



Volunteers with Camp Fire USA in Rancho Cucamonga prepare Trauma Teddys for children involved in police or fire department situations.

Camp Fire USA helps brighten kids' holiday

Staff report

RANCHO CUCAMONGA -

Santa came early this year with the help of Camp Fire USA Inland Southern California Council.

At the Camp Fire office, several volunteers donated their time to tie red ribbons on 120 teddy bears. The teddy bears will be divided between the Fire Department and Police Department to be used as a Trauma Teddy. The teddy bears bring comfort to children, either directly or indirectly, involved in traumatic situations.

Camp Fire also worked with Project Kindle to identify and adopt five families for the holidays. Project Kindle serves children, adolescents, and families who are infected with or affected by HIV or AIDS and provides a weeklong camp for free.

Camp Fire and its volunteers gathered items such as warm coats, boots, and pajamas

for the children said Sandra Rutherford, executive director for Camp Fire USA Inland Southern California Council.

For the second year, Camp Fire USA held a blanket drive for Ontario Convention Center's Blankets of Love campaign. Camp Fire brought in 77 blankets with the help of Plumber's Union Local 398 which raised \$500.00 and bought 50 blankets, said Carole Cross, Deputy Director for Camp Fire USA.

The blankets will be distributed amongst agencies such as Mercy House, Inland Valley Hope Partners, Ontario Tent City, and Pacific Clinic.

Camp Fire also worked with Pacific Clinic to provide hams and turkeys for their holiday dinner.