifts to the children in THA's Public Housing family sites at Apache Manor, Comanche Park, Mohawk Manor, Seminole Hills, Parkview Terrace, Riverview Park, Sandy Park, South Haven Manor and East Central Village. They also delivered presents to residents at Towne Square Apartments and Country Club Gardens. Gifts were also presented to the Section 8 and Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency participants.



At many sites, THA Service Coordinators decorated the properties for the holidays, and Santa made a few surprise stops at several locations. In some instances, THA staff transferred presents to grateful parents, who were then able to provide gifts to their children on Christmas morning.

The staff also loaded food baskets at the Salvation Army distribution center and then delivered baskets brimming over with goodies to 145 residents, age 65 and older, at THA's housing facilities for the elderly and disabled. Residents living at Inhofe Plaza, Pioneer Plaza, LaFortune Tower, Hewgley Terrace, Murdock Villa and Country Club Gardens received food baskets containing a loaf of bread, a dozen eggs, two gallons of milk, a sack of potatoes, a bag of oranges, a bag of apples, four chickens, stuffing, butter, noodles, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, corn bread mix, and a few other miscellaneous items. Staff members personally delivered baskets to each resident's door. Each resident also received a gift from the Angel Tree. Many of the residents were surprised and pleased, as they did not expect anything during the holidays.



The spirit of the holidays lives within the dedicated staff of THA all year long – but a special thanks goes out to the staff of the Community Relations team who devoted many long hours during the busy holiday season to make the lives of our residents a bit merrier!