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Children in the Sacramento S.T.A.R.T Program Make a Difference in their Community

Sacramento, California, December 27, 2007—Six to twelve-year-old participants in the Sacramento S.T.A.R.T program are making a difference in their community. As part of the Sacramento S.T.A.R.T Service Learning Initiative, the children are leading community service projects that positively impact the lives of community members, both young and old.

Sacramento S.T.A.R.T participants recently donated individually-decorated toy frisbees and hand-made bookmarks to children at the Shriners Hospital for Children. They also organized a canned food drive then donated the food to a local food bank. In January, the children plan to hold a children's book drive after which they will donate the books to a local elementary school. These community service projects are spreading cheer during the holidays and will continue to spread cheer after the holidays are over.

Sacramento S.T.A.R.T is an after school program that fosters enthusiasm for learning by engaging children in fun, literacy-focused activities in a safe and caring environment. Sacramento S.T.A.R.T currently serves approximately 8,000 children a day.

For more information about Sacramento S.T.A.R.T, please visit <http://www.sacstart.org>. Media-related inquires can be forwarded to Hindolo Brima, Media and Communications Specialist, Department of Parks and Recreation, at (916) 808-5972.

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