

Rotary Builds Bridges to Education - McKinney Vento

Program Design

1. Meet and Greet
 1. Monthly Stipend: \$20 – A; \$10 – B; \$20 <=/= 2 absences
 2. Helen's Hope Chest: 2 Visits
 3. Holiday Wish Lists
 4. Mentorship
3. Graduation
4. Beyond: TRVFA (EVIT), College Bound, MCC, Military, Jobs

THANK YOU – Mesa West Rotary and all the Rotarians

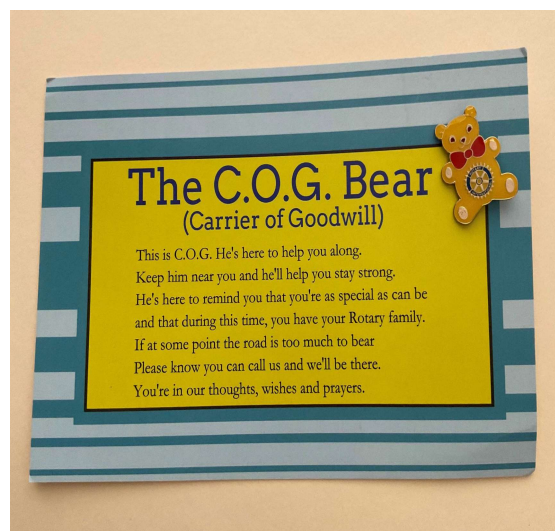
Just in Time Moving

Valley Remodelling

Mesa Rotary

Mesa Public Schools

Lisa Grant



Jewel's Wish List – Westwood

Book – I Fell in Love with Hope, by Lonceli

Black, Size 3X Shirts

Black, Size 3X Hoodies

Head Beanies in Black

Squishmallows

Bandana Headbands

Hair Products (scrunchies)

4 badminton rackets and birdies

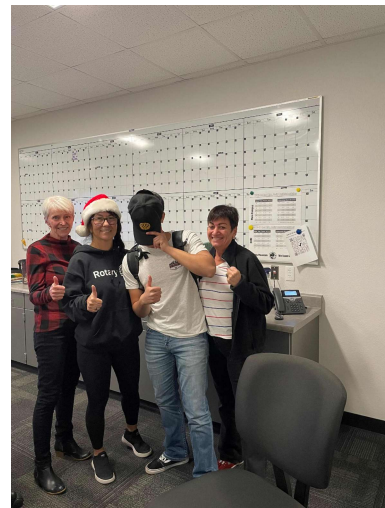


Story: She has 3 siblings. She was quiet. Likes Art. Jewel was hit by a car on Nov 16 while riding her small BMX bicycle to school. We gave her a new larger bike, helmet and fulfilled her Wish List.

Comments: She works as a cook at a retirement home. We discussed EVIT. She was so excited to have the hoodies/shirts! ***"I am going to read this book tonight"***

Christopher Wish List – Red Mountain

- Gift Card to a mechanic shop
- Gift card to Automotive Parts (carparts.com or rockauto.com)
- Help get him his Permit and Drivers License
- Desk for this room



My Story: I was born in Phoenix and moved to MX when I was 3 years old. I know live with my sister and her husband so I can finish HS. I work 2 jobs in summer and school. For school, I work from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Walmart and then another job unitl 2:00 am in Glendale.

Comments: Lucinda/John and Pam, plus Lisa and Keely. At that time, at that moment – this team came together so Chris can attend drivers education and Rotary will pay the \$250 for drivers experience. This ***changed his life*** as he could not get a learner's permit as he is homeless and unaccompanied. He would have had to wait until he was 18.

Ariana's Wish List – Westwood

Gift Cards

- Kohls
- Sephora
- Goodwill
- Ulta
- PINK

- Airpod Max

- Jordan 4 sneakers, Size 6Y, Black and White



My Story: I have 8 siblings. I wish to have braces. If I were an animal, I would be a black cat, as they are able to wonder and see everything. Math is the hardest for me, but music is my favorite.

Comments: When she walked in, very quiet and polite. We gave her the Nike's – when she opened – ***PERFECT, OMG I love green, Wait, hold on "I need to text a picture to my boyfriend"***. Lisa made a comment, ***"I have never seen you smile so much"***

Braly's Wish List – Westwood

- Dermatologist appointment
- Nordstrom Gift Card
- Sephora/Kohls – Gift Card
- H&M Gift Card



My Story: I have signed up for RYLA. I have 3 siblings. She lives with her brother, while going to school. If she could be any animal, she would be a dolphin. She wants to go to Columbia University or UCLA.

Comments: She is stressed in her application to Columbia University. When we presented the Certificate from Dr Glick, dermatologist – ***her eye's qlistened with a tear***. Her comment was ***"I thought I would only get one and never expected all"***. She has the grades and Pam volunteered to be her mentor, as she is interested in Real Estate.

Yuleidi's Wish List – Westwood

- Zummies Gift Card
- Travel Size Printer with Paper

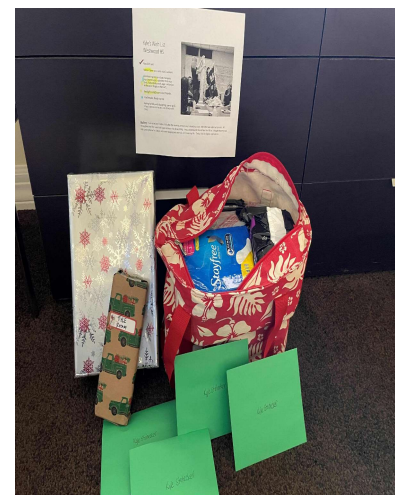


My Story: I have 3 siblings and I live with my cousin. I love math. I have gone to the beach once in Mexico, it was very beautiful. I love to talk and I am outgoing. My Dad became homeless when I was younger, but I never understood why, until now. He was addicted to drugs and alcohol. The drugs and alcohol and not working. I hope to become a psychologist to help people like me.

Comments: She has signed the contract and will be enlisting in the US Army. Infantry. She has been to Helen's Hope Chest and her comment. ***I never experienced this before, as there was so much freedom, everything was free, there were no price tags.*** Gerry Paulus taught her how to salute.

Kyle's Wish List – Westwood

- Ross Gift card
- Nike air force one- white size 7 women's
- Feminine hygiene products- tampons regular and super, nighttime thick maxi pads, Native body wash, sugar cookie (can be found at Target or Walmart),
- Food gift cards (Grocery) and Chipotle,
- MacDonalds, Panda Express
- Asking for help with Budgeting, spending \$\$

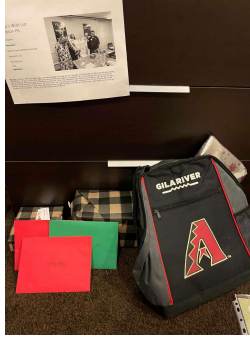


My Story: My father was addicted to meth. All throughout my life, I was told I was not meant to do anything. I was a nobody and I do not feel like I fit in. I thought that my dad, not coming home for 3 days and never sleeping was normal, as this was my life.

Comments: Kyle opened the Nike box – immediately began to cry. ***"No one has ever done this for me before"***. We shared Kyle can attend EVIT as an adult, as the medical field is of interest, specifically bio med.

Sage's Wish List – Westwood

- Computer
- Fuzzy Socks
- Visa Gift Cards (\$25.00 increments)
- Kohls Gift Card
- Ross Gift Card
- iPad
- Ear Phones



My Story: I have an older sister and a mom. School was always an escape for me. My older sister moved out at 16 as she did not get along with my mom. At age 8, I had a little sister and 2 twin brothers and my mom and step dad. By 12 years old, my mom was sent to prison and my 3 siblings were taken away, so I lived with my step dad. When she came back, they had the same patterns, and I decided to have a plan to end my life during my freshman year. But COVID came and I had to teach my younger siblings how to use the computer for school. I am very intuitive and I love to plan. Now I take the bus from Chandler to Dobson HS and I am working with a counselor to ensure I can get enough credits to graduate. I want to be a psychologist and attend MCC.

Comments: *OMG, I do not want to cry.* The tablet, it has Netflix and my siblings can watch with me. *I have never seen a Visa Gift Card. The Kohls can be used to buy my siblings a gift. Ross is the best store ever.* She is in credit recovery and now has moved to Mesa, which is closer to school.

Emma's Wish List – Mountain View

- High Top Converse (size 11 black)
- Cargo Pants straight leg Size 17 (black or beige)
- Hair Blower
- Hair Brush
- Gift Card Makeup and Clothes (Walmart)
- Wireless headphone
- Portable Phone Charger
- Adidas ground courts black and white size 11
- Sports Bra 2XL
- Earrings
- Mighty Patch Original

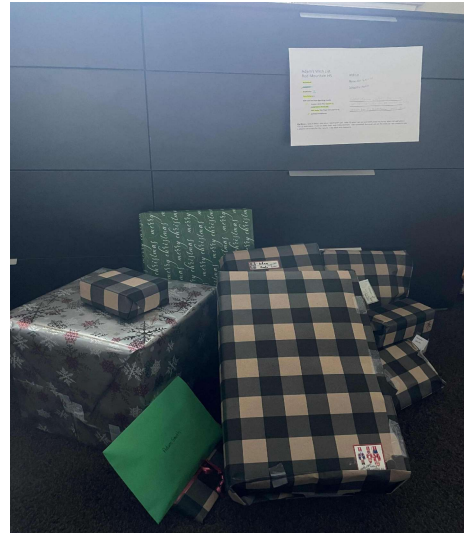


My Story: I have 3 older sisters and 2 younger sisters. I am interested in becoming a medical assistance or criminology or psychology. I attend EVIT today and have been accepted at NAU and ASU. The biggest challenge I have is trying to fit in.

Comments: *I LOVE my new earrings.* I have now enrolled in College Bound and they are helping me apply for the Obama Scholarship.

Adam's Wish List – Mountain View

- Basketball
- Pokeman
- Beyblades
- Pens/Markers
- Gift Card to Dicks Sporting Goods
 - Sneaker (10.5) Nike Apparel (L), compression shorts (M)
 - NBA Socks, NBA Player shirts/jerseys (L)
 - Earbuds/headphones



Mv Story: I was in foster care since I was 8 years old. I was 15 when I got out and barely knew my family, which felt odd when I met up with them. I have an older sister and 2 little brothers. I like basketball, but could not join the team, as I was unable to take a physical necessary for the tryouts. I like Math and Geometry.

Comments: Adam was rushed, as he is trying to interview for iHop. He wants to be a welder – potential EVIT and TRVFA. The **surprise on his face and couldn't believe we did this**, when presented his gifts were priceless. He is on track to graduate