

# Be a Blessing

On Saturday, December 8th, we are expecting more than 21,000 people at three Toys for Joy locations: Lincoln High School, Cajon Valley Middle School and Guajome Park Academy.

Toys for Joy is an exciting day that thousands of families look forward to each year, some even line up the night before to ensure their spot in line. The morning kicks off as families enter into the Gospel stage area for an opportunity to receive Christ as their Savior and prayer. Next, families wind their way through a line of high fives and smiles up to the toy room, an area filled floor to ceiling with thousands of toys.

It is through your generosity that last year over 21,000 people - children and their families - participated in the toy experience. And the day doesn't stop at toys! Families are given bags of groceries, clothing (at specific sites), and food. Children and family members can get a fresh haircut and enjoy face painting, live entertainment, and more.

Please join us in blessing San Diego families in need. Of the county's 3.2 million residents, 486,000 people face food insecurity every day. Of this number, 163,000 are children. Nearly 19 percent of San Diego County's children are living in poverty. Since 2006, there has been an increase of more than 94,000 people living on incomes below the poverty line, enough to fill two Petco Park Stadiums.

Take this opportunity to share in the joy of giving this Christmas season!

**TEXT TOYS TO 52525 TO DONATE AND VOLUNTEER or stop by the Toys for Joy Toy Store in the lobby.**



## Why We Give?

God is the ultimate giver who gave the most precious gift imaginable, His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Our lives are transformed by the gospel of Christ, and the act of giving changes us, making us more like our generous Creator.

### WAYS TO GIVE

VISIT [SDROCK.COM/GIVE](http://SDROCK.COM/GIVE)

TEXT "GIVE" TO 52525

GIVING ENVELOPE

LOBBY KIOSK

### WHEN WE GATHER

8am, 10am,  
12pm, 6pm

Deaf interpretation available at 10am at Point Loma campus.

Spanish service at 4pm at East County campus.

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### SENIOR PASTOR, ROCK CHURCH

## Miles McPherson

A former defensive back with the San Diego Chargers, Miles is the Senior Pastor of Rock Church and founder of DoSomethingChurch.org, a vibrant affiliation dedicated to establishing Pervasive Hope in their communities through proactive community service.

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### LOCATIONS

Point Loma  
San Ysidro  
San Marcos  
City Heights  
East County  
Online  
Microsite

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**MISSION**  
Save, Equip, Send

**VISION**  
Establish global pervasive hope



**It's More Than a Toy.**



December 8th | 9am-2pm

### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**Lincoln High School**  
4777 Imperial Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92113

### EAST COUNTY

**Cajon Valley Middle School**  
550 E. Park Ave.  
El Cajon, CA 92020

### NORTH COUNTY

**Guajome Park Academy**  
2000 N. Santa Fe Vista, CA 92083



FINAL SALE

LAST CHANCE TO SHOP AT THE TOYS FOR JOY TOY STORE IN THE LOBBY!

# 2017 GIVEAWAYS

 **279,550**  
ARTICLES OF CLOTHING

 **80,000**  
POUNDS OF GROCERIES

 **660**  
HAIRCUTS

 **991**  
MANICURES

 **21,927**  
TOYS

**Text TOYS to 52525**  
to donate and volunteer.



In the past 21 years we have served 152,000 children and families! Please encourage your friends and family to become a part of Toys for Joy this year, too.



“More than ever, people need to step up and help those who are in need this year. Christmas is a time when God showed His love for us, and we’re ready to show God’s love in the communities where we live and serve. That’s the purpose of the church.”

- PASTOR MILES

FEATURED STORY

## Like I’m from Another Planet

How Toys for Joy is the recipient of a miracle and mystery

BY CLYDE SHELLSTROM WITH DAVE FRANCO

Oddly enough, there was a time when, during my divorce, I decided to stop giving. My monthly obligation to my ex-wife was so severe that it shook me into not trusting God as I once did. I felt I needed every penny.

But then everything went haywire. Everything I had seemed to break, and things were costing me more than I had anticipated, and money was going here and there, and I suddenly felt like the miracle I had been living under had been removed.

But once I got wise, I reverted to my giving ways and the miracle has returned - the fact that as I give more, God always seems to give me more. That is why I give to Toys for Joy. It’s an opportunity to step back into the mysterious cycle of giving.

The result has been that not only has He blessed me with just enough to give back, but He has blessed me, each Toys for Joy Saturday since 2012, with all the smiles from the kids to whom I am privileged to hand a toy and say Merry Christmas. That never...

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