

I wanted to thank you for all the great and wonderful toys that were donated to our youth in care this holiday season! We were humbled by the magnitude of gifts that were donated to our youth and families. You surpassed our expectations and donated more than we could have expected. We literally had enough toys for all the youth that came to our toy fair.

Let me recount two stories that brought tears to my eyes; during our toy fair a 15 year old young man looked and saw all the wonderful gifts donated by your students, employees, faculty, and staff. The young man then sat down with our Santa Clause and began to cry. This crying went on for some time. Finally as I sat down next to him and Santa I inquired why he was crying. The young man simply said I did not believe he was real. This teen moved by the great giving that was received was given hope not simply in Santa but in a bright future. He saw inspiration, he saw hope, he saw the spirit of ASU encouraging him to believe.

Another family comprised of Foster parents and foster youth were waiting to receive their toys. My boss Jason Keith simply said due to the great donations every single person would be able to receive toys and donations. A Foster mother began to cry because she was not sure if she could provide toys for the holiday season for the youth in her care.

These shimmering moments were saturated in each gift that we gave out. Know that you, yes, each of you has made a difference not only in the community but in our hearts.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said; "An individual has not started living, until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity". Certainly, he was speaking about ASU and their great impact on those in society who need a community surrounding them daring them to believe.

This holiday season our hope increased by your giving. I am honored to be an alumni ASU.

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Our Kinship Toy Shop was a success!!!
650+ Kids received Toys
Hundreds of people were touched by your giving.
Without the kindness of your organization this joy and giving would not have been possible.

Thank You!



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