

Children & Youth Mid-Year Report

The Department of Children Services has been extremely busy showing our California Children how much they mean to us. We have been very busy thinking outside the box for new ways to show appreciation as well.

We have awarded, to date, 13 Good Deed Awards, and 1 Youth Hero Awards. Please keep an eye out for these great individuals to honor. 7 of the Good Deeds Awards were presented to children on the Fort Irwin Army Base. We have the capability to really change the life of these youth by showing them that we see them and that their actions are noticed by others.

5 Districts reported having Halloween Trunk or Treats, and parties. 6 Districts held Christmas parties were held for our members and donations were also made to Toys for Tots.

April is Children & Youth month. We have already had 4 events where the children's military table was presented to local school children. Please think of ways to showcase this moving ceremony.

6 Districts reported donating school supplies including over 1,300 backpacks, presenting them to local schools, military children, and homeless children.

Would all the members from Districts 16, 18, 21, and 29 please stand. I applaud all of you for hosting a baby shower for military families. New mothers received over 6,000 diapers, 30 cases of baby wipes, clothes, car seats, diaper bags, highchairs, swings, and play pens.

Remarkable!! Two of these Districts honored military bases that have never been blessed with these types of events. It was moving for the new families as well as our members. Thank you again!!

District 16 reported making a quilt for children whose mother was deployed. District 18 reported a Unit that adopted 2 classrooms at a local school celebrating holidays with them. District 23 reported with their backpack donations that they also donated socks and shoes to military and homeless children. District 28 reported an event called American as Apple Pie where they taught children the pledge in sign language. They also sent some fabulous picture from their events.

These are just a few of the amazing things happening in our department and for our children. I cannot wait to see what else is to come this year.

The DEC baby shower brought in

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The winners for the baby shower game are-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thank you Madam President this concludes my report.