

## AMBASSADOR'S CORNER

### “Giving”

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Welcome to December! It's a time when our homes are filled with families and friends, decorations, and holiday meals. We enjoy the warmth of the crackling fireplace, and the wonderful scents of the season, such as holiday cookies and the fresh smell of pine permeating our homes. Many of us in our community are blessed to be able to celebrate this special time in a loving, peaceful and comfortable way.

Then...there are those who are not as fortunate. So give of your heart: a coat or toy for a child, a hot meal or a drink for a homeless person on the corner, a Christmas dinner for a family in need. The opportunities to give are real. Take for instance the Ambassadors recently were greeters at the Chamber's November Business After Hours for Love INC of Otero County. Love INC is one place you can give back to the community. Look for us again as we greet those arriving at the December Business After Hours on December 4<sup>th</sup> for the Winter Wonderland at First American Bank, where the community has the opportunity to give once again. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Otero County.

Another great example of giving came from the young at heart, our Jr. Ambassador's. These young community leaders spend the Veteran's Day holiday visiting the Ronald McDonald Home in El Paso. The kids took soda can tabs (recycled and the funds pay utilities) and toiletries to the home for visitors staying there while loved ones are being treated at nearby hospitals.

Aside from these wonderful events of giving the Ambassadors had the pleasure of meeting and greeting Governor Susana Martinez, the NM Economic Cabinet Secretary Jon Barela along with welcoming in other new business members to the Chamber.

If you take the time to look around Alamogordo you will find many opportunities to help this Holiday season. Our world is ever changing find out how you can make it a better place! On behalf of the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's, we wish you a very safe and happy holiday season.