

# THIS SEASON'S VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

*"The greatest poverty that can afflict the human spirit is the loss of a generous heart. You will know that success has slipped away when your passion for helping others grows cold." - Bill Lane Doulos*

## Blanket Drive at Centre City Corps

Tucker Basham, 12, held a blanket drive with his family and friends at the Centre City Corps for the community dinner participants on December 17, 2015. Following in the footsteps of his grandmother, Linda Stump, who was last year's Volunteer of the Year, Tucker collected over 100 blanket donations from his school, the Escondido Christian School, with the goal of supporting those in need.

“Overall the blanket drive went really well and it was a great experience for everyone and we handed at least 130 blankets out to the homeless. But what was also cool about the drive is that we also handed out rain ponchos and socks and also some beanies. But like I said earlier this drive was awesome and I am thinking of starting a charity now.

- Tucker



Tucker (far right) and his friends with their donated blankets at Centre City Corps.

“What is the first thing you think of when you hear the name Salvation Army? Do you think of hope or love, what about blankets? About two months ago, I had the chance of a lifetime to experience something that most people don't get to experience. I had a chance to hand out blankets to people who are less fortunate than us. There were many amazing experiences but the thing that blew me away was the amount of people at the shelter. The staff at the shelter were warm and friendly and I would definitely do this again. - Josh, friend of Tucker

“This was my first drive in my life I found it fun. It was a fun experience, but it was really sad to see all the people who needed blankets. There was a little kid who came in who was probably six and wanted a toy and he got a drone which was really cool. There was an elderly lady who wanted a toy, but the toys were for kids, so she saw us and gave us the toys which I found cute. It was really cool that we gave the homeless all of the 130 blankets, including the Powerpuff girl blanket. In conclusion, I found it an awesome experience and would recommend anyone to try it at least once.

- Jason, friend of Tucker