



Catholic Charities Diocese of Lubbock

Providing Help, Creating Hope, Serving all People

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Last Christmas, Catholic Charities got a call from Atmos wanting to adopt some of our families for Christmas. Of course, we said yes. They bought toys for the kids and gift cards for the parents in our Parent Empowerment Program and United pitched in with food. They made it a celebration when they delivered the gifts with a decorated float and Santa and his elves.

When we got to Tanya's apartment, her son Christopher wasn't home yet from school. Tanya welcomed us inside to wait for him so that Christopher would get to see Santa. As we were waiting, Tanya told us about how much Christopher loved Christmas and how much he loved Christmas decorations. She showed us the decorations they had up—a small Christmas tree with a few ornaments and three or four presents in front of it. Because Tanya was going to school full time and only able to work part-time, she couldn't buy a lot of the decorations that Christopher had wanted...but she did "splurge" on a 2 foot tall tree from the dollar store. The presents in front of the tree were empty—they were old gift bags they had found and put out to add some decoration.

Tanya was so grateful for all of the presents and love showered on her and her son—they had toys and a special meal to share and gift cards so they could pick out some additional things. But, what they were most excited about was the new full-sized Christmas tree and ornaments they received.

Simple things can make a big difference. A simple tree can bring you joy and remind you that Christmas and the light it brings into the world, will come—even when things seem dark. The lights at Christmas remind us that Christ, our light, came into the world. He came to us small and humbly, as a baby, with an immense heart full of love for us. As we move closer to Christmas, we ask that you join Catholic Charities in reflecting Jesus' love by doing small acts with big heart. Every act of generosity you give brings light into our world and helps those who need you the most.

Small Acts Done with Big Heart make a huge difference in our community!

From January to October 2018, we've had:

over 12,000
people served

over \$434,900
in donations

over 5,000
volunteer hours

We still have work to do but we are beyond grateful for every one of our supporters—those who share their time, their talent, and their treasure with us. You bring light into this world!