

## Sterling Band Students Give the Gift of Warmth

Most high school students are filling their heads with thoughts of exams, time out of school, stockings filled with goodies, and of the gifts they will soon receive. While this may be true for many, the students in the Sterling Band have had another thought running rampant in their heads - the thought of warmth for those who have so little in their lives.

Several weeks ago they were told a story of a Baytown family who gives instead of getting at Christmas. This family makes boxes of sandwiches, chips, cookies, and water to take to the people who live under the freeways and bridges in Houston. This stirred their hearts to also give instead of getting!

A collection was taken and off to Hancock's they went in search of fleece to make blankets and scarves. Luckily it was on sale and they were able to buy enough for 40 blankets and 23 scarves.

On December 3, 2010, they set out to march in the Baytown Christmas Parade. But deep in the hearts of the Sterling Band students were the thoughts of the party afterwards. It was at this party that they made the blankets and scarves and carefully wrapped each one.

These gifts of warmth will be distributed during the week of Christmas to the homeless who are so desperately in need of friendship and warmth – physically and emotionally.



While it may seem a small thing for these students to have done, it will be a wonderful gift for those in such need.

So as you put up your tree, plan the Christmas meal, and wrap the presents, remember all the Sterling Band students who have learned that it truly is more blessed to give than to receive!

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