



Tiny Hands

WHILE MAKING PICTURE FRAMES, **Brandon Pereira** and **Marina Finley** hand Christmas stickers to the children to decorate them. "It was pretty fun helping the children," Pereira said. "We had a lot more kids come to our booth than I had expected. I didn't think we would get that many. I had no problem interacting with them."

📷 Skarleth Velasquez

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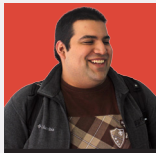
volunteers help children make their dreams come true



CINDI SAQUIC

"A family of four children came up to our booth. I told one of the boys to write his name on his paper stocking. Unable to write, he grabbed the marker and drew dots and lines instead."

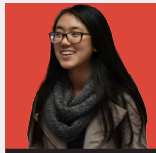
📷 Anh Tran



LUIS VAZQUEZ

"As we were setting up, one of the members put stickers on my body. Then I was told to leave because I had too many stickers on and I was scaring the children."

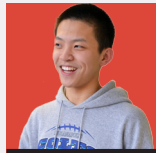
📷 Lihan Fitz



MICHELLE NGUYEN

"This was my third year at the event. I thought it was amazing that our school clubs had a good relationship. They were able to come together and made Project Santa happen."

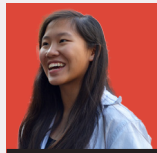
📷 Teresa Datta



DANNY LI

"Watching the children's enthusiasm was entertaining. Creating a family environment and knowing that they wanted to be there was one of the best feelings."

📷 Teresa Datta



ASHLEY TRUONG

"I enjoyed meeting the kids and talking with them. One girl really liked our booth. I thought it was really funny because she played five times and kept taking all the big prizes."

📷 Christina Valdez



TAPING UP TISSUE PAPER, Ms. **Lucy Aguilar** helps a child put his pinata together at the Latin Revolution booth. "The volunteers were all very active and excited," Aguilar said. "They were having fun but working at the same time. Many of the children were very little, so their modeling skills were not very good. It was a good thing that the parents were also helping them." 📷 S. Velasquez



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1 BEFORE THE EVENT, **Maya Munoz** and **Sofia Higgs** cut out paper snowflakes. "I was there for the Italian Club and it was my first year," Munoz said. "I expected it to be crowded and loud but at the same time it was peaceful to see all the families smiling." S. Velasquez

2 IN THE MULTI PURPOSE ROOM, **Stefanny Navarro** decorates candy canes with marshmallows. "I had heard about Project Santa before but I had no idea what it was," Navarro said. "I first thought it was Secret Santa until a friend explained it to me." S. Velasquez

3 THE DAY BEFORE PROJECT SANTA, **Aaron Feng** and **Noel Lawrence** pack teddy bears for their BETA Club booth. "It was nice to give back and just to help out a family in need," Feng said. "For our booth game, I helped the kids shoot the ball. Sometimes I had to shoot for them." T. Tanugraha

4 AT THE ITALIAN BOOTH, **Hannah Henry** decorates with the children. "Working with the kids and watching them receive their gifts was my favorite part," Henry said. "It was very moving for me to see their faces light up and be happy to get many presents." S. Velasquez



IN THE JROTC BOOTH, **Selasi Amoani** paints faces. "I didn't really know how to paint," Amoani said. "I was painting little snowflakes but I had kids give me faces later because I couldn't draw princesses. I liked the whole thing because it seemed very cheerful and Christmassy. There was also lots of candy." Skarleth Velasquez

WHILE WORKING ON PICTURE FRAMES AT THE UNICEF BOOTH, **Dorcas Solarin** helps a child decorate her frame. "I thought Project Santa was just a group of kids receiving presents from clubs," Solarin said. "I didn't know we were actually going to be working with them. Seeing the kids happy and helping them around with their activities made me feel like Santa." S. Velasquez

ALLAN ZELAYA

taking charge



"I was the secretary of the Class of 2015. For Project Santa I was in charge of gathering all the information regarding the clubs and helping them get set up on the day of the event. It was actually really fun and stressful at the same time. I didn't realize there were so many things that needed to be done before and during the event. I had to run around and change some clubs to different tables because some of them needed outlets. Our main struggle was arranging the gifts in the cafeteria. It took a little bit longer than expected, but in the end all the families got their gifts." Ahn Tran

LEIDY VENTURA

"I enjoyed watching all the children's joy. I liked how they were not shy and easily became involved with us and the games." Tiara Tanugraha

