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Chapman Hills Elementary Helps Families in Need

ORANGE, Calif., March 2, 2010– Chapman Hills Elementary School was recently recognized by Orange County Children and Family Services for their holiday donations to families in need.

The community services project was spearheaded by Chapman Hills PTA Community Liaison Jeff Patrick. Each class adopted a family and collected donations of gifts and food for them. A total of sixteen families were adopted.

Chapman Hills principal Julie Lucas said, "We are such a fortunate community. My goal was for the students to gain a better understanding that many people are going through hard times. Our staff, parents and students have a giving heart and we are fortunate to be able to give back to the community."

Chapman Hills received the Helping Hands Award. It was presented by Orange County Children and Family Services supervisor Cheryl Alexander at a school wide flag ceremony. She said, "Thank you students for helping children and families in your community. You are wonderful."

"We are a giving community," said Patrick. He added, "This project allowed students to reach out beyond themselves and their school to help others. We like to think of it as having an attitude of gratitude."

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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