Thank you for making wishes come true!

Nothing like those last minute requests and convincing conversations that indeed you tried to be good! From the tiniest and youngest to the tallest and most mature—all were thrilled to see that the man in the red suit made a special visit to the Holiday Hero party for those last minute wishes!

A big THANKS to Southwest Airlines Managers In Training (MIT) Fall I class for coordinating the party venue, activities, decorations and for having the connections to bring the man in the red suit for all to enjoy! A big THANKS to South Side on Lamar for the use of the party space. Another big THANKS to The Alpha Phi Alpha—Sigma Lambda Chapter for preparing and serving the meal! They also helped in taking the gifts to the cars of our families as they left the party!

“Dear Shared Housing family and friends,
Thank you for your blessings during our stay and with the holidays. My boys and I needed the time and resources that Shared Housing provided. Looking back I have missed some of life’s special moments due to our circumstances, like taking them for their first day to school or getting their first haircut, but I am determined to be present for my boys’ success. Thank you for giving us hope.”

Gina and sons
Holiday Hero is the largest of activities we hold for our families. While the commitment remains the same – to provide a few presents/gifts to current and former children in our programs for the holidays, the attendance has grown by leaps and bounds over the years. The investment of the employees from various companies is always heart-warming and confirms that we live in a community of compassionate and caring citizens.

Words cannot express our gratitude and appreciation you have shown to our clients and agency. Thank you for all that you do and for sharing the holiday seasons and greetings with us!

*Beacon Hill Staffing coordinated a pizza party for families they adopted!*
As the wish lists came in, staff and office volunteers would review for being legible, reasonable in costs and having phone numbers to call just in case of a need for a substitute! But what I enjoyed most was the expertise among our heroes – calling to see if the pair of roller skates kids asked for was quad or inline. They asked additional questions – does the child skate outdoors or in a rink, etc. Which is turn was fun to call and inquire for responses! Then the big challenge was the LOL dolls – quick research on this came back a bit more confusing in describing lol dolls! Again, the bigger take away was knowing that our holiday heroes wanted to get exactly what the child asked for! And there was a company who could not join us for the party and guess what – they asked if they could host a small party for the families they adopted and we said YES!

Pizza and smiles was the order of the day!
Dear Santa, I was indeed good today!

Chris Luna & Metro PCS are great Holiday Hero packers! Gifts for over 30 families are carefully packed for one trip down Central Expressway - step aside elves!!

Thank you for sharing the spirit of the holidays with our families. By the time the holiday vacation rolls around for Shared Housing staff, we do not want to see another wrapped gift, bow or scotch tape! But as we spend time with our family and friends over the holidays, we have the satisfaction of knowing that because of all of our volunteers and their contributions our families can celebrate with many of the traditions that we too often take for granted. Thank you to all who participated this year with presents, gifts, surprises and, most of all, your thoughtfulness and compassion!

ReShunda

SWA - MIT I Fall Class pause for a quick pose & smile break!

While this is just a part of the entire class, a big thanks to everyone who helped with the purchase of gifts for the families at the shelter, loading, hauling and unloading gifts, supplies and such as well as setting up, decorating and giving 100% of your attention to the children and the families.

Santa and his elves were a bonus!

THANK YOU!
Thanks to Bank of America employees for taking time to wrap gifts!

Friends from BCL of Texas joined in the fun!
Holiday Heroes: granting wishes & bringing smiles!

ADAMSON HIGH SCHOOL
ALPHA PHI ALPHA—SIGMA LAMBDA
-Coach Jones, Team Leader
ARROW PERSONNEL
-Suzanne Kelly, Team Leader
BCL of Texas (Dallas office)
-Jacqueline Jones
BDO
-McKenzie Divel, Team Leader
BEACON HILL STAFFING
-Mary Barton, Team Leader
Mary Grace & Jack Cicerello
Michael & Jorge Cottrell
CROCKETT, MCBRIDE & ASSOCIATES OF MERRILL LYNCH
-Rhonda Avila & Dodee Crockett
Kevin & Sara Dym and family
Andrew Foster
Tim & Frances Hafer
Peg Hall
Gloria Jelks
Mia Lackey
Maria Machado
MEISEL
-Viki Reynolds, Team Leader
MESQUITE HOUSING AUTHORITY
METROPICS
-Jeffrey Abraham & Chris Luna
Mrs. Reyes
James A. Richardson, Jr
SOUTHSIDE ON LAMAR
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
-MIT I Fall 2018 Class
Gretchen Stone & Family
Donna Tarver
THE WESTIN DALLAS PARK CENTRAL
-Jennifer Howard
TWIST OF FAITH
-Ebony Wingard
Bobby Warshaw
Reid & Stacey Walker Family
WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL

The grandkids had a blast opening presents.

Gifts were everywhere for the holidays. It took time to unwrap and finally play with their toys!

Holiday Hero elves—aka Meisel Visual, visited and dropped off holiday food and gifts to the Michael family. Grandma and her grandchildren had a great holiday thanks to the generous friends!