



## 2016 Giving Tree Donations Final Report to parishioners

submitted by Ruthanne Otto, Chair  
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### Marian House

By purchasing items requested on the yellow tags, St. Charles Giving Tree donations help provide about 60 homeless women that Marian House helps to get back on their feet each year with the linens they receive when they arrive. This year's total: 15 pillows, 14 bed-in-a-bag linen sets plus 11 sheet sets, 6 comforters, 12 towel sets, and almost 100 bath toiletries.

### Envoy Healthcare

108 elderly residents received individual Christmas gifts, personally selected by St. Charles parishioners for them, such as books, music, puzzle books, knitting yarn, art supplies, bags, costume jewelry, and treats to let them know someone is thinking of them. We also filled lots of red tag requests for plush throws and blankets, warm pajamas, robes, sweat suits, scarves and hats, sweaters, socks, and bed jackets through our Giving Tree program.

### INNterim

With the service of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas involved this year, we delivered three cars full of individual Christmas gifts for each of the 10 mothers and their 24 children, bags generously filled with their needs and wants, plus even more extras. For the moms, St. Charles provided winter coats, shoes and clothing for work, bedding, kitchenware, toiletries and gift cards. Giving Tree participants who took green tags also bought sturdy shoes, warm coats, boots, and sleepwear, as well as school clothes, and comforters for the kids, adding lots of "wants", such as learning toys, cars and trucks, musical toys and instruments, DVD's, sports equipment, books, art supplies, and dolls.

### Pregnancy Center West

The wonderful Giving Tree collection for the babies included the following items requested on the blue tags: 2,590 diapers, 77 packages of wipes and 29 of ointment, 164 baby bath items, over 400 ounces of formula, 19 bodysuits, 14 sleepers, 41 baby outfits, plus scores of other clothing items and baby-related needs, including, blankets, nursing cover-ups, bottles, baby books, 2 strollers, a chair/swing, nursery accessories and toys, plus \$750 to be used to purchase car seats and to sustain their need to help new moms all year. Expectant moms participate in the "Achieve to Receive" program, earning the baby items they need by taking baby care, life skills, and parenting training classes.

### God's blessings and our thanks to all who took a tag and fulfilled the wishes so generously.

#### **Many thanks from the Giving Tree Committee:**

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