

## Broadcom Employee Global Community Involvement



Irvine's Holiday Event Planning Team: Shoebox for Charity, Benefiting Mercy House

Members of the Corporate Services and IT teams teamed up for a 'Shoebox for Charity' event at their annual Holiday Party to benefit Mercy House Living Center, a non-denominational homeless Shelter serving Santa Ana, CA.



**Left to Right: Dee Wilson, Jeanette Vasquez, Jordan Colella, Kelly Burdg and Evelyn Contreras-Martinez**

The event planning team coordinated a department-wide event, locating 165 shoeboxes from local department stores and then hosted a pre-event shoebox wrapping party to promote holiday cheer. They then promoted donation of hygiene and other personal items to employees and local businesses such as food, clothing, toothbrushes, toiletries and deodorant. During the holiday event, guests filled a shoebox full of their donated items to go to homeless families during the holiday season, demonstrating what the holidays are truly about - giving back!

"Helping to support this charitable activity made our holiday event special and resulted in a tremendous amount of positive feedback," said Dee Wilson.

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The team had sought a local charitable activity in greater Orange County and Mercy House serves many cities throughout OC. It provides food, shelter, housing and comprehensive support services for Orange County's diverse homeless population that includes families, adult men and women, single mothers and their children, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and the physically and mentally disabled. Mercy house helps an estimated 2500 people annually who walk through their doors, and provides housing for 200 people.

"By volunteering in our local area, we get to see first-hand how we can make a difference in one person's life, let alone an entire community," said Jordan Colella.

Included in the Irvine Holiday Event Planning Team were Judy Alberga, Stacey Brown, Kelly Burdg, Dee Wilson, Jordan Colella, Annamarie Pirio, Jordan Griffin, Jeannette Vasquez, Evelyn Martinez, and Nina Pham.



Left to Right: Annamarie Pirio, Jordan Colella, Kelly Burdg and Mercy House Volunteer