

## Volunteers deliver turkeys to Marine families

San Clemente Military Family Outreach (SCMFO) held its 9th annual giveaway of 1,000 turkeys and complete thanksgiving meal fixings Monday morning on base at pickup stations adjacent to the San Onofre Commissary in north camp Pendleton.

An estimated 3,000 Marines and family members made their way through the line during the four-hour event.

Volunteers handed out frozen turkeys, stuffing and gravy mix, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pies.

Christine Gonzalez, a Marine wife, San Onofre resident and SCMFO board member, supervised with help from 25 volunteers, 15 off-duty Marines and a number of area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Marine wife Amy Embury, whose husband is a sergeant in 1st Recon, said, "It's wonderful that they do things like this. It really helps out at holiday time."

The volunteers working on the line displayed a large thank-you card that pledged continued support to families in times of stress and "thank you for your



Military wives Jennifer Tatum, left, and Jennifer Cates and children were grateful for the Thanksgiving dinner donation from San Clemente support group.

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sacrifice."

The non-profit outreach organization sponsors morale events for families in north Camp Pendleton and year-around financial aid for those dealing with emergencies and needs for food, diapers, infant clothing, school supplies, gas, car re-

pair and other unexpected expenses. To learn about a Thank-a-Family Christmas program that pairs needy families with local donors, contact Linda Day at [linda.day@cox.net](mailto:linda.day@cox.net) or 714-396-1066, or leave a message with SCMFO at 949-388-2812.

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