



Community Based Organizations and Members Give the Gift of Giving

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SAFE, Inc. would like to acknowledge members of the Glen Cove Interagency Council, Walgreens and the East Island Association (Neighbors Helping Neighbors) for quickly responding to a community need identified by Robin Mead, LMSW, SAFE Social Worker.

The helping community rallied together in short notice to collaborate on short-term and long term solutions to community issues such as unemployment and homelessness.

Many thanks to Estelle Moore (North Shore INN/ soup kitchen) for supplying food and new gifts. Melissa Tierney (Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club), Arlene Odell and Sandra Potter (Glen Cove Youth Bureau), Jennifer Rehm (Atria), Maureen Basdavanos (Mayor's Office/Glen Cove Cares) Deacon Mike (St. Pat's Parish) , Gabor Karsai (District Govenor, Rotary) for attending our emergency meeting and offering the necessary resources to alleviate some of the current issues facing our Glen Cove families. The group truly collaborated to offer their support and ideas for solving some of the communities unmet needs.

Mr. Nick Porcaro, Manager Walgreens in Glen Cove donated approximately 150 toys and 70 books to the children in Glen Cove. The families were so thrilled to receive such beautiful gifts for the Christmas Holiday.

Carolyn Wilson and the East Island Association, generously donated Stop and Shop food cards, and additional gifts for teens and toys for children. In conjunction with the East Island Association, "Care to Knit" donated about 60 handmade items such as hats , scarves and mittens to the families in Glen Cove.

"It is wonderful to see the collaboration at work and to truly be a part of the good effort", stated Georgie Connett, SAFE Board Chair.

For more information about community resources and services, please see SAFE's website at www.safeglencove.org or call the SAFE office at 676-2008.