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SAF Project & Vikings Charities to Host Annual Holiday Party for Nearly 300 Disadvantaged Children

Local, Manhattan Beach non-profit Sheehan Adopt-a-Family (SAF Project) will be partnering for their 7th year with the Vikings Charities to host a holiday party for nearly 300 disadvantaged children at the Alpine Village in Torrance. The party will take place on December 4th, 2017 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, and will include a DJ, dancing, visits with Santa and 10 unwrapped toys for every child.

Melissa Sheehan-Clarkson, founder of the SAF project, who also owns one of the largest dog walking business' in the South Bay (www.gotmutt.com), began "adopting" families 7 years ago through the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). Since then, SAF project has brought clothes, food and toys to thousands of needy people throughout Los Angeles and co-hosts two major events every holiday season: the children's holiday party at the Alpine Village as well as a food packing event at the Barker Hangar along with 300 volunteers from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. This year, Sheehan-Clarkson decided it was time to expand from not just adopting families, but adopting a group home.

"I've come to learn that while giving material items to families in need is important, it's not fixing the problem of homelessness. It's a temporary fix," observes Clarkson. There is a lot of truth to the ancient proverb 'give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.' If we can get technology into the hands of youth in group homes who are statistically headed for homelessness, then we can start to break this vicious cycle."

SAF project has partnered with the 100-year-old Culver City group home Vista Del Mar to begin building a computer lab for its youth residents. Beginning in January 2018, SAF project will start an 8 week computer skills training & mentoring course to equip these youth with practical life skills so they can find success on their own after they leave the foster care system. SAF Project has teamed up with the Athleta Store El Segundo to support their adopted families and help make this computer lab a reality.

SAF project is currently soliciting used technology donations (Apple laptops, desktops & tablets) for the computer lab as well as monetary donations via their YouCaring fundraiser page:
www.youcaring.com/saf2017.

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