



HEARTLIGHTS



A Lesson in Generosity

The final months of the school year can be difficult. Budgets are depleted, leaving teachers and administrators to wonder how they will stock classroom supplies to support the remaining curriculum. SCMFO has an annual tradition of reaching out to the San Clemente community in a school supplies drive and, each year, the town rallies around our military families! SCMFO wants to share the thanks that we have received, especially with the following faith communities.

- St. Margaret's Episcopal
- Christ's Lutheran
- St. Clemente's-by-the-Sea Episcopal
- St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea Methodist
- Our Savior's Lutheran, which donated new books for the library
- Mary's Feast and Palisades United Methodist hosted Dinner for a Cause to benefit the school

In addition to school supplies, SMCFO and Mary's Feast gave 34 teachers a \$100 gift certificate to purchase the supplies most critical to the success of their individual classrooms. Three special needs teachers specifically requested dividers to increase productivity in their class and received them instead of gift certificates. A supply of more than 25 playground balls was sent to the school for use at recess.

I am a teacher at San Onofre Elementary School aboard Camp Pendleton. I am also a parent, whose children go to San O Elem. Thank you so much for your gracious gift to each teacher, and for all of your support of our children. My Amazon gift card went to new flexible seating options for the students in my classroom. In a room with 24 second graders, 10 are students with Individual Education Plans. The options my students will now have to help them maintain focus in the classroom are because of you and your donation to support their learning. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We appreciate your kindness more than you know.

- Kindest regards, Mrs. Rudolph's Class, Grade 2

I want to thank you so very much for the \$100 Amazon gift card for my classroom. This helps a great deal and I truly appreciate all of your support. This is my last year at San Onofre, as I have been transferred to Mary Fay Pendleton School next year, but I want you to know that I have never received as much assistance and support at any other school as I have from your organization here at San Onofre. You deserve my heartfelt thanks for your commitment and contribution to the military families that have attended this school through the years.

- Sincerely, Phillip Pizzuto, Middle School Teacher



A second delivery of six bags was made after *Dinner for a Cause*.

